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ILM UL MUKARRAM
“DARSUL HADITH”

LESSONS FROM AHÂDEETH SHAREEF

commentary on

40 ahâdeeth | arba'een | of Imaam Nawawi

رحمة الله عليه

with emphasis on perfecting one's character

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Hadith 13

Love for your brother that which you love for yourself

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عَنْ أَبِي حَمْزَةَ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ خَادِمِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَنْ
النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

قَالَ: "لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى يُحِبَّ لِأَخِيهِ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ"

Hazrat Abi Hamzah Anas bin Maalik Radiyallahu Anhu, the attendant [Khadim] of Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam narrates that Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said :

"None of you [truly] believes until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself."

| BRIEF EXPLANTION |

In this Hadith we have been taught that loving good for our Muslim brothers and sisters is an essential part of our Imaan.

A persons Imaan is lacking if he does not have the quality of compassion and love for his Muslim brother, i.e.: he does not love for his Muslim brother what he loves for himself.

A Muslim community is built upon love and compassion for its members. Each and every person should care for and help one another and treat others in the same way that they would want to be treated.

For this to be possible, a person has to have a clean and sound heart.

A heart that is filled with humility, mercy, empathy, and compassion, and not a heart that is filled with jealousy, selfishness, and envy.

A person should treat others how you would desire to be treated, kindly from others.

A person should look for excuses to forgive his Muslim brother.

He should not belittle his Muslim brother.

If he makes a mistake, then we should overlook that mistake.

Treat him in the best of manners, with kind words, compassion and love.

Just as we love good for our self, we must love good for our Muslim brother.

In a similar way, whatever we dislike for our self we should dislike for our Muslim brother.

We should enjoin good and forbid evil.

If we see some weakness in our Muslim brother, we should put forth our self in a very sensitive way, to put that right.

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Amr bin al-As Radiyallahu Anhuma reported that Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said :

مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يُزْحَرَخَ عَنِ النَّارِ

“Whoever loves that he should be removed from the fire of Jahannam

وَيَدْخُلَ الْجَنَّةَ

and should enter Paradise

فَلْتُدْرِكْهُ مَنِيَّتُهُ

then let his death overtake him

وَهُوَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

while he has Imaan in Allah and the Last Day

وَيَأْتِي إِلَى النَّاسِ مَا يُحِبُّ أَنْ يُؤْتَى إِلَيْهِ

and whilst he does to people that which he likes to be done to himself.”

The Sahaabah Radiyallahu Anhum and Salaf-e-Sauliheen would give preference to their Muslim brothers over themselves.

Allah Ta’ala says:

وَيُؤْتِرُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ

“and they give preference (to them) over themselves, even though they are in poverty.

And those who are saved from the greed of their hearts are the successful.

May Allah Ta’ala grant us the realty of this Hadith and ability to practice on this Hadith.

Ameen.