

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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 4

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عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ -

وَهُوَ الصَّادِقُ الْمَصْدُوقُ:

"إِنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ يُجْمَعُ خَلْقُهُ فِي بَطْنِ أُمِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ يَوْمًا نُطْفَةً، ثُمَّ يَكُونُ عَاقَةً مِثْلَ ذَلِكَ،

ثُمَّ يَكُونُ مُضْغَةً مِثْلَ ذَلِكَ

ثُمَّ يُرْسَلُ إِلَيْهِ الْمَلَكُ فَيَنْفُخُ فِيهِ الرُّوحَ،

وَيُؤَمَّرُ بِأَرْبَعِ كَلِمَاتٍ:

بِكِتَابِ رِزْقِهِ، وَأَجَلِهِ، وَعَمَلِهِ، وَشَقِيٍّ أَمْ سَعِيدٍ

فَوَاللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُهُ إِنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ لَيَعْمَلُ بِعَمَلِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ حَتَّى مَا يَكُونُ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَهَا إِلَّا ذِرَاعٌ

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فَيَعْمَلُ بِعَمَلِ أَهْلِ النَّارِ فَيَدْخُلُهَا.

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HADITH 4 - DEEDS ARE BY THEIR FINAL ACTIONS.

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Masood Radiyallahu Anhu narrates that Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam, the truthful one, said:

“The creation of any one of you is gathered in the womb of his mother for forty days as a drop (نُطْفَةً nutfah),

then later a blood clot (عَاقَةً alaqah) for the like of that (for 40 days),

then later a morsel of flesh (مُضْغَةً mudghah) for the like of that (40 days).

Then the angel is sent to him and breathes the Ruh (spirit) into him,

and he is commanded with four words:

- with writing his provision
- his life-span
- his action
- and whether he is fortunate or unfortunate.

By Allah the One other than Whom there is no lord,

one of you will do the actions of people of Jannah until there is only a 'cubit' between him and it, then the decree will overtake him, he will do the actions of the people of the fire and thus enter it.

Verily, one of you will do the actions of the people of the Fire until there only remains a cubit between him and it, then the decree will overtake him, he will do the actions of the people of Jannah and so enter it”.

This Hadith discusses the three stages of human development, i.e. 'from a drop of sperm till the Ruh (life) is blown into him.

- The first stage of development, is when the drop is deposited into the ovum, and remains as a liquid (نُطْفَةٌ *nutfah*) for 40 days.

During the next stage, a further 40 days, it then transforms into a clot of blood (عَلَقَةٌ *alaqah*).

And finally, in the next period of 40 days it becomes an developing lump (مُضْغَةٌ *mudghah*).

At this ending stage, life is then put into it.

- This Hadith then discusses the decree of each child with regard to its:
 1. Sustenance (Rizq)
 2. Action ('Amal)
 3. Life-span (Ajal)
 4. Success or failure (Shaqiyyun or Saeed) in the Hereafter

Some important lessons derived from this hadith

- ✓ Reflection upon one's origin.
- ✓ No person can claim with certainty that he is a Jannati (destined for paradise), nor be over-confident and boast over his righteous deeds and actions, because their 'end condition' is not known, i.e. whether the person will die on Imaan or not.
- ✓ Actions are dependent upon the end conditions.
- ✓ A Muslim should not relax but strive in doing good deeds till the very last moments of his life.