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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 6

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سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ
 إِنَّ الْحَلَالَ بَيِّنٌ، وَإِنَّ الْحَرَامَ بَيِّنٌ، وَبَيْنَهُمَا أُمُورٌ مُشْتَبِهَاتٌ لَا يَعْلَمُهُنَّ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ،
 فَمَنْ اتَّقَى الشُّبُهَاتِ فَقَدْ اسْتَبْرَأَ لِدِينِهِ وَعَرْضِهِ
 وَمَنْ وَقَعَ فِي الشُّبُهَاتِ وَقَعَ فِي الْحَرَامِ، كَالرَّاعِي يَزْعَى حَوْلَ الْحِمَى يُوشِكُ أَنْ يَرْتَعَ
 فِيهِ،
 أَلَا وَإِنَّ لِكُلِّ مَلِكٍ حِمَى، أَلَا وَإِنَّ حِمَى اللَّهِ مَحَارِمُهُ،
 أَلَا وَإِنَّ فِي الْجَسَدِ مُضْغَةً إِذَا صَلَحَتْ صَلَحَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ، وَإِذَا فَسَدَتْ فَسَدَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ، أَلَا
 وَهِيَ الْقَلْبُ

Hadith 6 - avoiding doubtful matters

An-Nu'man ibn Basheer Radiyallahu Anhumu narrates that: Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said:

“That which is lawful is clear

and that which is unlawful is clear,

and between the two of them are doubtful matters about which many people do not know.

Thus, he who avoids doubtful matters, clears himself in regard to his religion and his honour,

but he who falls into doubtful matters [eventually] falls into that which is unlawful,

like the shepherd who lets his flock eat (very close) around a sanctuary / reserve, will soon eat them in it.

Behold, every king has a sanctuary, and truly Allah's sanctuary is His 'Prohibitions'.

Verily in the body there is a morsel of flesh, which, if it be sound,

the entire body is sound and which, if it is diseased, the entire body is diseased. Truly, it is the heart”.

| BRIEF EXPLANTION |

- This very comprehensive Hadith indicates that all matters are one of three types,
 - clearly Halaal,
 - clearly Haraam
 - and that which is doubtful.
- Many Ulema have considered this Hadith as, one of four or five Ahaadeeth, around which the entire Deen of Islam revolves.
- In this Hadith we have been guided to be cautious not to fall into doubtful or questionable matters. This will serve as a protection for one's Deen.
- Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam has provided a concise similitude for one who becomes involved in uncertainties or doubtful matters, with the example of a protected sanctuary/pasturage of a King from which others are prevented from grazing their flock close by.

Similarly, there are boundaries and limitations that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala has placed for the Believers. Whoever oversteps that which is permitted and falls into uncertainty, comes as close as possible to that which is forbidden and Haraam. And so likely, a person will fall into Haraam.

- In the concluding sentence of the Hadith, Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam emphasises the fact that one has to purify one's heart and make sure it is sound, to be able to refrain from doubtful matters.

Only those with a strong and sound heart, i.e. a heart that is filled with the love of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala and a heart that fears violating the commandments of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala, will such a heart, refrain from doubtful matters.

- There are doubtful matters that a Muslim might face in his everyday dealings and activities, and hence this Hadith helps a person to deal with such circumstances and overcome falling into doubtful matters by purifying his heart.