

RAMADAN

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Hadith #1

مَنْ أَحَبَّ دُنْيَاهُ أَضَرَ بِآخِرَتِهِ وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ آخِرَتَهُ أَضَرَ
بِدُنْيَاهُ فَاتِّرُوا مَا يَبْقَى عَلَى مَا يَفْنَى

Abu Musa Al-Ashari RA narrated that the Prophet SAW said, "Whoever loves their dunya will find that they will harm their akhirah and whoever loves their akhirah will find that they will harm their dunya. So, give preference to that which will remain forever over that which will end and perish."

- Naturally, if a person is too focused on this dunya, then they will harm their akhirah. But, this doesn't mean that they will not get Jannah. Harming their akhirah means that the potential of the type of Jannah they could have had will be harmed.
- Allah SWT teaches us the dua in the Quran:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Our Lord, give us goodness in this world, and goodness in the Hereafter, and protect us from the torment of the Fire. (2:201)

- This dua doesn't mean that we are asking to have the best of dunya and the best of akhirah.
- The word **حَسَنَةً** can be referring to different things
 - One opinion is that it refers to having a righteous spouse and children in this dunya.

- **حَسَنَةٌ** in the akhirah can be referring to the best reward a person can get in Jannah, which is seeing Allah without any barriers.

- Allah SWT says in Surah Al-Rahman:

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ

Is the reward of goodness anything but goodness?

- **الإِحْسَان** in this world is to worship Allah as if we can see Him. So, those who practice Ihsan in this world will be given the reward of **الإِحْسَان** in the next world, which is being able to actually see Allah.
- The Prophet SAW said there are 3 things that Allah appreciates of dunya:
 - A pious spouse
 - A vast house; one that is open and welcoming for people, not necessarily a large house
 - A fast horse; one that is safe and one that can get you to places with ease
- Some scholars say having these things is what the word **حَسَنَةٌ** means in this dunya
- We are allowed to take from dunya as long as it doesn't affect our heart and our relationship with Allah.
 - Earning money is also an act of worship, but it should not take you away from Allah.
- How do we know that we truly love something? When the increase of it makes us extremely happy and the loss of it makes us extremely sad.
 - When you increase yourself in knowledge, in prayer, in the righteousness of your children and spouses, then you become extremely happy. And when you see yourself or others straying from the path, then you become sad.

- The Prophet SAW was asked, “What is Iman?” He responded, “إِذَا سَرَّتْكَ حَسَنَاتُكَ وَسَاءَتْكَ سَيِّئَاتُكَ فَأَنْتَ مُؤْمِنٌ” If you are happy with your good deeds and saddened by your bad deeds, you are a believer.”
- We’re allowed to have nice things. The Prophet SAW said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ جَمِيلٌ يُحِبُّ الْجَمَالَ

Indeed, Allah is beautiful and he loves beauty”

- There are only 2 people we are allowed to be jealous of:
 - A person who recites the Quran and has been given knowledge
 - A person who has been given a lot of money and spends it in charity
- So, there is nothing wrong with having it. But, if it enters the heart, then it takes over and distracts us from Allah.
- Allah says in the Quran:

مَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ قَلْبَيْنِ فِي جَوْفِهِ

Allah did not place two hearts inside any man's body. (Al-Ahzab, 4)

- He has only given us one heart and that heart can only be filled with one thing, which is the love for akhirah.

Hadith #2

جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! دُلَّنِي عَلَى عَمَلٍ إِذَا عَمَلْتُهُ أَحَبَّنِي اللَّهُ وَأَحَبَّنِي النَّاسُ فَقَالَ: "أَزْهَدْ فِي الدُّنْيَا يُحِبُّكَ اللَّهُ وَأَزْهَدْ فِيمَا عِنْدَ النَّاسِ يُحِبُّكَ النَّاسُ"

A man came to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and said, “O Messenger of Allah, direct me to an act which, if I do it, [will cause] Allah to love me and the people to love me.” So he said, “Renounce the world and Allah will love you, and renounce what the people possess and the people will love you.”

- A quality of believers is to detach from the world and look forward to meeting Allah. Allah repeats the phrase, “مَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو لِقَاءَ اللَّهِ” Whoever looks forward to the meeting with Allah,” often throughout the Quran.

- The Prophet SAW said:

مَنْ أَحَبَّ لِقَاءَ اللَّهِ أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ لِقَاءَهُ وَمَنْ كَرِهَ لِقَاءَ اللَّهِ كَرِهَ اللَّهُ لِقَاءَهُ

Whoever loves to meet Allah, Allah loves to meet him, and whoever hates to meet Allah, Allah hates to meet him."

- If you're around people and you want what they have, then they will always feel a sense of competition between you and feel threatened by you.
- The Prophet SAW said:

مَنْ أَصْبَحَ مِنْكُمْ آمِنًا فِي سِرْبِهِ مُعَافَى فِي جَسَدِهِ عِنْدَهُ قُوْتُ يَوْمِهِ
فَكَأَنَّمَا حِيَرَتْ لَهُ الدُّنْيَا

Whoever among you wakes up secure in his property, healthy in his body, and he has his food for the day, it is as if he were given the entire world."

- One of the common themes of these ahadith is the emphasis on being content with what you have.
- Imam Shafi'i stated in a poem:

إِذَا مَا كُنْتَ ذَا قَلْبٍ قَنُوعٍ فَأَنْتَ وَمَالِكُ الدُّنْيَا سَوَاءٌ

If, in your heart, you possess contentment, Then you and those who possess the world are equal.

- One of the definitions of Taqwah that Ali ibn Abi Talib RA gave was being a person who is content with less.
- The Prophet SAW said:

مَا قَلٌّ وَكَفَى خَيْرٌ مِمَّا كَثُرَ وَالْهَى

A little that suffices is better than an abundance that distracts.