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PATH OF THE TRAVELER

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INTRODUCTION

NO ONE CAN STOP IF ALLAH GIVES AND
NO CAN GIVE IF ALLAH WITHHOLDS

أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، كان إذا فرغ من الصلاة
وسلم قال: "لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، له الملك وله
الحمد، وهو على كل شيء قدير. اللهم لا مانع لما أعطيت، ولا
معطي لما منعت، ولا ينفع ذا الجد منك الجد"

Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to say at the conclusion of prayer: "There is no true god except Allah. He is One and He has no partner with Him, His is the sovereignty and His is the praise, and He is Omnipotent. O Allah! None can deny that which You bestow and none can bestow that which You hold back; and the

greatness of the great will be of no avail to them against You)."¹

PEACE AND BLESSINGS UPON THE
PROPHET (ﷺ)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ
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مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَأَلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ

O Allah, send salah upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad, as You sent salah upon Ibrahim and upon the family of Ibrahim, and send blessings upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad as You sent blessings upon Ibrahim and the family of Ibrahim. You are indeed Worthy of praise, Full of majesty.

- In the path to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the traveler goes through stations where he needs alertness, insight, determination and good manners.

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Book 16, Hadith 1416

- Manners are needed before seeking anything, and the scholars would say, “how can someone seek knowledge if he has no manners?”.
- People attain manners in different ways, whether it is from their parents, teachers, life examples, or it is innate in some. However, Allah Ar Rabb nurtures us all to have the best manners.

PATH OF THE TRAVELLER (مدارج السالكين)

YOU ALONE WE WORSHIP AND YOU ALONE
WE ASK FOR HELP (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ)

STATION OF GOOD MANNERS (الأدب)

TYPES OF MANNERS (أنواع الأدب)

Manners with Allah (أَدَبٌ مَعَ اللَّهِ)

Manners of the Heart

- Previously we mentioned to have good manners with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is when our heart only turns to Him and no one else. No one is worthy besides Him.
- And we spoke of the manners of the messengers with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and despite their great position, they never took advantage of it by exceeding their

boundaries. Rather, they enjoyed all that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given them.

Manners of the Tongue and Limbs - Manners of Rituals and Worships with Allah

- Everything in the sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) is all manners with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – from the wudhu, ghusl, making dua, how we wake-up and so forth.

SURAH AL 'ARAF 31

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

O Children of Adam! Take your adornment (by wearing your clean clothes), while praying and going round (the Tawaf of) the Ka'bah, and eat and drink but waste not by extravagance, certainly He (Allah) likes not Al-Musrifun (those who waste by extravagance).

- How we pray from placing our hands, looking down at the place of prostration, facing the qibla, all show manners with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We may talk about these matters as fiqh or sunnah, but it is also manners with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Even when we give zakat or sadaqah, it goes to the Hand of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) before the hands of the people, and the righteous predecessors used to perfume their sadaqah out of manners since it will go to the Hands of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) first, subhan Allah.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves to see the traces of His blessings on the slave. And it shows good manners when we wear nice clothes in front of others because it makes them happy and

appreciate it, and even more worthy is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). So even when we are at home, we wear neat clothes, brush our hair, make our face look nice because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves to see it and the angels see us as well.

- We love it when we gift someone and see it being used, and to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best example, He loves to see the traces of His blessings on us, and that is manners with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

Manners with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) cannot be established without these three matters:

1. We need to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)
2. We need to know the religion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) through the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ),

and to know what He loves and what He dislikes.

3. And we need an accepting and submitting nafs. All of this together is the level of ihsan – which is to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if we see Him and if we do not see Him, know that He sees us.

Manners with the Prophet (ﷺ) (أدب مع النبي صلى الله عليه)

(وسلم)

SURAH AT TAWBAH 128

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ
عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful.

- o Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sent a messenger from among ourselves, and whatever is difficult for us is

difficult for him. And he is compassionate to the believers.

SURAH AL ANBIYA 107

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad],
except as a mercy to the worlds.

◉ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) chose the most beloved one
to Him as a messenger and mercy for us.

SURAH AL QALAM 1 TO 4

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ

Nun. By the pen and what they inscribe,

2

مَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ بِمَجْنُونٍ

You are not, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], by the favor
of your Lord, a madman.

3

وَإِنَّ لَكَ لَأَجْرًا غَيْرَ مَمْنُونٍ

And indeed, for you is a reward uninterrupted.

4

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And indeed, you are of a great moral character.

- The Prophet (ﷺ) is above any kind of foolishness and he is of the highest and loftiest manners.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves the Prophet (ﷺ) and surely we love him, appreciate him and respect him. And because we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and show manners to Him, we love the Prophet (ﷺ) and show manners to him too.
- We can easily show good manners to our parents or those in authority because we see them, but we need to show great manners to the Prophet (ﷺ) even though we cannot see him.

Manners with Heart

- To love the Prophet (ﷺ) is manners. Sometimes we show good manners to others because we fear them, but do not love them.
- There is no faith if there is no love of the Prophet (ﷺ).

LOVE OF THE PROPHET (ﷺ) MORE THAN ANY OTHER HUMAN

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ . أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " فَوَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ " .

"Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "By Him in Whose Hands my life is, none of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father and his children."²

- We need to love the Prophet (ﷺ) more than anyone else and that is manners with Allah

² Sahih al-Bukhari 14

(سبحانه وتعالى) because He loves him. And it is manners with the Prophet (ﷺ).

- The Companions love the Prophet (ﷺ) more than themselves.
- ‘Ali bin Abi Talib (رضي الله عنه) said we love the Prophet (ﷺ) more than our money, children, mothers, fathers and more than cold water while we are thirsty, subhan Allah. Imagine in this time with the hot weather and feeling thirsty, the feeling of loving the Prophet (ﷺ) is more than that feeling.
- When a pulpit was made for the Prophet (ﷺ) to conduct his sermons, the trunk of the tree where he used to give his sermons started to weep because it missed the Prophet (ﷺ), so the Prophet (ﷺ) hugged that tree.

- In reflection of this, Al Hasan Al Basri (may Allah have mercy on him) said the trunk of the tree longed for the Prophet (ﷺ), so why do we not long for him? Subhan Allah. We are not wood or iron, but humans with feelings, so why do we not feel for him?

Manners with Tongue

- When we mention the name of Mohammed or Messenger of Allah or Prophet of Allah, we send peace and blessings upon him when we say his name, hear it being mentioned or when we write it because the miser is the one who hears his name and does not send blessings upon him.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS UPON THE PROPHET (ﷺ)

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- And to send peace and blessings upon the Prophet (ﷺ) is dua as well.

INCREASE IN SENDING BLESSINGS UPON THE PROPHET (ﷺ)

يا أيها الناسُ! اذكروا اللهَ ، جاءتِ الراجفةُ ، تتبعها الراجفةُ ،
جاء الموتُ بما فيه ، جاء الموتُ بما فيه . قال أبيُّ بنُ كعبٍ :
فقلتُ : يا رسولَ اللهِ ! إني أُكثِرُ الصلاةَ [عليك] ، فكم أجعلُ

لَكَ مِنْ صَلَاتِي؟ قَالَ: مَا شِئْتَ. قَالَ: قُلْتُ: الرَّبِيعَ؟ قَالَ: مَا شِئْتَ، وَإِنْ زِدْتَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكَ. قُلْتُ: النِّصْفَ؟ قَالَ: مَا شِئْتَ، وَإِنْ زِدْتَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكَ. قَالَ: قُلْتُ: ثُلُثَيْنِ؟ قَالَ: مَا شِئْتَ، وَإِنْ زِدْتَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكَ. قُلْتُ: أَجْعَلُ لَكَ صَلَاتِي كُلَّهَا. قَالَ: إِذَا تَكْفَى هَمَّكَ، وَيُغْفِرُ لَكَ ذَنْبُكَ.

'O you people! Remember Allah! Remember Allah! The Rajifah is coming, followed by the Radifah, death and what it brings is coming, death and what it brings is coming!" Ubayy said: "I said: 'O Messenger of Allah! Indeed I say very much Salat for you. How much of my Salat should I make for you?' He said: 'As you wish.'" [He said:] "I said: 'A fourth?' He said: 'As you wish. But if you add more it would be better for you.' I said: 'Then half?' He said: 'As you wish. And if you add more it would be better [for you].'" [He said:] "I said: 'Then two-thirds?' He said: 'As you wish, but if you add more it would be better for you.' I said: 'Should I make all of my Salat for you?' He said: 'Then your worries will be sufficed and your sins would be forgiven.'"³

³ Sahih At Targheeb 1670, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan Sahih

- And there are manners when reciting the hadith. There was a man who was asked to recite the hadith, but he was lying down, while sick. He said, “let me sit and recite”, and this is out of his manners when reciting hadith. It is not about halal and haram.
- Even Imam Maalik (may Allah have mercy on him) used to wear his best clothes, brush his hair and tidy his beard before saying any hadith.
- And it is manners to share the hadith and sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) because a person does not want to keep it to himself, but wants to teach the hadith and sunnah.

INVOCATION OF THE PROPHET (ﷺ) TO THE STUDENTS AND COMMUNICATORS OF HADITH

وعن ابن مسعود رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول: "نضر الله امرءًا سمع منا شيئًا فبلغه كما سمعه فرب مبلغ أوعى من سامع"

I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying, "May Allah brighten the face of who who hears something from us and communicates it to others exactly as he has heard it (i.e., both the meaning and the words), for it may be that the recipient of knowledge understands it better than the one who has heard it."⁴

- One of the righteous predecessors said you will find the people of hadith with glowing faces due to the invocation of the Prophet (ﷺ).
- And another said, "if I see a person of hadith who memorizes and preserves the hadith of the Prophet (ﷺ), then it is as if I see the

⁴ Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi, Book 12, Hadith 14

Companions. May Allah reward them because they preserve the religion for us.”

- Following the sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) and not innovating in it are all manners. And it is manners to not place someone ahead of the Prophet (ﷺ) or to judge ahead of him.

SURAH AL HAJJURAAAT 1 TO 5

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقَدِّمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

O you who have believed, do not put [yourselves] before Allah and His Messenger but fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing.

2

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَن تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ

O you who have believed, do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet or be loud to him in speech like the loudness of some of you to others, lest your deeds become worthless while you perceive not.

3

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَغُضُّونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ
امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

Indeed, those who lower their voices before the Messenger of Allah - they are the ones whose hearts Allah has tested for righteousness. For them is forgiveness and great reward.

4

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُنَادُونَكَ مِنَ الْهُجُرَاتِ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ

Indeed, those who call you, [O Muhammad], from behind the chambers - most of them do not use reason.

5

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ صَبَرُوا حَتَّىٰ تَخْرُجَ إِلَيْهِمْ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ
رَّحِيمٌ

And if they had been patient until you [could] come out to them, it would have been better for them. But Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.

- A person does not raise his voice above the Prophet (ﷺ), and now there is the voice of sunnah and voice of innovation; the voice of innovation does not go higher.
- And even Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه), the close friend of the Prophet (ﷺ), and Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) the wife of the Prophet (ﷺ) would call him – “Messenger of Allah” (ﷺ).

SURAH AN NOOR 62 TO 63

62

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَإِذَا كَانُوا مَعَهُ عَلَىٰ أَمْرٍ
 جَامِعٍ لَّمْ يَذْهَبُوا حَتَّىٰ يَسْتَأْذِنُوهُ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَأْذِنُونَكَ أُولَٰئِكَ
 الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۚ فَإِذَا اسْتَأْذَنُوكَ لِبَعْضِ شَأْنِهِمْ
 فَأُذِنَ لِمَن شِئْتَ مِنْهُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرَ لَهُمُ اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

The believers are only those who believe in Allah and His Messenger and, when they are [meeting] with him for a matter of common interest, do not depart until they have asked his

permission. Indeed, those who ask your permission, [O Muhammad] - those are the ones who believe in Allah and His Messenger. So when they ask your permission for something of their affairs, then give permission to whom you will among them and ask forgiveness for them of Allah. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.

63

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا ۚ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ
اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ لِوَاذًا ۚ فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ
أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

Do not make [your] calling of the Messenger among yourselves as the call of one of you to another. Already Allah knows those of you who slip away, concealed by others. So let those beware who dissent from the Prophet's order, lest fitnah strike them or a painful punishment.

- We always want to love the Prophet (ﷺ), to spread his sunnah and the one who will be closest to him on the Day of Judgement is the

one best in manners. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) of His favor. Ameen.

Manners with people (أدب مع الناس)

◌ To be continued in sha'a Allah.

MAY ALLAH HELP US TO SHOW THE BEST MANNERS TO HIM AND THE PROPHET (ﷺ). AMEEN.

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