

# مدارج السالكين

## PATH OF THE TRAVELER

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### INTRODUCTION

#### SUPPLICATION TO BE GUIDED TO THE BEST MANNERS

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي لَأَحْسَنِ الْأَعْمَالِ وَأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِأَحْسَنِهَا  
إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَقِنِي سَيِّئِ الْأَعْمَالِ وَسَيِّئِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَقِي سَيِّئَهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ

*Allahummahdini liahsanil-amali wa ahsanil-  
akhlaqi la yahdi li ahsaniha illa anta wa qini  
sayy'al-a'mali wa sayy'al-ahaqi la yaqi sayy'aha  
illa ant.*

O Allah, guide me to the best of deeds and the best of manners, for none can guide to the best of them but You. And protect me from bad deeds and bad manners, for none can protect against them but You.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sunan an-Nasa'i 896

## SUPPLICATION FOR TAQWA

أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم كان يقول: "اللهم إني أسألك  
الهدى والتقى والعفاف والغنى"

'Abdullah bin Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (ﷺ) used to say: "Allahumma inni as'alukal-hudawat- tuqa wal-'afafa wal-ghina (O Allah! I ask You for guidance, piety, chastity and self-sufficiency)".<sup>2</sup>

- All of us are travelling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and surely we want to enjoy and benefit from our travel. It will be beautiful when we know there is a destination, and that destination is to reach Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We are heading to The Most Merciful, All-Knowing, All-Wise, All-Mighty, Most Beautiful, Owner of Majesty and Honor. We are going to the One Who is perfect and this makes us

<sup>2</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 71

motivated and want to have the best manners.

- If there are no manners then we will miss out on many scenes because our ego and desire will overtake us. But when we pause our ego and desires then we can truly enjoy everything. Imagine a student who goes to school with no manners, he will be unable to learn and progress. And similarly we need manners as we head to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## 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)

- Manners is not just something surface, but it is manners in the heart, tongue and actions. And it is not only manners towards who we see, but

manners to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Prophet (ﷺ), even if we do not see them.

## TYPES OF MANNERS (أنواع الأدب)

### Manners with people (أدب مع الناس)

- How we deal with people depends on the position of that person, so the way we deal with our parents is different from the way we deal with our friends.
- We have to behave the best in general with all people in our heart, tongue and actions.

### Manners of the Heart

- In our heart, we need to have a good heart and think good of others. We should not hate or think bad of others or be jealous. It is important to have a sound heart that is (مخمووم) – a heart that is “swept” from impurities. It

Is a pure heart that does not follow desires, and is free of sin, transgression, grudges and jealousy. A sound heart is what will save a person. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us all a sound heart. Ameen.

### A PURE HEART

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو، قَالَ قِيلَ لِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. أَيُّ النَّاسِ أَفْضَلُ قَالَ " كُلُّ مَخْمُومِ الْقَلْبِ صَدُوقِ اللِّسَانِ ". قَالُوا صَدُوقُ اللِّسَانِ نَعْرِفُهُ فَمَا مَخْمُومُ الْقَلْبِ قَالَ " هُوَ التَّقِيُّ النَّقِيُّ لَا إِثْمَ فِيهِ وَلَا بَغْيَ وَلَا غِلَّ وَلَا حَسَدَ " .

“It was said to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ): ‘Which of the people is best?’ He said: ‘Everyone who is pure of heart and sincere in speech.’ They said: ‘Sincere in speech, we know what this is, but what is pure of heart?’ He said: ‘It is (the heart) that is pious and pure, with no sin, injustice, rancor or envy in it.’”<sup>3</sup>

○ People are a test for one another and someone can say something without ill feeling

<sup>3</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah 4216

but another takes it in and keeps it inside his heart for years. We need good manners with people because they are imperfect. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Perfect and the Prophet (ﷺ) is complete as a human being, but people are imperfect so we should not hold grudges inside our heart. We want to have love inside in our heart.

- People try to show good manners with others with their tongue and actions, while their heart is filled with sicknesses, so these manners do not come out naturally.
- We especially need to show more manners to:
  1. Parents
  2. Scholars and teachers
  3. Authority

4. Anyone with position such as our husband

### HONOR THOSE WITH POSITION

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ مِنْ إِجْلَالِ اللَّهِ إِكْرَامَ ذِي الشَّيْبَةِ الْمُسْلِمِ وَحَامِلِ الْقُرْآنِ غَيْرِ الْغَالِي فِيهِ وَالْجَافِي عَنْهُ وَإِكْرَامَ ذِي السُّلْطَانِ الْمُقْسِطِ " .

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: Glorifying Allah involves showing honour to a grey-haired Muslim and to one who can expound the Qur'an, but not to one who acts extravagantly regarding it, or turns away from it, and showing honour to a just ruler.<sup>4</sup>

### Manners of the Tongue

### SURAH AL BAQARAH 83

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

And speak to people good [words]

- When we see others, we should greet them and say good words, and not put them down or look down on them.

<sup>4</sup> Sunan Abi Dawud 4843, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan



- When we know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is All-Witnessing and All-Encompassing, then we will show best manners with those who are imperfect.

### BELIEF IN ALLAH AND THE LAST DAY

، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَسْكُتْ

And whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day then let him say good or remain silent. <sup>5</sup>

### SURAH AL ISRAA 53

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَرْغُبُ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّ  
الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا

And tell My servants to say that which is best. Indeed, Satan induces [dissension] among them. Indeed Satan is ever, to mankind, a clear enemy.

- If we want to know someone, then we should see how they speak. The good word is a

<sup>5</sup> Sahih At Targheeb 819, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih li Ghairihi

charity, so what harm is there to say good?

Subhan Allah.

## Manners with Parents

### SURAH AL ISRAA 23 TO 24

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وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۚ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ  
عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا  
وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word.

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وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا  
رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small."

- We especially need to show good manners to our parents when they reach old age. We need to be more tolerant, patient and never say “uff” or show disappointment in them or put them down or argue with them.
- Sometimes they may say something we do not like or they decide something we do not like, but we should not show anger towards them.
- Or when caring for them, we should not be rude when telling them to take their medicine or discourage them if they want to buy something for themselves.
- With our parents, we need to show mercy by humbling ourselves to them. We think showing mercy is by making them feel they are needy.
- We should also make dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to have mercy on our parents because when

they become older, they can feel insignificant or lonely.

- And when our parents pass away, we should also make dua for them and ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to have mercy on them.
- With our limbs, we should:
  1. Help them
  2. Not walk ahead of them
  3. Honor their friends and families
  4. Not eat food before them
  5. Not sit in a place higher than them
  6. Visit them
  7. Spend on them.

### Manners with Scholars and Teachers

- It is manners to say salam to them, to not speak badly to them or put them down or shout at them.

- Even when asking a question or clarifying a matter, we should use good words. And we should not feel shy from speaking to them.
- Also speaking good to the people in a gathering shows respect to the teacher.
- With limbs, we should dress nicely when coming to the study circles, to behave and speak well, and look at the teacher with respect. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to have mercy on all our scholars and teachers.

### Manners with Authority

- A person should speak the best to them and to obey in goodness.
- To not backbite, slander, shout or underestimate them with tongue.

- To make dua for them and speak good about them because this spreads goodness in society.

## OBEY THE RULERS

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم "عليك السمع والطاعة"

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "It is obligatory upon you to listen and obey the orders of the ruler."<sup>6</sup>

- Firaoun was a bad person and enemy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) still commanded Musa (عليه السلام) to speak to him with gentle words (قولا لينا), so what about anyone else? Subhan Allah.
- And one advises in private and not in public and with a good heart.

<sup>6</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Introduction, Hadith 666

## TO GIVE ADVICE IN GOODNESS

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
يَرْضَى لَكُمْ ثَلَاثًا، وَيَسْخَطُ لَكُمْ ثَلَاثًا، يَرْضَى لَكُمْ: أَنْ تَعْبُدُوهُ وَلَا  
تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَأَنْ تَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا، وَأَنْ  
تَنَاصَحُوا مَنْ وُلَّاهُ اللَّهُ أَمْرَكُمْ، وَيَكْرَهُ لَكُمْ: قِيلَ وَقَالَ، وَكَثْرَةَ  
السُّؤَالِ، وَإِضَاعَةَ الْمَالِ.

Abu Hurayra reported that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah is pleased with you about three things and He is angry with you about three things. He is pleased that you worship Him, not associating anything with Him, that you all take hold of the rope of Allah and that you give good counsel to those that Allah has put in authority over you. He dislikes you engaging in chitchat, asking a lot of questions and squandering wealth."<sup>7</sup>

- A person cannot just make dawah on his own, but must be under the authority.
- And with limbs, we should be patient with them, cooperate with them and support them.

<sup>7</sup> Al-Adab Al-Mufrad 442, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

## Manners with People in General

- To say salam, to smile, to make space for them and to help them.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US A SOUND HEART AND GOOD MANNERS TO ALL WHO HAVE RIGHTS ON US. AMEEN.

### REFERENCES

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