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INTRODUCTION

- We are all travelling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we do not want that journey to be tasteless or just scary, but to have so much feelings.
- We want our heart to love, we want our tongue to speak good, our ears to hear good and to hear the truth, and we want our eyes to see the truth, His ayat and whom we love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And previously, we said we want to taste the sweetness of faith because this can help us overcome any bitter taste in our life.

REVISION OF THE WORSHIP OF TASTE

- What can make someone taste the sweetness of faith? To be pleased with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as our Lord, Islam as our religion and Mohammed (ﷺ) as our prophet.
- If we are not pleased, then everything will be tasteless. Everything is good from our Rabb, but due to our limited thinking, we cannot see the bigger picture. And when we submit in Islam, we will become a peaceful person who follows the Prophet Mohammed (ﷺ).
- And we will taste the sweetness of faith when we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) more than anything in this life. When we give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) all our heart, He will take care of us.
- If we love for desires or expectations then there will be disappointment.

- And we love the Prophet (ﷺ) from all humans because he went through what no one else went through.
- And to love others for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has no accounting. If we do so much for the one we love, we see it as little, and if they do so little for us, we see it as so much. To love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) means we do not place ourselves in the picture.
- We will taste the sweetness of faith when we believe in the decree. There are many things we like, but it is bad for us. And there are many things we do not like, but it is good for us.
- When we accept the decree, we will be stronger and it will positively affect those around us. But when we reject the decree, we become weaker and we cause a “tornado”

with those around us. So a person will not taste the sweetness of faith if he is not pleased, does not love and does not believe in the decree.

PATH OF THE TRAVELLER (مدارج السالكين)

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

WORSHIP OF SMELL (الشم)

- Someone might ask, “can smelling be a worship?” Yes.
- There is a connection between taste and smell. Imagine eating food while not being able to taste or smell it. For every scent and for every taste, there is a memory in the brain. There is a lady who could only smell one scent for over a year, subhan Allah. And she forgot the scents and tastes of food, so she had to go and retrain

herself with the different scents. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for the well-being. Ameen.

- Smell and taste affect our emotions. When we smell and taste something good, we are affected emotionally, and the opposite is true when we smell or taste something bad, we turn away. And before something happens, we can smell smoke or gas and that is protection for us. it is a blessing to be able to smell. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us well-being. Ameen.
- Even feelings get triggered when we smell something. For example, when we smell coffee and the scent of baking in the morning, we feel coziness. Or when we smell a scent and it reminds us of a person or we smell the scent of a city and it brings memories.
- The scent of the Prophet (ﷺ) was always musk.

- There is a story of a righteous man and a lady who was adamant on seducing him. She pretended that our house needed repair and so she called him, and then locked the doors when he came. She tried to seduce him and he said that he needs to use the bathroom first. When he went, he placed excrement on himself and came out to her. The moment she saw him, she was disgusted and told him to immediately leave. He used this to protect himself from falling into haram and then it was said his sweat always smelled like musk after this, subhan Allah.
- Our sweat depends on what we eat, so when we eat good, then the scent of our sweat is different than when we eat bad food.

- When Yaqoub (عليه السلام) lost Yusuf (عليه السلام), he lost his eyesight. Then Yusuf (عليه السلام) said to take his shirt to his father, and he said he could smell the scent of Yusuf (عليه السلام). And each person has a scent, for example, we can recognize the scent of a person when we smell their clothes.
- Cleanliness is an important part in Islam. When answering the call of nature, we must clean ourselves. We perform wudhu perform the prayer. There is ghusl when having a relation.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) forbade the lady to wear perfume in front of the non-mahram men because it can awaken his senses and attract him.

- It is important to clean ourselves, scent the home, and to remove hair under the arms and the private area.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) once passed two graves and he said they are being punished because one of them did not clean himself after urinating and another would cause malice between people by spreading rumors.

TORMENT OF THE GRAVE

قَالَ مَرَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ . صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . بِقَبْرَيْنِ جَدِيدَيْنِ فَقَالَ
 " إِنَّهُمَا لَيُعَذَّبَانِ وَمَا يُعَذَّبَانِ فِي كَبِيرٍ أَمَّا أَحَدُهُمَا فَكَانَ لَا يَسْتَنْزُهُ
 مِنْ بَوْلِهِ وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُ فَكَانَ يَمْشِي بِالنَّمِيمَةِ " .

"The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) passed by two new graves, and he said: 'They are being punished, but they are not being punished for anything major. One of them was heedless about preventing urine from getting on his clothes,

and the other used to walk about spreading malicious gossip."¹

- It is important to tell the children and boys to clean themselves after answering the call of nature. The believer is clean.
- Also when someone has eaten onions and garlic, then he should not go the masjid because the angels will be harmed by that scent. The angels love good scents.

EATING GARLIC AND ONION

"من أكل البصل، والثوم، الكراث، فلا يقربن مسجدنا، فإن الملائكة تتأذى مما يتأذى منه بنو آدم."

He who has eaten onion or garlic or leek should not approach our mosque, because the angels are also offended by the strong smells) that offend the children of Adam.²

¹ Sunan Ibn Majah 347

² Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 17, Hadith 193

- It is not haram to eat onion and garlic, but a person should wash and clean after eating it so there is no odor.
- Also ghusl is performed for the dead person, so what about ourselves while alive? Subhan Allah.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 125

وَإِذْ جَعَلْنَا الْبَيْتَ مَثَابَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَمْنًا وَاتَّخِذُوا مِن مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ
 مُصَلًّىٰ وَوَعَدْنَا إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ أَنَّ طَهِّرَا بَيْتِيَ لِلطَّائِفِينَ
 وَالْعَاكِفِينَ وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ

And [mention] when We made the House a place of return for the people and [a place of] security. And take, [O believers], from the standing place of Abraham a place of prayer.

And We charged Abraham and Ishmael, [saying], "Purify My House for those who perform Tawaf and those who are staying [there] for worship and those who bow and prostrate [in prayer]."

- With the millions of people, there is a beautiful scent in the harem. The mosques are clean and when coming to the markaz, we should be clean.
- And there are those who could smell the scent of paradise, as some Companions did.
- It is important to keep our homes and clothes clean and to smell nice when we are at home. Taking care of hygiene is very important in a relationship.

TYPES OF SMELL (الشم)

- Obligatory smell: is to distinguish between something fresh and spoiled.
- Prohibited smell: is to smell perfume that has been stolen or something we just want to smell that is not ours. Or when a man intentionally

wants to smell a woman by coming too close to her.

- Recommended smell: is to place perfume to make a place clean and to gift perfume.
- Disliked smell: is to smell the scents of the places of disbelief such as places of idols and magicians.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) had the best scent and it was nicer than musk. The Prophet (ﷺ) loved musk and he said to place musk on the dead for the ghusl.
- And the pool of Kawthar has a scent better than musk.
- And the example of a good companion is like the carrier of musk. This means if we are a good friend, it is as if we are carrying musk. So we

should speak well and be a good companion, fragrant like the musk.

- The believer who recites the Qur'an is like the citron. They are sweet and there is a scent.
- The believer who does not recite the Qur'an is like a date. They are sweet, but there is no scent.
- The hypocrite who recites the Qur'an is like a basil. They smell good from inside, but are bitter inside.
- The hypocrite who does not recite the Qur'an is like a cactus, bitter and badly scented.

EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO RECITE AND DO NOT RECITE THE QUR'AN

مثلُ الذي يقرأُ القرآنَ كالأُترجة: طعمُها طيبٌ، وريحُها طيبٌ،
والذي لا يقرأُ القرآنَ كالتمرّة: طعمُها طيبٌ، ولا ریحَ لها، ومثلُ
الفاجرِ الذي يقرأُ القرآنَ كمثَلِ الریحانة: ریحُها طيبٌ، وطعمُها

مُرٌّ، وَمَثَلُ الْفَاجِرِ الَّذِي لَا يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ كَمَثَلِ الْحَنْظَلَةِ: طَعْمُهَا
مُرٌّ، وَلَا رِيحَ لَهَا.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The example of a believer who recites the Qur'an and acts on it, like a citron which tastes nice and smells nice. And the example of a believer who does not recite the Qur'an but acts on it, is like a date which tastes good but has no smell. And the example of a hypocrite who recites the Qur'an is like a Raihana (sweet basil) which smells good but tastes bitter. And the example of a hypocrite who does not recite the Qur'an is like a colocynth which tastes bitter and has a bad smell."³

MAY ALLAH MAKE US ALWAYS SMELL WHAT IS PERMISSIBLE
AND BE A MEANS OF GOOD SCENTS. AMEEN.

³ Sahih al-Bukhari 5059

REFERENCES

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