

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْعَمَلُ التَّطَوُّعِيُّ

Voluntary Work

رضاكارانه خدمات

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَجْزَلَ الثَّوَابِ لِلْمُتَطَوِّعِينَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: (وَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاكِرٌ عَلِيمٌ)⁽¹⁾.

قَالَ جَلَّ فِي عِلَّاهُ: (إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ)⁽²⁾.

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا: أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ مَرَّ عَلَى أَنْاسٍ قَدْ تَطَوَّعُوا لِسُقْيَا النَّاسِ، يَسْحَبُونَ الْمَاءَ مِنَ الْبُئْرِ، وَيَصُبُّونَهُ فِي أَوْعِيَّتِهِمْ، فَقَالَ ﷺ: «اعْمَلُوا، فَإِنَّكُمْ عَلَى عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ»⁽³⁾.
فَفِي هَذَا الْحَدِيثِ الْعَظِيمِ؛ يُرَغَّبُنَا نَبِيُّنَا الْكَرِيمُ فِي الْعَمَلِ التَّطَوُّعِيِّ،

(1) البقرة: 158.

(2) النحل: 128.

(3) البخاري: 1635.

وَيُحْثِنَا عَلَيْهِ؛ طَلَبًا لِفَضْلِهِ، وَابْتِغَاءَ ثَوَابِهِ وَأَجْرِهِ، فَإِنَّ الْمُتَطَوِّعَ عَمَلُهُ
مَبْرُورٌ، وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِ مَا جُورٌ مَشْكُورٌ.

All praises are due to Allah, who has increased the reward for those who engage in voluntary work.

Allah says: وَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاكِرٌ عَلِيمٌ

And whoever volunteers good - then indeed, Allah is appreciative and Knowing. [Qur'an: 2:158]

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Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good. [Qur'an: 16:128]

It is narrated by Ibn Abbas (R.A.) that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) once came upon some people who volunteered to give people water, in that they would draw water from the wells and then pour it into their containers. Seeing this the Prophet (PBUH) said:

اعْمَلُوا، فَإِنَّكُمْ عَلَى عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ

Keep working, for you are engaged in good work.

فَالْعَمَلُ التَّطَوُّعِيُّ يَخْدُمُ النَّاسَ، وَيَنْفَعُ الْبَشَرَ، وَقَدْ سَارَعَ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ
الصَّحَابَةِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ إِلَى خِدْمَةِ الْمُجْتَمَعِ، وَتَقْدِيمِ الْمُسَاعَدَةِ
لِأَفْرَادِهِ، وَبَادَرَتِ الصَّحَابِيَّاتُ إِلَى الْعَمَلِ التَّطَوُّعِيِّ، فَمِنْهُنَّ مَنْ
تَعَلَّمَتِ الطِّبَّ، وَاتَّقَنَتِ مُدَاوَاةَ الْمَرْضَى، وَاجْتَهَدَتْ فِي نَفْعِ النَّاسِ

بِخَيْرَتَهَا؛ لِتُحَقِّقَ مُرَادَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى فِي إِنْقَازِ حَيَاةِ الْبَشَرِ؛ عَمَلًا بِقَوْلِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى: (وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا)⁽¹⁾. فَمَا أَسْعَدَ مَنْ وُفِّقَ إِلَى عَمَلٍ تَطَوُّعِيٍّ يَخْدُمُ بِهِ النَّاسَ وَيَنْفَعُهُمْ بِهِ.

Voluntary work means serving and helping others, bringing benefit to communities and mankind. This was the spirit and way that the companions of the Prophet (R.A.) would hasten towards, each of them serving the community with whatever gifts Allah had given them. This was the way for the women amongst the female companions (the Sahabiyaat) for amongst them were those who learnt medicine and healing of the sick, helping to benefit people with their expertise. These and other skills were put to use as a means of saving lives, a deed that brings about the pleasure of Allah, about which Allah says:

وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا

And whoever saves one [life] - it is as if he had saved mankind entirely. [Qur'an: 5:32]

Hence if one of us finds the path to voluntary work being facilitated for them, then this truly is a blessing to rejoice for, for it represents the means by which we can serve people and bring benefit to others – and draw near to Allah.

ذَكَرَ لَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ رَجُلًا تَطَوَّعَ بِإِزَالَةِ غُصْنٍ شَوْكٍ مِنْ طَرِيقِ النَّاسِ، فَشَكَرَ اللَّهُ لَهُ حُسْنَ صَنِيعِهِ، وَغَفَرَ لَهُ، قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: «بَيْنَمَا رَجُلٌ يَمْشِي فِي طَرِيقٍ؛ إِذْ وَجَدَ غُصْنَ شَوْكٍ، فَأَخْرَهُ، فَشَكَرَ اللَّهُ

(1) المائدة: 32.

لَهُ، فَغَفَرَ لَهُ»⁽¹⁾. فَمَنْ كَانَ يُحْسِنُ عَمَلًا، أَوْ يُتِقِنُ مَهَارَةً، يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ بِهَا، وَيَخْدُمُ مُجْتَمَعَهُ مِنْ خِلَالِهَا، فَلْيُبَادِرْ إِلَى الْعَمَلِ التَّطَوُّعِيِّ بِذَلِكَ، رَغْبَةً فِي ثَوَابِ رَبِّهِ، وَخِدْمَةً لِرِوْطِهِ، فَلِلْمُتَطَوِّعِينَ وَأَصْحَابِ الصُّفُوفِ الْأُولَى عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَجْرُهُمْ وَثَوَابُهُمْ، وَعِنْدَ النَّاسِ مَنْزِلَتُهُمْ وَمَكَانَتُهُمْ، وَلَهُمْ مِنَ الْمُجْتَمَعِ أَبْلَغُ الشُّكْرِ وَالْعِزِّ، تَقْدِيرًا لِحُجُودِهِمْ، وَاعْتِرَافًا بِفَضْلِهِمْ. فَلْنَشْجِعْ عَلَى الْأَعْمَالِ التَّطَوُّعِيَّةِ الَّتِي تَخْدُمُ الْإِنْسَانِيَّةَ وَالْمُجْتَمَعَ.

The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) recounted for us the story of a man who removed thorns from a road that people would travel upon. He mentioned how Allah appreciated him for the goodness of his deeds and then granted forgiveness to him, as the Prophet said: **بَيْنَمَا رَجُلٌ يَمْشِي فِي**

طَرِيقٍ؛ إِذْ وَجَدَ غُصْنَ شَوْكٍ، فَأَخْرَهُ، فَشَكَرَ اللَّهُ لَهُ، فَغَفَرَ لَهُ

"Whilst a man was walking on the road, he found a thorny branch and removed it. Allah appreciated his action so he forgave him [his sins]." [Bukhari and Muslim]

So, in similar spirit whosoever is able to perform good deeds or has a skill to benefit people and is able to serve his community through these means, then let him or her hasten to do it in the spirit of service and sacrifice. For these are the means by which one draws near to Allah,

(1) متفق عليه.

earning reward, and serving his nation. It these people who volunteer for the sake of Allah who are akin to the first row of worshippers in prayer, in that they have a reward and closeness to Allah, and also attain unto an esteem and rank with people. They are those who receive the pleasure and appreciation of Allah as well as the gratitude and thankfulness of people, all in recognition and appreciation for their efforts. So, let us encourage one another to voluntary work by which we can serve one another and greater humanity.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon our beloved Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family and his companions.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْ عَنَّا وَعَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ الْوَبَاءَ، وَاشْفِ الْمُصَابِينَ بِهَذَا الدَّاءِ، وَعَافِنَا بِفَضْلِكَ مِنْ كُلِّ دَاءٍ، يَا مُجِيبَ الدُّعَاءِ.

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً، وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ،

فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.