

مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ

The Character of People of Paradise

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ الصَّادِقِ الْأَمِينِ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ
وَمَنْ تَبَعَ هَدْيُهُ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ: قَالَ تَعَالَى: (إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَهْرٍ* فِي مَقْعَدٍ صِدْقٍ عِنْدَ مَلِكٍ مُّقْتَدِرٍ)⁽¹⁾.
عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ: أَنَّ رَجُلًا سَأَلَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، مَنْ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ؟
فَقَالَ ﷺ: «كُلُّ هَيِّنٍ لَيِّنٍ، قَرِيبٍ سَهْلٍ»⁽²⁾، أَي: كُلُّ سَهْلٍ فِي أَخْلَاقِهِ، لَيِّنٍ فِي أَقْوَالِهِ، حَلِيمٍ فِي
تَصَرُّفَاتِهِ، قَرِيبٍ مِنَ النَّاسِ؛ يُجَالِسُهُمْ وَيُلَاطِفُهُمْ، وَيَسْعَى فِي إِعَانَتِهِمْ، وَقَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِهِمْ⁽³⁾.

Abu Hurairah (R.A.) narrates that a man asked the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) a question stating: "O Messenger of Allah, who are the people of Paradise (Ahl al-Jannah)?" The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

كُلُّ هَيِّنٍ لَيِّنٍ، قَرِيبٍ سَهْلٍ

Every person who is soft, kind, gentle (in his dealings), and who is near (to people).

[Shuab al-Iman]

In this Hadith the Prophet (PBUH) indicated the importance of being kind in one's character, soft in one's speech, and gentle in one's interpersonal dealings – for this is what ultimately allows us to draw near to people's hearts. Such people are able to join together between people's hearts, bringing peace to them, being able to support them and meet their needs.

(1) القمر: 54 – 55.

(2) شعب الإيمان (10/444).

(3) شرح المصابيح لابن الملك (345/5).

وَلَقَدْ تَحَلَّى بِهَذِهِ الْأَخْلَاقِ سَيِّدُنَا مُحَمَّدٌ ﷺ، فَكَانَ أَسْهَلَ النَّاسِ تَعَامُلًا، وَأَلْيَنَهُمْ جَانِبًا، وَأَطْيَبَهُمْ كَلَامًا، وَأَفْرَحَهُمْ مِنَ النَّاسِ، يَأْلِفُهُمْ وَيَأْلِفُونَهُ، حَتَّى مَدَحَهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فَقَالَ: (فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ)⁽¹⁾. وَدَعَا ﷺ لِمَنِ انْتَصَفَ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالسَّمَاحَةِ فِي تَعَامُلِهِ فَقَالَ ﷺ: «رَحِمَ اللَّهُ رَجُلًا سَمَحًا إِذَا بَاعَ، سَمَحًا إِذَا اشْتَرَى، سَمَحًا إِذَا اقْتَضَى»⁽²⁾.

This was the way of our Prophet (PBUH), for he was described as being the most easygoing towards people, and the softest and gentlest towards them in his disposition, the purest in his speech, and closest to them because of this. This was how Allah praised him when He said:

فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ

So by mercy from Allah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. [Qur'an: 3:159]

The Prophet (PBUH) made supplication for whoever is characterized by the attributes of softness, gentleness and tolerance in their interaction with others when he said:

رَحِمَ اللَّهُ رَجُلًا سَمَحًا إِذَا بَاعَ، سَمَحًا إِذَا اشْتَرَى، سَمَحًا إِذَا اقْتَضَى

“May Allah (swt) show mercy to a person who is kind and gentle when he sells, kind and gentle when he buys and kind and gentle when he asks for payment.” [Bukhari]

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا يَرَى ظَاهِرُهَا مِنْ بَاطِنِهَا، وَبَاطِنُهَا مِنْ ظَاهِرِهَا، أَعَدَّهَا اللَّهُ لِمَنِ أُطْعِمَ الطَّعَامَ، وَأَلَانَ الْكَلَامَ»⁽³⁾.

The Prophet (PBUH) said:

إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا يَرَى ظَاهِرُهَا مِنْ بَاطِنِهَا، وَبَاطِنُهَا مِنْ ظَاهِرِهَا، أَعَدَّهَا اللَّهُ لِمَنِ أُطْعِمَ الطَّعَامَ، وَأَلَانَ الْكَلَامَ

“In paradise there are rooms the outside of which can be seen from within and the inside from without, which Allah swt has

(1) آل عمران: 159.

(2) البخاري: 2076، وابن ماجه: 2203 واللفظ له.

(3) أحمد: 22905.

prepared for those who feed the hungry and speak gently and nicely" [Ahmad]

فَلْنُعَزِّزْ هَذِهِ الْأَخْلَاقَ الْحَمِيدَةَ بَيْنَنَا، وَنُرْسِخْهَا فِي نُفُوسِ بَنَاتِنَا وَأَبْنَائِنَا.
وَمَنْ كَانَتْ هَذِهِ صِفَاتِهِ، وَتِلْكَ أَخْلَاقُهُ؛ عَظُمَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ قَدْرُهُ، وَارْتَفَعَتْ دَرَجَتُهُ.

So, let us honor this praiseworthy character amongst ourselves and let us seek to instill in ourselves and our children. And whoever has these attributes and this character, their rank is to be esteemed, and their status is raised.

وَصَلِّ اللَّهُمَّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ صَاحِبِ الْخَلْقِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ، وَصَحَابَتِهِ الْأَكْرَمِينَ، الَّذِينَ كَانُوا إِلَى مَكَارِمِ الْأَخْلَاقِ سَابِقِينَ.

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا لِأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ، وَوَقِّفْنَا لِحَمِيدِ الصِّفَاتِ، وَجَمِّلْنَا بِالْحِلْمِ وَاللِّينِ، وَزَيِّنَّا بِالسُّهُولَةِ مَعَ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحِمِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ: الْأَحْيَاءَ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْفَعْ 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 الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving, most-merciful.