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The Ingredient of Love

Hazrat Shaikh Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Saheb رحمه الله عليه once mentioned. As a young child, I would often hear my respected father utter the proverb:

محبت تجھکو آدابِ محبت سکھا دے گی

Love itself is sufficient to teach the lover the etiquette and conduct of love.

Although I was too young at the time to truly understand what this proverb meant, I still memorised it. Now that I have advanced in age, this proverb often comes to mind, and I recite it with great enjoyment and pleasure.

Remember my beloved brothers! Love is a very great quality which is not guided by rules and principles.

When a person possesses true love, his actions reveal it, and people naturally perceive it even though he does not make a verbal expression of it.

O Ulama! You are aware of the great love that Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه had for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه was a wealthy and successful merchant. His excessive love for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم caused him to sacrifice all his wealth for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم.¹

Imam Malik رحمه الله

His extent of love and respect for Nabi ﷺ was such that he never rode an animal in Madinah, saying “I feel ashamed to ride an animal on the soil where Rasulullah ﷺ placed his feet”. Due to his profound love and respect for Rasulullah ﷺ, he himself claims that not a night passed wherein he was not blessed with the noble vision of Rasulullah ﷺ in his dream.² May Allah ﷻ also grant us the true love of our beloved Nabi ﷺ

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¹ Words of Wisdom from the pious of the past (Malfoozaat of Hazrat Shaikh رحمه الله عليه). Published by Madrasah Ta'leemuddeen, Durban, South Africa.

² Great Islamic personalities. Published by Madrassah Arabia Islamia, Azaadville, South Africa.