

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

A Blessed Dream

13th Ramadan ul Mubarak 1391 Hijri Wednesday evening

Today a Jamaat arrived from Turkey. Sheikhul Hadith Hadhrat Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Saheb رحمه الله عليه asked them did you encounter any difficulties? Any complaints? Everyone praised Allah ﷻ and cheerfully replied that they never encountered any difficulties. Their faces reflected their joy. Thereafter, Hadhrat Sheikh رحمه الله عليه asked Maulana Ziyaa'uddin to narrate the dream that the Mufti Sahib of Turkey saw. Maulana stood up and related the details of the dream,

“When the Jamaat reached Turkey, we learnt that there was once another Jamaat from India that had also come to Turkey. This Jamaat was not granted permission. We were also told by the locals that we had to obtain permission to work from the local Mufti Sahib. We agreed amongst ourselves that if we do not obtain permission, then the least we can do is meet Mufti Sahib. When we went to meet him, we were ordered to meet the deputy Mufti first. We met the deputy Mufti and had a conversation regarding religious matters. The grand Mufti Sahib was listening to the conversation from behind the curtains. He later called for us and related an incident to us.

Previously there had also been a Jamaat from India, they also asked permission to work (make effort of Dawah), but I never gave them permission, with the false impression that they must be spies because a group travelling from as far as India would not have come just to spread the religion. That Jamaat became despondent

and left. That same night, I saw the same Jamaat in a dream. They were in a barren land. They were seated and the Messenger ﷺ had a bunch of grapes and was distributing the grapes amongst the Jamaat. I thought to myself that after distributing to the members of the Jamaat, the Messenger ﷺ will also give me some. But to my astonishment, after distributing to the Jamaat, the Messenger ﷺ left. I followed him and approached the Messenger ﷺ from another angle assuming that the Messenger ﷺ will turn to me and will also offer me some grapes. But he looked at me and said, “You are not worthy of these bunch of grapes until you do not make more effort for this deen than those people”. My eyes opened and I realised that they are not a group of spies. My heart was now cleared of any doubts against the Jamaat, and I granted them permission to work throughout the whole city”.

Hadhrat Sheikh رحمه الله عليه heard the dream, and thanked Allah ﷻ and prayed, May Allah ﷻ bless us through the means of the Jamaat (Ameen).

Thereafter Hadhrat Sheikh رحمه الله عليه mentioned these eloquent words, “It is the custom, and habit of Allah ﷻ that he prescribes the antidote in accordance to the sickness of the ummah (nation) and inspires the method for the elevation of deen.”¹

The Importance of Da'wat (Calling People Towards Allah ﷻ)

Before the advent of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, the whole world was filled with darkness. Theft, lying, cheating, adultery, fornication, and idol worship was extremely common. Then the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ came and through Da'wat and calling people towards Allah ﷻ these evil acts began to decrease, and people came into Islam. Such Personalities (Rijaal) were made, who then continued this work of calling people towards the path of Allah ﷻ.

¹ Is The Tablighi Effort Necessary? Written by Hadhrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas bin Qari bandi ilahi دامت برکاته (Abridged version), Prepared under the auspices of: Muhaddith Shaykh Fazlur Rahman Saheb Azmi دامت برکاته

In our society we see that theft has become common, burglaries are orchestrated by our own Muslims against other Muslims. Adultery and fornication has become extremely common. Drugs and alcohol consumption has become common, to the extent that drugs are being sold in our locality by young Muslims. People in our locality are doubting Islam and also leaving Islam (May Allah ﷻ protect us all). The way we can rectify and improve our locality as well as the Ummah is by doing the same work of Da'wat which was done by our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and then revived by Hadhrat Moulana Ilyas Saheb رحمه الله عليه.

The effort of Da'wat creates zeal of knowledge in the hearts of the believers, after which they enrol into the Madrasahs and Darul Ulooms. With the effort of Da'wat, people will flock towards Islam. The effort of Da'wat creates a spiritual concern in the hearts of the believers, through which they will go to the Khanqahs for their spiritual reformation. Without the effort of Da'wat, our Masajid will become empty, our madrasahs will become empty, and our Khanqahs will become empty, to such an extent that people will start leaving the fold of Islam. If we ignore the effort of Da'wat, then the vices and evils will become extremely widespread, and our society will begin to leave the practices of Islam. We need to go out and call people towards Allah ﷻ so that they connect themselves with Allah ﷻ and save themselves from Jahannam (hell fire). The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ would go out and call people towards Allah ﷻ. This is visible in the Seerah of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

May Allah ﷻ protect our Imaan and grant us the ability to make an effort and call others towards good and forbid evil.

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و صلى الله على النبي الكريم و الحمد لله رب العالمين

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