

# **ADVICE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN GOLD**

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ وَالَاهُ أَمَا بَعْدُ:

This great advice is from an audio of Shaykh Muhammad Bin Hizaam (Rahimahullah) given to the Muslim ummah. It is translated and transcribed by brother Majeed Al Afghanee (may Allah forgive his sins)

I ask Allah to accept this work and make it beneficial for the readers.

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As it comes in the Hadith reported by Muslim and the wording of an-Nasa'i:

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " إِنَّ الدِّينَ النَّصِيحَةُ إِنَّ الدِّينَ النَّصِيحَةُ إِنَّ الدِّينَ النَّصِيحَةُ " . قَالُوا لِمَنْ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ " لِلَّهِ وَلِكِتَابِهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِأَيْمَةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَعَامَتِهِمْ "

It was narrated from Abu Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah said:

"Religion is sincerity/advice, religion is sincerity (Al-Nasihah), religion is sincerity." They said; "To whom, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "To Allah, to His Book, to His Messenger, to the imams of the Muslims and to their common folk."

The Shaykh says:

I advise myself and all of you, with the fear of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) in private and public.

It is the advice of Allah to His slaves

وَلَقَدْ وَصَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ

We have recommended to the people of the Scripture before you, and to you (O Muslims) that you (all) fear Allâh, and keep your duty to Him.<sup>1</sup>

I advise myself and you, with eagerness upon knowledge. We are eager upon knowledge, we are in a time where the tribulations have increased, .....\*, they avoid the learning of the book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet. The people are in urgent need of one who can teach them their religion, and to make them understand the religion of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی)

I advise myself and you with acceptance upon knowledge that we strive in seeking beneficial knowledge to benefit ourselves and to benefit all of the Muslims. In the two saheehs (saheeh Muslim and Bukhari) from Mu'awiyah ibn Abi Sufyaan (رضي الله عنه) he said the Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said:

من يرد الله به خيرا يفقهه في الدين

Whoever Allah desires good for he gives him comprehension in the religion.<sup>2</sup>

And the Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said:

من سلك طريقا يلتمس فيه علما سهل الله له طريقا إلى الجنة

Whoever treads a path searching in it knowledge, Allah will make easy for him the path to Jannah.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Surah Nisa 131

<sup>2</sup> Arabic reference – Book 46, Hadith 1633

<sup>3</sup> Muslim 2699

And the Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said:

إن الملائكة لتضع أجنحتها لطالب العلم رضا بما يصنع

Indeed the angels lower their wings for the student of knowledge in approval of what he does.<sup>4</sup>

So eagerness, eagerness upon knowledge, in it the individual is provided with the fear of Allah and with beneficial knowledge the individual is granted success from humility, submission, and supplication to Allah,

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ إِذَا يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ يَخِرُّونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ سُجَّدًا  
وَيَقُولُونَ سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنْ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا  
وَيَخِرُّونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ يَبْكُونَ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ خُشُوعًا ﴿١١﴾

Verily! those who were given knowledge before it (the Jews and the Christians like 'Abdullâh bin Salâm and Salmân Al-Farisî), when it is recited to them, fall down on their faces in humble prostration.

And they say: "Glory is to our Lord! Truly, the Promise of our Lord must be fulfilled. And they fall down on their faces weeping and it increases their humility."<sup>5</sup>

And Allah subhaanahu wa ta'ala said:

إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ ﴿١٧٠﴾

It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allâh.<sup>6</sup>

And Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala said

يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ ﴿١٧١﴾

Allâh will exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Tirmidhi 3536

<sup>5</sup> Surah Al-Isra 107-109

<sup>6</sup> Surah Faatir 28

<sup>7</sup> Surah Al-Mujadilah 11

And Allah (Jala Wa Ala) said:

قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۗ

Say: "Are those who know equal to those who know not?"<sup>8</sup>

With knowledge, the individual is provided a criterion to distinguish between the truth and falsehood.

Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ۙ

O you who believe! If you obey and fear Allâh, He will grant you Furqân [(a criterion to judge between right and wrong), or (Makhraj, i.e. a way for you to get out from every difficulty)], and will expiate for you your sins, and forgive you; and Allâh is the Owner of the Great Bounty.<sup>9</sup>

It is incumbent upon a Muslim that he is eager that his knowledge is beneficial for him, the type of beneficial knowledge which its companion transmits into actions.

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ فَعَلُوا مَا يُوعَظُونَ بِهِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ تَنبِيئًا  
وَإِذًا لَأَتَيْنَاهُم مِّنْ لَّدُنَّا أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا  
وَلَهَدَيْنَاهُمْ صِرَاطًا مُسْتَقِيمًا

But if they had done what they were told, it would have been better for them, and would have strengthened their (Faith);

And indeed we should then have bestowed upon them a great reward from Ourselves  
And indeed we should have guided them to a Straight Way.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Surah Az- Zumar 9

<sup>9</sup> Surah Al-Anfal 29

<sup>10</sup> Surah AN-Nisa 66-68

The beneficial knowledge is which its companion transmits into striving in obedience. The beneficial knowledge is that which its companion inherits jealousy for the religion of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) and enjoining the good and forbidding the evil, and eagerness upon good in the worldly life and the hereafter. This is what is incumbent upon the one who comprehends the religion and he studies and he is eager upon teaching the Muslims

من دعا إلى هدى كان له من الأجر مثل أجر من اتبعه لم ينتقص من أجرهم شيئاً

Anyone who calls to guidance then for him is the same reward as that received by those who follow it, without decreasing from their reward in any way.<sup>11</sup>

والله لأن يهدي الله بك رجلاً واحداً خير لك من حمر النعم

By Allah, if Allah guides one person through you, it will be better for you than possessing a lot of red camels.<sup>12</sup>

So be eager upon knowledge, be eager upon teaching the people. Every person teaches to the extent he is capable, to the extent of what Allah has given him from good.

I advise my brothers who are capable of travelling for seeking knowledge in this blessed place, Darul Hadeeth in Dammaj. And he who is not capable of travelling to this daar(house) then I advise that he acquires for himself some books, and that he listens to the lessons of the scholars and students of knowledge spread on the Salafi websites. With this is what I advise my brothers, May Allah preserve you and protect you and grant you success to that which Allah loves and is pleased with, and similarly I advise myself and all of you with eagerness upon coming together upon the book of Allah and the sunnah of the Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم). All of us make mistakes. The Muslim makes mistakes and there is no human being except that he will fall in to a slip or a mistake. It is obligatory to advise with gathering the word upon the truth, from whom it is known stubbornness in regards to the truth it is known from him desires then this one is distanced from and he is warned from and he will not harm except himself. But we should be advisors and eager upon coming together upon the book of Allah and the sunnah of the Prophet (رضوان الله عليهم) upon the way of the Salaf Us Salih (صلي الله عليه وسلم)

I advise myself and my brothers with not sitting with the innovators, as well as not attending their lessons and assisting in their call. Our brothers upon the sunnah and the jammah should distinguish themselves from the innovators, and call to Allah on their own and they are not pleased with the Mukhalifat of the innovator,

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<sup>11</sup> Riyad as-Salihin [Muslim] – Book 13, Hadith 1382

<sup>12</sup> Riyad as-Salihin [Al-Bukhari and Muslim] – Book 13, Hadith 1379

وَدُّوا لَوْ تُدْهِنُ فَيُدْهِنُونَ

They wish that you should compromise (in religion out of courtesy) with them, so they (too) would compromise with you.<sup>13</sup>

Between us and you, is the book of Allah. Between us and the innovator is the book of Allah. Between us and everyone who opposes is the book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) that we gather upon the rope of Allah,

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۗ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا

And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allâh (i.e. this Qur'ân), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allâh's Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islâmîc Faith).<sup>14</sup>

Allah commanded us that we gather upon His rope and that we hold onto His rope. The rope of Allah is His book and the sunnah of His Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم). The rope of Allah is the religion of truth which our Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) came with.

So eagerness upon that which benefits you, I advise myself and all of you that we be reliant upon Allah, seeking refuge with Allah from our actions and our statements in regards to our learning and our da'awah and our worship. We are in dire need of Him.

That we are always reliant upon Allah seeking refuge with Him. The Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said as found in Saheeh Muslim from the hadeeth of Abu Huraira (رضي الله عنه) that the Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said:

احرص على ما ينفعك واستعن بالله ولا تعجز

"Seek carefully what benefits you and seek help only from Allah and never lose hope".<sup>15</sup>

Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) said in His generous book

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

You (Alone) we worship, and you (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Surah al-Qalam 9

<sup>14</sup> Surah ali Imran 103

<sup>15</sup> Muslim 2664

<sup>16</sup> Surah al Fatiha 5

And Allah (سبحانه و تعالى) He says:

إِنَّ يَنْصُرْكُمْ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ وَإِنْ يَخْذُلْكُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ

If Allâh helps you, none can overcome you; and if He forsakes you, who is there after Him that can help you?<sup>17</sup>

So if Allah does not aid you then there is no aid for you, and if Allah does not grant you success then there is no success for you. Likewise, if Allah does not direct you then there is no direction for you, and if Allah doesn't guide you there then is no guidance for you. So it is incumbent upon the Muslim that you are reliant upon your lord, seeking refuge with Him. Beware of being misled with your knowledge or misled with your da'awah or misled with that which Allah has given you from understanding and intelligence or that you are amazed with yourself. You are in need of humbling yourself to Allah (سبحانه و تعالى)

وما تواضع أحد لله إلا رفعه الله

One doesn't humble himself for Allah except that Allah raises him.<sup>18</sup>

Amazement inflicts its companion with arrogance, and scorning of others

حسب امرئ من الشر أن يحقر أخاه المسلم

“Sufficient for a man from evil is that he despises his Muslim brother”.<sup>19</sup>

كل المسلم على المسلم حرام ماله وعرضه ودمه

“Every Muslim for another Muslim is inviolable: his blood, his property, and his honor.”<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Surah ali Imran 160

<sup>18</sup> Muslim 2588

<sup>19</sup> Muslim 2564

<sup>20</sup> Riyad as-Salihin [Muslim] – Book 18, Hadith 1527

سَأَصْرِفُ عَنْ آيَاتِيَ الَّذِينَ يَتَكَبَّرُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَإِنْ يَرَوْا كُلَّ آيَةٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُوا بِهَا وَإِنْ يَرَوْا سَبِيلَ الرُّشْدِ لَا يَتَّخِذُوهُ سَبِيلًا وَإِنْ يَرَوْا سَبِيلَ الْغَيِّ يَتَّخِذُوهُ سَبِيلًا ۗ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا عَنْهَا غَافِلِينَ

I shall turn away from My Ayât (verses of the Qur'ân) those who behave arrogantly on the earth, without a right, and (even) if they see all the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), they will not believe in them. And if they see the way of righteousness (monotheism, piety, and good deeds), they will not adopt it as the Way, but if they see the way of error (polytheism, crimes and evil deeds), they will adopt that way, that is because they have rejected Our Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and were heedless (to learn a lesson) from them.<sup>21</sup>

My brothers for the sake of Allah

It is upon us that we are eager upon that which benefits us, it is the advice of the Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) as found in saheeh Muslim

احرص على ما ينفعك واستعن بالله ولا تعجز

"Seek carefully what benefits you and seek help only from Allah and neither lose heart"<sup>22</sup>

I ask Allah to grant us and you success to that which He loves and pleases Him, and I ask Allah to accept from us and you our actions.

Indeed He is سميع قريب مجيب  
All Hearing, near and responsive.

And all praise is to Allah the lord of all that exists.

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<sup>21</sup> Surah al Araf 146

<sup>22</sup> Muslim 2664