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**SUSTAINER**



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## FOREWORD

In Ramdaan 1436 corresponding with the year 2015, Hadrat Maulana Abdul Hamid Is'haq Saheb D.B. delivered a lecture after Asr Salaah explaining the virtues of Taqwa and how Allah ﷻ sustains a Muttaqi person from unknown sources particularly at the time of need. Hadrat Maulana's advices have been compiled in this little booklet. We make Dua that Allah ﷻ makes it beneficial for one and all. Ameen!

الحمد لله وكفى وسلام على عباده الذين اصطفى

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

## WHAT IS TAQWA?

What is Taqwa? It is the special friendship of Allah ﷻ. When a person recites the Kalimah and brings Imaan then 50% of his work is done, so to say Allah ﷻ had gifted a person. This is similar to a father giving capital to his son to do business. He is now left to work on the capital and increase it to double or triple. Similarly, we have been given the capital. Now, we should make an effort and build our Taqwa which will make us the friends of Allah ﷻ.

## ALLAH'S ASSISTANCE WITH A MAN OF TAQWA

The fast of the month of Ramadaan is to acquire Taqwa. This is the reason for going to the Mashaaikh in the Khanqah, simply to acquire Taqwa. The exercise of fasting, Tilaawaat, Zikr, etc. in the month of Ramadaan is to acquire this Taqwa.

Allah ﷻ says,

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

*Allah shall create an escape (from difficulties) for the one who fears (disobeying) Allah (one who has Taqwa)...*

The Hadith discusses the incident of three people that had undertaken a journey and were trapped in a cave. There was no assistance that was available. There were no emergency services, nor any cellular phones. It was actually their Taqwa that had assisted them in the midst of the jungle. It was their sincerity that had assisted them. In this world, we will always experience ups and downs. We will be surprised how Allah ﷻ makes a way out for one. Sometimes there is an extra long queue at customs or immigration and you expect to wait for a perhaps a few hours. Suddenly you are called and taken through customs or immigration within minutes.

It is narrated that when you are stranded on the road and no one is there to assist you then make the Dua,

يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ أَعِينُونِي

*O servants of Allah! Assist me!*

Suddenly, you will find someone appears and assists you. Allama Khalid Mahmood Saheb ﷺ says that he had experienced such times when the angels had come to his assistance. Once they were at a railway station with plenty of baggage, children with them, they needed to change from one train to another. The platform was at a distance. Suddenly, someone came and offered their assistance and within minutes they got them boarded onto the other train.

Maulana Yunus Palanpuri Saheb, the son of Hadrat Maulana Umar Saheb Palanpuri was in Yugoslavia and surrounding countries. They were stranded and a person came up with a car and asked, "Where do you want to go?" They were in Jamaat and needed to get to a Masjid but didn't know where is the Masjid. He took them to a hotel, booked them in and paid the bill. They were able to wash their clothes with ease in the hotel with the availability of hot water. How doesn't Allah ﷻ fulfil the needs of people on account of Taqwa.

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*and shall provide for him (what he requires) from sources that he never expected (to receive provisions from).*

In one poem Khwaja Saheb says,

موت مجھے نہ آئے جب تک میں راز تو حید سے آگاہ نہ ہو جاؤں

*O Allah! Let death not come to me as long as I do not know the secrets of Tauheed.*

A mother may be out on the road with her children yet Allah ﷻ provides food for her and her children as well. Her needs are also

taken care of. Allah ﷻ will arrange her accommodation for the night as well. Allah ﷻ takes care of the needs of the animals. The birds leave their nests hungry in the morning but return in the evening with a full stomach. For delivery of their little ones, these animals don't require any cesarean not do they require any maternity homes. Allah ﷻ sees to the needs of each and every one. How much more wouldn't Allah ﷻ give those that possess Taqwa. This is the Taqwa that is being dished out in the blessed month of Ramdaan.

In the apartheid days we would hardly get a Halaal take away. A person is travelling and feels hungry and stops at a particular place. Suddenly a person comes and forces you to his house to partake of meals. A person thinks to himself that he will just have some chips and juice for lunch and suddenly he is invited for a meal. This happens all the time.

When Afghanistan had fought the Soviet Union, they had totally defeated them. Currently, the U.S. has also been defeated in Afghanistan. They placing a veil over the reality by stating that they are withdrawing their troops, etc. whereas in reality they have been defeated. The proof of this is that the Taliban are still surviving and continuing with life. Where did we ever hear of an army requiring protection? The army supposed to be fighting, not looking for protection. The Taliban had crushed them so terribly that a few days ago the cabinet and parliament were attacked in Kabul. After defeating the Soviet Union they had negotiations with them.

### **STARVATION FOR THREE DAYS**

A senior Alim was sent to negotiate on behalf of the Taliban. He was not informed as to where he will be heading and when will he go. At the last minute they informed him that he will be travelling towards

the Soviet Union. He didn't know exactly when he will be undertaking this journey. His wife packed a basket of food for him. He was then instructed to be at Kabul airport at a particular time. Whilst waiting at the airport he notices a lady with a Burqaa coming to the bin, she picked up a dead bird from the bin and was taking it with her. He told her that it is Haraam for you to eat it. She said, "It is Haraam for you and not for me, meaning that her family hasn't eaten for three days so carrion is permitted for her to save her life." Just then he was informed that his trip has been cancelled. He gave the entire basket to her. This is how Allah ﷻ provides from places that we cannot imagine. For whom is the food prepared and for who eats it.

Maulana Muhammad Umar Saheb Palanpuri ﷺ used to say, "If a sweet is placed in the mouth but it is not meant for you, then too you will not eat it." Your two year old child will come and demand the sweet from you, in fact he will place his fingers in your mouth and remove the sweet.

A Jamaat was in Bangladesh and they were rolling up their bedding. A mealie seed was tied up in the bedding. When they reached Raiwind and unfolded the bedding, a rooster had immediately come and eaten the seed. The sustenance of the rooster was imported from Bangladesh by the courier and the carrier.

A foreign Jamaat that was in Bangladesh were leaving for the station when a mealie seed had entered the nose of a brother. He was then taken to a doctor that said that it could prove fatal and thus has to be removed. They didn't have sufficient time to attend to it in Bangladesh, however when they reached Raiwind he had a sneeze which caused the seed to emerge and was immediately eaten by a

fowl. Here too, the sustenance of the fowl was transported in the nose of a person.

## HASTENING FOR ONE'S SUSTENANCE

Hadrat Ali ؑ was once in Kufa at the time of Maghrib. He stopped for Salaah and instructed a villager sitting outside to take care of the horse whilst he performs his Salaah. When he came out of the Masjid, he found that the horse was still present but the saddle and bridle of the horse was missing. He went to the market to purchase another saddle and bridle, and to his surprise he found his own saddle and bridle being sold. The shopkeeper told him that a person had come a little earlier and sold the saddle and bridle to him for 7 Dirhams and he may also have it at the same price. This had caused Ali ؑ to smile. Ali ؑ then said, "This belongs to me. I was supposed to give the villager 7 Dirhams for taking care of my horse, but he could not wait for his 7 Dirhams (until after Salaah) so he stole the saddle and bridle and thus made the 7 Dirhams Haraam upon himself."

In the Quraan Allah ﷻ says,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

O you who have Imaan! Fear *(the punishment of)* Allaah *(by doing good and abstaining from sin)* and stay *(associate)* with the truthful.

By remaining with the pious, their piety will rub off onto a person. Hadrat Maulana Abrar-ul-Haq Saheb ؒ explains this point by means of an example. He says, "You are a poor person that doesn't own a fridge. It is the month of Ramadaan, the days are long and you are experiencing extremely hot days. Therefore you are breaking your

fast with tap water which is 45 degrees celcius. Your neighbour is a wealthy person that has a fridge. He tells to you leave a glass of water with him which he will keep in the fridge and you may collect the water 5 minutes before Iftaari.” When the fasting person makes Iftaari with a cold glass of water, then he will say ‘Subhanallah’ from the bottom of the heart. Similarly, Taqwa will be acquired by merely remaining with the pious friends of Allah ﷻ who are truthful in their Taqwa.

## **THE ABILITY OF DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN TRUTH AND FLASEHOOD**

In another verse Allah ﷻ says,

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

*O you who have Imaan! If you fear Allaah, He will grant you a criterion (a standard by which you can differentiate between right and wrong and a means by which you may save yourself from that which you fear), will cancel (forgive) your sins and forgive you. Allaah is extremely Bountiful.*

A person will be able to make up his mind and make the correct decision. A person sometimes doubts whether he should go to a certain place or not, undertake a certain venture or not, should I take up the employment post offered at a certain company, must I get my daughter married to a ceratin person that has proposed or should I turn it down, and he is unable to make a decision. A man with Taqwa will be able to make the correct decision due to his Taqwa. Further, others will consult with you in their matters.

People will make Mashwera (consult) with you in medical matters even though you do not have the relevant knowledge in that particular field. The business people will come to consult with you, should they undertake a certain business venture or not. You don't really know about business but you will be able to make a decision due to this quality of differentiating between that which is good and that which is harmful.

## **A MUTTAQI RECEIVES KNOWLEDGE DIRECTLY FROM ALLAH ﷻ**

In another verse Allah ﷻ says,

واتقوا الله ويعلمكم الله

*And fear Allah! And Allah will teach you*

A person with Taqwa will acquire that knowledge from Allah ﷻ which one will not acquire from any Darul Uloom. He will acquire that knowledge which the best Ulema of his era cannot give him. How can anyone compare to the knowledge which Allah ﷻ will be giving him. There are two types of knowledge, one is that knowledge which one makes an effort for whilst the other is that knowledge which Allah ﷻ bestows upon a person.

Sheikh Ahmad Radulwi was a very great Buzurg in our chain that links us to Rasulullah ﷺ. He was a young boy that was going to learn Arabic grammar from his brother. In grammar the student commences by learning the scales which translates as, "He one man hit, they two people hit, they many men hit." The Sheikh asked, "Who hit and if he did hit why did he hit?" He was told that this is just an example so he said, "If nobody had hit, then this is a lie, and

if someone hit another for no reason then it is regarded as oppression, I don't want to become an Alim where the first step is lying and includes oppression. This was then reported to the Sheikh who said, "Don't teach him, Allah ﷻ will teach him directly." On acquiring Taqwa this is the type of knowledge that Allah ﷻ will bless a person with.

How many graduate as Alims, they have knowledge but hardly any experience or insight and foresight. The parents of that child are non-Ulema yet they have Taqwa within them. They will be able to rightly guide that boy. He won't have the experience that they have inspite of him having studied Bukhari and other books of Hadith and Fiqh.

A person that passes away after having acquired Taqwa, Allah ﷻ appoints two angels at his Qabr. These angels continue making Ibaadat till the day of Qiyaamah and the rewards of their Ibaadah is transferred into his account.

## **RAMDAAN IS FOR ACQUIRING TAQWA**

Allah ﷻ has given us the month of Ramdaan to acquire this Taqwa. Allah ﷻ mentions in the Quraan that the fast of Ramadaan is only for a few days, referring to 29 nor 30. In other words they are so few that they can be counted on the fingers. The month hardly starts and the first ten days are over. We hardly got into the second ten days and the preparation for I'tikaaf commences. A few days later people are preparing for Eid. The month is certainly going to come to an end, have we achieved or acquired in Ramdaan that which we were supposed to acquire. Hadrat Sheikh ﷺ has written that those that fast as they ought to, they do not feel their fasts.

We are aware of the famous incident of two women that were experiencing severe hunger due to backbiting. Their condition was described before Rasulallah ﷺ who had asked them to vomit in a bowl, which consisted of fresh blood and flesh. From this Hadrat Sheikh رحمه الله has proven that by sinning the fasts of a person becomes difficult, the month seems to be very long. Those that keep a proper fast have hardly completed their Ma'moolaat for the day and it is already time to break one's fast.

Rasulallah ﷺ is reported to have said, "There are two occasions of happiness for a fasting person. One occasion is at the time of breaking one's fast, whilst the other is when a person will meet Allah ﷻ on the day of Qiyaamah." May Allah ﷻ grant us the Taufeeq to spend the month of Ramadaan correctly and bless us with Taqwa!





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