

Sohbats by Hadrat Shaykh Muhammad Mehmet Adil al-Hakkani

GIVING SADAQAH SECRETLY IS BETTER

As-Salāmu 'Alaykum wa RaḥmatuLlāhi wa Barakātuh. Aʿūdhu BiLlāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. BismiLlāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm. Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu 'alá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Akhirīn. Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi RasūliLlāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā, Dastūr Mawlana Sheikh Abdullāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistāni, Sheikh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam'iyyah.

Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

الَّذِينَ يُنفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ

"Al-Ladhīna Yunfiqūna Fī As-Sarrā'i Wa đ-Đarrā'i", "Who spend (freely) [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship." (Qur'an 03:134). Ṣadaqa Llāhu l-'Aẓīm.

Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla is praising those who give Sadaqah both secretly and openly and who perform worship. When giving Sadaqah, it is better to give it secretly, says Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla. It can be given openly as well. But it is better to give secretly. It is better in terms of humanity. In order for a needy person not to feel embarrassed, it is better to give it secretly.

It is better for the one who gives as well not to be proud. What they do must be for the pleasure of Allah ³⁶. He must neither show it off, nor expect anything. The given Sadaqah and given charity are for the pleasure of Allah ³⁶. No need to expect even gratitude for it.

If they thank you, they do. If not - Some people say, "We gave to them but they didn't thank us". You gave for the pleasure of Allah ⁴⁸, so you must expect it from Allah ⁴⁸. You must expect the reward and Thawab from Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla. But if you gave in order to be thanked, it is worthless then. The actual reward from the presence of Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla is important. If all people thank you, it has no benefit. The beneficial is when Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla is pleased with you and is happy with the deeds you do. What's important for us is the pleasure of Allah ⁴⁸ and satisfaction of Allah ⁴⁸ with us.

People of the present time want to do, even little things, for personal benefit. When they do something, they remind people of this favor; "I did this, I did that." Whereas it is said in Qur'an 'Azimu sh-Shan, "لَا نُرِيدُ مِنكُمْ جَزَاءً وَلَا شُتُورِرًا", "Lā Nurīdu Minkum Jazā'an Wa Lā Shukūrāa", "We wish not from you reward or thanks." (Qur'ān 76:09). "We don't expect anything in return, not even gratitude. We did it for the pleasure of Allah [@]". Paradise is promised to them. Beautiful paradise is promised to them. That is much better than this whole world.

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What is gratitude? It is nothing. Allah ¹⁸ is teaching us goodness and beautiful manners. May He ¹⁸ make us successful in following that way. May we not obey our egos. People nowadays have made up new things; impoliteness and this and that. They want to show what they do, "We did this. We did that". If you do it for showing off, it has no value then. Nevertheless, Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla will reward you like giving one instead of a thousand. May Allah ¹⁸ help people insha'Allah. May they come to their senses.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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