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## Ramadan Lectures- Flashes on faith1425H- Lesson(30-64): Sweetness of Faith

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of Creations, and Peace and blessings be upon our prophet Muhammad, the faithful and the honest.

Oh, Allah, we know nothing but what You teach us. You are the All- Kowner, the Wise. Oh Allah, teach us what is good for us, and benefit us from what You taught us, and increase our knowledge. Show us the righteous things as righteous and help us to do them, and show us the bad things as bad and help us to keep away from them.

O Allah our Lord, lead us out from the depths of darkness and illusion, unto the lights of erudition and knowledge, and from the muddy shallows of lusts unto the heavens of Your Vicinity.

### **The sweetness of faith:**



Dear brothers, the believer's heart is overwhelmed with the sweetness of faith and this feeling is one of the requirements of faith, al abass abn abd al motaleb narrated that the prophet Mohammad (PBUH) said ; "The one who is content and

pleased that Allah is his lord and Islam is his religion and the prophet Mohammad is his messenger shall taste the sweetness of faith.”

Faith has a taste and the heart tastes it the way the mouth tastes food and drink



To clarify that, there are facts realized by the mind, and feelings that overwhelm the heart; these feelings which overwhelm the heart are the sweetness of faith. What makes the believer sacrifice everything for the sake of religion is the sweetness of faith, just like when someone has the blue prints of a magnificent palace that has huge rooms and big lobbies, this palace is but blue prints that were prepared by engineers, but the one who owns the drawings doesn't even own a cottage to live in; The sweetness of faith is to own that palace and to live in it. There is a big difference between one who owns the palace and he who owns only the drawings, and what attracts the attention is that the noble companions of the prophet achieved victory in a short period of time and they made miracles and they moved from grazing sheep to leading nations.

Although you see the Islamic appearances are very obvious nowadays but still the milliard and the three hundred million Muslims have no importance (or weight) although they are the third of the inhabitants of the world.

In fact, the sweetness of faith is the feeling that makes the man as a hero or legend, and what the noble companions achieved is unbelievable; our master Al sedek received from our master Khalid (may Allah be pleased with them both) a request of reinforcements in one of the battles in which Muslims were thirty thousand and the infidels were three hundred thousand, he asked for reinforcement. Is it reasonable to send only one person when he asked for fifty thousand?, Al sedek sent him Al kaka ax bn amr, when he arrived, our master Khalid asked him, where is the reinforcement? he said ; me, I am the reinforcement., He was surprised, then he read the letter which was sent with Al kaka abn amr; our master Al sedek said in the letter ; by Allah Khalid, and by Who sent the holy Quran down on the heart of Mohammad an army which has al kaka among the soldiers is an undefeatable army, one equals thousand, one as a

thousand, everyone of the companions of the prophet equals thousand, and a thousand of a corrupted nation doesn't equal even a sigh,.

### **The cost of the sweetness of faith ;**

In fact, the sweetness of faith has an expensive price and impressive results and everything which has an expensive price causes impressive results

Anas ibn Malek, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the prophet (PBUH) said ;

**((Three qualities that if a person has, has indeed found the sweetness of faith: The one to whom Allah and His Apostle become dearer than anything else, the one who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake, and the one who hates to revert to disbelief (Atheism) after Allah has brought (saved) him out from it, as he hates to be thrown in fire.))**

**((The one to whom Allah and His Apostle become dearer than anything else.))**



If you ask the milliard Muslims ; are Allah and His apostle dearer to you than anything else ? without hesitation their answer will be ; of course, Allah and His messenger are dearer to me than anything, but the scholars who interpreted this hadith said ; the holy Quran and the sunna should be dearer to you than anything else specially when they contradict with your interests ( the interest that you fancy is close to the doctrine of the prophet ), then you should put your interests under your feet and follow the doctrine of the prophet Mohammad, that is the first price of the sweetness of faith, the way we taste the drink and food, when you eat you taste it, there are different kinds of food, there are very expensive foods, and the way you taste food and drink your heart tastes the sweetness of faith When your heart gets overwhelmed with the sweetness of faith, you will get surprised, When you prefer the obedience of Allah to your current interests, you pay one of the prices of the sweetness of faith

**((The one to whom Allah and His Apostle become dearer than anything else.))**

I will give you some examples ;



You may travel to a far country to study, you find if you buy a house and you pay its price by usurious installments, the price of this house is a debt, you pay its installments and because you have a debt you don't pay taxes and when you own it you feel comfortable and all of your interests are through this usurious debt. However, if someone else finds the usurious installments are prohibited, therefore he rents a house and he is threatened to be out of the house any time and he should pay the taxes

All the troubles and the burdens come from renting a house and all comfort and facilities come from the usurious installments, that is the wisdom of Allah. What Allah has prohibited is very easy and what he has ordained is very difficult, and if it is vice versa, people would turn to what Allah has ordained not for the sake of His love or His obedience or to gain His paradise but because it is easier, but the wisdom of Allah has willed that What Allah has prohibited is very easy and what He has ordained is very difficult, He who rents the house is threatened to be out of the house any time and he should pay lots of taxes and he owns no house there; this person pays the price of the sweetness of faith, if he says I am the happiest person ever you should believe him because he pays the price of the sweetness of faith.

The second condition is ;

The one who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake Man, according to his nature loves the rich and the powerful, the powerful people support him and the rich people shower him with their money but if he has a poor relative who is a forgotten righteous believer, therefore when the believer builds his relations on the base of faith he sticks to the believers even if they are weak and poor and renounces the disbelievers and the infidels even if they are rich and powerful he pays the second condition of the sweetness of faith.



The sweetness of faith is astonishing, dear brothers, the sweetness of faith makes you a hero, the sweetness of faith makes the gold equals to dust in your eyes the sweetness of faith gives the life a meaning.

Notice, a house contains all the electric appliances, a refrigerator, air-conditioner, heater, and recorder, but with no electricity all of these appliances have no meaning but they turn to be a burden, they take up place but when the electricity comes every appliance has a meaning, the refrigerator conserves the foods, the air conditioner provides you with cold air, when you taste the sweetness of faith you find meaning to your marriage, you see all the marital relations are bad between spouses everyone gets bored from his or her mate because there is no sweetness of faith, then the marriage has no meaning, the son becomes a burden to his parents and causes them sadness, from the signs of the last times, the rain falls in the summer and causes no profits or benefits, and the son becomes burden to his parents, the mean people increase and the generous people decrease

The second condition ; to build your relations on loyalty and honesty, to be friend to a weak poor believer, you love him, visit him and welcome him, and you abstain from having relations with the corrupted people, you love believers even if they make mistakes and you may get some harm from them but you stay with them; the honest believer stays with the believers and abstains from the infidels even if they are able to profit him.

The one who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake That is why I say: to respond to the invitation of the rich people is from the worldly life but to respond to the needs of the poor are from the deeds of the hereafter.

Someone may invite you from the suburbs of the city there are difficulties in the transportation and the food is modest so you may apologize in a nice way and refuse the invitation; on the other hand and you may receive an invitation from a rich person with plenty of food and facilities in transportation you will accept the invitation without hesitation, you don't realize that you follow your interests. Therefore the loyalty and honesty are high prices of the sweetness of faith.

The third condition ;



**((And the one who hates to revert to disbelief (Atheism) after Allah has brought (saved) him out from it, as he hates to be thrown in fire.))**

From the signs of the weakness of faith, dear brothers, is the one who worships Allah as it were, upon the very edge (i.e. in doubt); if good befalls him, he is content therewith; but if a trial befalls him, he turns back on his face (i.e. reverts back to disbelief after embracing Islam). He loses both this world and the Hereafter.

If things go the way he likes he is content to be a believer but when trouble befalls him, he turns back to disbelief. When you love Allah and His messenger and follow His doctrine in the Quran and sunna, and when the doctrine contradicts with your interests, and when you stay attached to believers and you renounce the disbelievers and the infidels, almighty Allah said ;

**(Say (O Muhammad ): "Verily, my Salat (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists)).**

(Al-an'am-162)

When you are not affected by the ups and downs of the worldly life, you give everything whether in poverty or in wealth in health or in sickness in residence or in travelling before marriage or after marriage, almighty Allah said ;

**(Men whom neither trade nor sale diverts them from the Remembrance of Allah (with heart and tongue), nor from performing As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), nor from giving the Zakat. They fear a Day when hearts and eyes will be overturned (from the horror of the torment of the Day of Resurrection).**

(An-nur37)

(Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah [i.e. they have gone out for Jihad (holy fighting), and showed not their backs to the

disbelievers], of them some have fulfilled their obligations (i.e. have been martyred), and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed [i.e. they never proved treacherous to their covenant which they concluded with Allah] in the least.)

(Al-ahzab-23)

These are the prices of the sweetness of faith, believe me, dear brothers, between the facts of faith and the sweetness of faith, it seems like the difference between the one who utters by his tongue a million dollars and one who owns it. There is a big difference, if you own it you live in a magnificent house with an expensive car and you may buy an airplane and yacht.

The Islamic world speaks about the facts of faith but because they don't pay its price they don't taste the sweetness of faith, they seek weak legal opinions, in every difficult case they say; this is from the general affliction, bribe becomes from the general affliction, mixed meetings and all the sins are covered with the term "general affliction" therefore there is a veil between them and Allah, that is the bitter truth.

Our master Omar may Allah be pleased with him said;

If the whole worldly life from its beginning to its end was given to a man, then death comes to him he is like the man who had pleasant dreams then when he woke up he found nothing.

Naayem said; if we compare the whole worldly life to the hereafter it would be less than a whit, the worldly life took from the hereafter what the needle took from the water of the sea when it was dipped in it.



Dear brothers, when you taste the sweetness of faith you become a different person, if all the measures didn't get reversed then you didn't taste the sweetness of faith, what does it mean by all the measures get reversed? man considers himself smart if he collects money, whereas the believer who tastes the sweetness of faith considers himself smart when he spends the money, he builds his life on giving, the first one builds his life on taking, if your measures didn't

reverse then you didn't taste the sweetness of faith , you become happy when you give not when you take , the sweetness of faith needs a strong will and deep awareness and persistence , and when you pay the price of the sweetness of faith, Allah astonishes you by His giving.

The last idea , you don't get attracted to religion because it gives you an explanation about universe , life and human or because of the religious thinking but because of the sweetness of faith , you live a life that you never imagine, but you should pay the price.

Man went to the biggest shop that sells carpets and he said ; I want a first-class carpet , the salesman showed him a carpet worth eight hundred thousand pounds, yet he offered to pay five Syrian pounds , could this man get out of the shop safe ?

Some people want to achieve paradise by two raka (prostration ) without ablution , and by spending two pounds to the poor , that is the situation of Muslims , and one of the sins is to ask for paradise without paying its price , verily the goods of Allah are expensive.

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