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**WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE KEEP IT**

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وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ إِذَا عَاهَدْتُمْ

“Wa awfu bi’ahdillahi itha ‘ahadtum.” (Sura Nahl:91) Allah Exalted and Glorious be He says: “When you make a promise, hold on to your promise, keep your promise.” Many times people make a promise saying, “I will do this and I will do that.” Really they are not lying when they are saying this. They say, “I will do it,” and say it with the intention to really wanting to do it. They say 100%: “I will hold on to that promise.”

Time passes and let us not say 100% but 99% of people do not do it. Why do they not do it? They are overcome by their ego. People who are overcome by their ego do not do what they promise. When you make a promise, you will do it! In daily life too, when you make a promise you need keep your promise even if it is a small thing. In the past they would say, “Our word is an obligation (they would take one at one’s word).” And now all obligations are becoming a protest.

Leave the word aside, even if you write it, even when it is written people still do not keep their promise. Therefore, courts are full of these cases. The number of such incidents occurring between people are innumerable. Keeping a promise is the work of a man.

مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ

“Minal mu’minina rijalun sadaqu ma ‘ahadullaha ‘alayh.” (Sura Ahzab:23) “Among the believers are such men who are true to what they promised Allah.” They are men. The person who keeps his promise is a man. The person who does not keep a promise cannot be a man anyway. He is not a man. His manliness is shortcoming.





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It is like this with everything. When you make a promise in daily life you should not twist it. Why do they say “He twists”? It is said about women. The one who is a man does not twist. My brother, when you give your word you need to do it. If you are not able to do it, do not give your word. Nobody is forcing you to give your word. Nobody has the right to make you do something by force. Give your word if you are going to do it, and if you are not able to do not give it. Make this into a habit.

You are a Muslim, you are the nation of our Holy Prophet (SAW). Go out to the presence of our Holy Prophet (SAW) with the attribute of a man. Thank Allah ever since we were a kid, Hajji Anne and Shaykh Baba (QS) did not get us used to expecting and asking for something from anybody. Here and elsewhere, we saw too many people making a promise saying, “If that happens I will do this,” and not doing it.

If you make a promise hold on to that promise. Keep your promise because if you do not do it in little things you can never do it for bigger services. A person who cannot come close to little things can never approach bigger things. They say, “This is unnecessary. What is the use for me to do this service, this good deed. We are more in need.” You made a promise and you have broken your promise. Actually, it is a great shame. But people have no shame left anymore. People who enter this way need to get used to it little by little. They will keep little promises. They will make it a habit. Even if nobody is aware of it, if they make a promise to themselves they will keep that promise.

Allah Azza wa Jalla is the one who is aware. Say, “Allah is my witness, Allah is with me. Allah is my witness everywhere, and He sees me.” You should be most ashamed of Allah. You need to be ashamed of Allah such that even if you did not openly give a promise to anybody, if you gave a promise to yourself you will keep that promise of yours. Some people say, “I will Inshallah pray namaz.” They start: one day, two days. Then something happens, they comply with their ego and leave prayer. They say, “I will fast,” and again the same way. “I will leave this bad habit,” and again they cannot do it. “I will stop smoking,” and they cannot stop. If there are other bad habits they say, “I will stop them,” but cannot.

These are all the same. The person who makes a promise and cannot do it is not acceptable. He is not an acceptable man in the sight of Allah and is not counted as a man. As we said, people now see breaking a promise as a talent. The whole nation, the whole of humanity is like this. That is why this idea that is settled in their mind needs to change. They do not all happen at once. As we said, learning little by little. Just like warming up





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before doing sports. Again it is the same way. A person needs to make a promise and get themselves used to it saying, "I made a promise today and I was able to hold it this much."

While doing more and more later, in the end when like a man you do the things you are supposed to do and keep the promises you make, you become an acceptable person in the sight of Allah (JJ) and the Prophet (SAW). You would also become an acceptable person amongst people because those typepeople are rare now. People want it but say, "There is no such thing and everyone has become like me. They make a promise but they do not keep it."

Arabs have a saying, I remember it: "I break my promise a thousand times," it says meaning for the common people. It says, "I break my promise a thousand times so I do not get cheated once." The man did not make you give your word by force. You gave it to him. Why should you break it a thousand times or one time? But not just our nation, the whole of humanity young and old has become like this. It is End Times. May Allah save us all from these bad habits Inshallah. May we become from the true ones and from the people Allah Azza wa Jalla praises in the Koran.

He says about them: "They keep their promise." They made jihad with our holy Prophet (SAW), they fought, and they did not go back on their promise. Some of them lost their lives, some of them waited so they can become a martyr, and they did not go back on their word. May we also be amongst those who do not go back on their word and be next to them Inshallah. May Allah make us all stand firm and from those who keep their promise.

Wa Minallah at-tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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