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THE SHEPHERD AND THE HEARD

Assalamu Alaykum

Anzu Billabi Minashaytanir Rajeem

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem

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Tariqatunas sobba, wal khayru fil jamiyya.*

Our Holy Prophet states, “كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ، وَ كُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ” (Kullukum ra'in, wakullukum mas'ulun 'an ra'iyatih.) “You are all shepherds, and you are all responsible for your heard.” You did not come to this world to roam around mindlessly. Everybody has a responsibility, and things they will be questioned for. The most important thing too is our Holy Prophet's representation of the shepherd and the herd. Why is he representing it like that? Because being a shepherd does not forgive the slightest mistake. If he leaves the herd, it will either fall off the cliff or the wolf will take it away. That is why we always need to be careful.

What we mean by a shepherd: Everybody is responsible for the slightest individual, for the person and their family. The head of a family is its shepherd. He has responsibilities toward them. He has to look at what they are doing and whatever they are doing. They have their right. Nobody can say, “This one is grown now, and will live according to his own head.” Even if grown, they take ideas and they take advice. Or the elder one gives advice and shows the right way.

A family, above it the neighborhood, as we reach the village and the whole country, slowly then all is administered well. But it is not good to leave the kids to their own heads and say, “They will be taught at school and here and there anyway.” Today's people do not want to assume responsibility anymore. After giving birth, they say, “Now, let the government take care of them, or let so and so take care of them.” They throw the responsibility and the blame at others. No. Our Holy Prophet's saying, “Everybody will be questioned for his own group and his own family.” That is why it is a duty. He has to do it even if it is difficult. Of course, what we say applies to people who believe in our Holy Prophet. They need to raise their families with those beliefs, and manage them in that manner. Not according to their own heads and according to their bad ideas. According to what Islam orders and what the Prophet brought. Most people say, “According to me.” What according to you? Who are you? You are someone ignorant who does not know anything anyway. Look, humility is beautiful. Ask yourself, “I wonder if what is according to me, fits with Islam and our Holy Prophet's sunna?” You may say it



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accordingly. If it does not fit, you need to say, "I am at fault. I need to learn too." When learning beautiful things, it becomes a blessing for the family as well. It truly becomes a beautiful family. When the family is beautiful, the jamaat (group) becomes beautiful, the nation becomes beautiful, and the country becomes beautiful.

Our Holy Prophet's words are for people to find happiness and peace of mind in the world, before the hereafter. They are advice. They are like gold, more valuable than gold. May Allah grant us all to go after these words Inshallah.

Bi Hurmat al-Fatiha.

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