

## THE MURSHID PREPARES THE MURID

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Allah (JJ) created son of man to grow starting from childhood, spend his life, and then go to the hereafter. During this time, people go through various tests. A test is a tough thing. Most people comply with their ego and do not know about a test or tribulation.

Whatever capabilities people have, they have both for the world and for the hereafter, they have to develop them. This happens by following a tariqa and a true guide (murshid). When you follow a true murshid, he makes you reach high stations. Otherwise you would be left raw, you would be left without being prepared, and you would leave the [the world the] way you came. When you follow a shaykh, he starts cooking you. As an example of this, let us describe it as an analogy. Think of a cauldron. All the brothers and sisters (ikhwan) are in it. Those who do a lot and those who do not are accordingly slowly being prepared. Those who do much, who progress more, are cooked more and taste better. Those who do less, they are also cooked slowly, and because they are together they also benefit.

Most people are baffled, "What have I become?" They wonder, "Did I make progress or not?" From now on you are next to the shaykh. Do not think about this. Do the orders. Those bad habits of yours slowly decrease and your good habits increase. You become good and you become with the good ones. That is why our Holy Prophet (SAW) says, "People are with those whom they love." Since you are in the same vessel, you will also get from that taste. When you are with those beautiful people, their blessing (baraka) will surely get on you too, and you will always be together.

Therefore, you must certainly connect to a door. You need to follow a way and a murshid so you are not left alone, so you are not left raw outside and leave as you came. It is still good if you leave as you came. People leave worse off. Because the world does not leave them clean. It rots them, it makes them moldy, it makes them stink, and sends them that way. In order not to end up in that state, if you do not want to end up in that state, make sure to follow a way and a guide, so he may train you and make you reach Allah.

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As we said, there is way and a murshid that fits everybody's temperament. Everybody cannot be the same. There is no such thing as "Absolutely come to us". You come if you have a kismet. You come if there is affection (muhabbat) for you. If not, there is no obstacle if you want to go somewhere else. Because Allah has many beloved servants and ways. You can go on that path from everywhere and live as Allah commands.

However, as we said, the murshid and the way are important. Do not say, "I can do it alone!" People who have tried to do it alone have not been able to succeed most of the time. They did not know the path and deviated from it. Therefore, make sure to follow a guide. May Allah grant us all to be prepared on this way Inshallah, and may He not leave us raw.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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