

## MANKIND IS UNGRATEFUL

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāhi. A'ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm. Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu 'alá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-ākhirīn. Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

Allah 'azza wa jalla created mankind, but of course mankind in his nature is ungrateful. When does the remember Allah? When he is in distress, Allah says. When he is in water and the waves start hitting; when the waves hit the ship, he remembers Allah. Then they say, "If He saves us, we will be grateful." After being saved by Allah, they commit shirk; they do not thank Him. In fact, every minute of our lives we use provisions (*ni'māt*) from Allah. At all times, we must be giving thanks to Allah, [and] never forgetting Him.

We did not have news, [but] two days ago everyone was alarmed. They announced, "A storm is coming! A storm is coming!" Surely Allah brings storms when He wills. Lightening happens. Waves take things away. Everything Allah wants, happens. In a hurry people run away from the area where the storm was expected. Allah 'azza wa jalla stopped the storm there, as He willed. Thanks be to Allah.

There is a great lesson in this. Allah 'azza wa jalla showed this clearly to people. When something like this takes place, people beg Allah, they pray, "May Allah save us!" When they are saved, yet again they forget Allah. This is ungratefulness. This is being ungrateful towards Allah. They are not aware of His daily provision, then they start complaining, crying out against what happens. They do not remember Allah. Allah is to be remembered at all times. No other one. The one who saves us, the one who bestowed upon us this beautiful country, is Allah 'azza wa jalla. No other but He.

Something happens when Allah wills. When he doesn't will, one might spend as much as he likes, might try, [but] nothing happens. It is necessary to thank Allah, to ask for His help. No one other than Allah can do a thing. Let it be the strongest man in the world, let it be the strongest country, they are nothing in front of Allah's power. A million times below zero. Thanks be to Him that we are created as Muslims. Remember him at all times. Insha'Allah, may Allah bestow upon us wakefulness.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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