



Sofbats by
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UNGRATEFULNESS AND GRATEFULNESS

As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatu Llāhi.

A‘ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-ākhirīn.

*Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā,
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Ḥaqqānī. Madad.

Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam‘iyyah.

Allah ‘azza wa jalla created us in a most perfect form. He created us honorable, but people do not know this. They are ungrateful; they do not recognize Allah. Muslims should know Him. His provisions are many, uncountable. Every day we worship two hours in total, perform daily prayers—even if we worship millions of years, we cannot really pay back [even] a small portion of [His] provision (*nī’mah*). It is we who benefit from the worship.

Allah created us, put us here on Earth. We should show gratefulness towards His mercy; it is not right to complain. Allah has bestowed skills on each of us, [and] a person should act accordingly, should follow what suits his skill. Wherever a person goes, he make do, which means where he is he can earn his own daily bread. Sometimes he gets cross and goes other places, does things. There are some other people—whatever you offer they find excuses, they complain, regardless their own laziness, awkwardness, in the end they go against Allah.

“Everyone works, I am not able to. Why did You not give to me?”—with such complaints, he goes against Allah. This is the worst thing. Already our time here is only few days, whether this or that way one will survive. Therefore see the both sides. There is a story our Shaykh father used to tell. In Sham, a man used to sell second hand things. Whatever he sold was not even worth a lira. When asked, “How is your work?” He would kiss his hand, put his hand on his forehead, and say, “Ohhh, perfect, alhamdulillah! It could not be better!”

Nowadays people have it all, [yet] they are not happy. Already it is the case that if a man does not have inner fulfillment, it does not matter whether you give him the worlds,

no benefit [i.e., satisfaction] would come to him. This is why we must be grateful from our deepest selves. We must be thankful, so that Allah is happy with us. What is important is earning His pleasure. As we said, we are not here for the world, but for the Next Life. In this life on Earth that is very short let us earn halal, be grateful to Allah, worship Him, be how he wants us to be, insha'Allah. May Allah grant us all the same

spiritual light and faith, insha'Allah. Let us consider the kernel rather than the shell. Let us not consider this world, but Allah, the Owner, insha'Allah.

*Wa min Allahi t-tanfiq,
al-Fāṭḥah*

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