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LOVING THE PROPHET (SAW)

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu 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,

dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-

Haqqānī. Madad.

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

For a Muslim the most important thing is to believe in Allah, loving Him the most and loving His Messenger, our Prophet (SAW). This is an obligation upon us. To have reverence for the Prophet (SAW) must be our aim. Therefore, the Prophet (SAW) asks us to increase [our] supplication (*şalamāt*) [upon him].

When we recite salawat, the Prophet (SAW) accepts it as we say it. There can be nothing more beautiful than this. Sometimes you give salam to people who are walking on the streets, and they may not return your salam, making you upset. With the Prophet (SAW) there is no such thing—as soon as you recite salawat for him he says he returns it back to you. He says, "I hear and accept it." Reciting salawat for the Prophet (SAW) is, therefore, a blessing for us and beauty.

One who does not respect him, love him, is a shaytan. No matter how many times a day he does salah, worship, or whatever, as long as he holds no love, whatever he does is not accepted. That person is unfortunate. Those who love him are those who are saved. They are saved, [but] for the others it is hard. Because Shaytan has put a lot of his fitna amongst Muslims, whoever is on the path of the Prophet (SAW) are said to be on the wrong path. One would have thought it impossible for it to have reached such an extent. While there is a lot going on in this world, a lot of sin being committed, they are annoyed at Muslims, [and] on top of everything they are annoyed by those who love the Prophet (SAW).

They are off the path, [and] as long as they do not come to the path their situation is dangerous. May Allah protect them from leaving the world as non-believers at their last minute, because they are following Shaytan, [and] Shaytan can make them the people of hell easily during their last breath.

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Our salvation, therefore, is in the respecting the Prophet (SAW), in the recitation of salawat, in loving Him. May Allah have us as one of his companions. May he (SAW) also love us! May we love him always and forever, insha'Allah!

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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