



Sofbats by
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THE VIRTUE OF FORGIVENESS

As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatu Llāh.

Aū’dhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-Shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwālīna wa l-Ākhirīn.

Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā,

dastūr yā Shaykh ‘Abdu Llāh al-F’āiz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-

Ḥaqqānī. Madad.

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

Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

وَالْعَافِينَ عَنِ النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

“*Wa l-‘āfīna ‘ani n-nāsi wa Llāhu yuḥibbu l-muḥsinīn*” (Qur’ān 3:134) “...and [they] pardon others, and Allah loves the ones who add quality.”

Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm:

إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ

“*Inna dhālika min ‘azmi l-umūr*” (Qur’ān 31:17) “...surely, this is a resolve to aspire to.” Allah says that to forgive people for their mistakes is something of great importance. Everyone makes mistakes but very few can forgive. This is because people would like to pay back the wrong done to them. Sometimes you can do that. You may do that, but there is a huge reward in forgiving even when you have the means to punish someone. [In thus forgiving], one would have done a great deed, and would be overcoming his own nafs. If that does not seem good enough, then additionally, one could also help the wrongdoer, and so become a beloved servant of Allah.

Mankind is used to doing bad. They even cause more harm to people who help them and do them good, and so the Holy Prophet (SAW) said to beware of the person you help or do good for. To be able to forgive people, however, is not in everyone’s depth, not everyone can do it. The most powerful, manly, or chivalry person is the one who choses to forgive even though he can punish. It is easy to talk about this and to say it, but it is

actually hard to do. It's very hard. As we said, Allah loves difficult and acceptable deeds. Even though people are making so many mistakes, Allah is providing their sustenance and allowing them to live this life. As the Holy Prophet (SAW) said, Allah is the most mistreated by these people. And although another would not give them a drop of water and not let them take even single breath, Allah forgives them and He gives time to people [being patient]. He shows more mercy towards us.

Sheikh Nazim, our father, when he was wronged would usually say make excuses for the wrongdoer, or say that he was not responsible, or that he was being foolish or is crazy, and then he would just let the matter go. Also [when problems come] between people, they begin to say "he said and she said" and make a big deal out of things. It is the same with between a husband and wife. They don't forgive each other and make a big deal out of things. To forgive is a good thing. It gets rid of that distress inside of you. It gets rid of darkness and gloom. May Allah forgive us all. We are all in need of forgiveness.

*Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq,
al-Fātiḥah`*

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