



Sofbats by
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RESPONDING TO HARM WITH HARM

As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa raḥmatu 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-Awwalīna 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.

The Holy Prophet (SAW) says

لا ضرر ولا ضرار

“*Lā ḍarara wa-lā ḍirār.*” “In Islam, no harm should be given to others or received [from others].” Whether [it is a matter of] harming someone’s possessions or life, it is not allowed. Everything has rules and methods, regulations. If someone causes you harm or damage, then you can take them to court. That is how you should see things so that you can get your rights and receive justice.

Of course, during the time of the Holy Prophet (SAW) there were caliphs. When there was wisdom in Islam, there was justice. People could get justice, and get their rights, but now if you go to a court, sometimes it can take years to get a case resolved. If one thinks to get his rights by his own mean, well that doesn’t work. It doesn’t work by you causing damage to the possessions of others. The Holy Prophet (SAW) set rules. There are rules in Islam. Everyone can ask for their rights, but you cannot take rights by force. There is no such thing. [So,] what should we do? We [should] leave it to Allah, and beseech Allah that He may secure your right for you in the here and Hereafter. Your rights will certainly be delivered to you in the End, but if you go on harming and damaging others, then Allah will take the rights owed to others from you, too.

People sometimes go by rules they set themselves according to their own minds. Yet when that is the case, first they are harming themselves, [although they might think] they are harming others [*i.e.*, getting even]. There are those who harm others [even] for no reason [at all]. Well, they in any event surely will not see any good in this world or the Next. Whatever a person does, he does it to himself, thinking that he is going to cause

damage to the other person, but [instead] he himself receives the biggest harm, gets harmed most. That is why the Holy Prophet (SAW) told us not to cause damage, not to harm others, not to torture others, not to damage or break things, [and] not to infringe on the rights of others.

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The Holy Prophet (SAW) was sent as a rahmah, as a mercy. That is why, although this is a hadith consisting of only two words, it is enough for the whole of humanity. We see the situation in the state of humanity right now. Nonbelievers are causing damage and harming the whole world, and are causing suffering to the whole world, and they think they're getting something out of it, [but] in the end, there's nothing left in their hands. They have been robbing the whole world for hundreds of years, and have cleaned it out, but again still nothing [good for them] has come from of it. It is the will of Allah through the command of Allah that they go from one crisis to another not knowing what to do anymore. They want to do like in old times. "Let's clean the world, but how?" They are saying it, and although they are "cleaning" it out, it is of no benefit. They are just causing harm, nothing but harm. Those who harm receive harm [in return].

May Allah protect us. May we not infringe on anyone's rights. May Allah protect us from the evils of our ego and from the evils of Shaytan, insha'Allah.

*Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq,
al-Fātiḥah`*

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