

## RELATIVES

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 Sādati Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-F'āiz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad.

Țariqatună ș-șuḥbah wa l-k.hayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) was sent by Allah to guide people as mercy to the worlds. At the beginning, his own tribe was not against him, they were going to be with him, but one of his uncles Abu Lahab was opposed to Him. The Holy Prophet (SAW) gathered everybody and told them that the order of Allah 'azza wa jalla was to start with [inviting to Islam] relatives and those around you first. Most of his other uncles accepted, but all of the sudden this one called Abu Lahab opposed it and banned them from being guided on the right way.

Although the Holy Prophet (SAW) was showing the way of guidance and the way of lights to all of them, nevertheless this uncle called Abu Lahab was the one who harmed him the most. That is why Allah 'azza wa jalla revealed a surah about him. Until the Day of Judgement he is being shamed and condemned, and subjected to the wrath of Allah. That is done to be an example and lesson for people. As long as one does not believe in Allah, nothing is useful and relatives will be of no help. Nothing has importance, if one does not believe in Allah. Believing in Allah is the most important thing. If one does not believe in Allah, even if the whole world is yours, it is of no use.

The Holy Prophet (SAW) suffered a lot of afflictions and difficulties, but turned these into good examples by loving and accepting whatever Allah ordained. We should not consider them as difficulties, because Allah 'azza wa jalla is commanding them to occur, [and so] there are rewards following them. The most rewarding works are those that are difficult, but if Allah wills, He makes hard tasks easy for people. It might look hard for people, but actually be easy. It is made easy by Allah for those whom He loves. It becomes a source of comfort, insha'Allah.

As we read in the hadith lesson yesterday, iman is important, but it needs to be refreshed, for it gets old, and so we can say again, "*Lā ilāha illā Llāh*." As we constantly say "*lā ilāha illā Llāh*", both our faith will be renewed and we will gain the reward for

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[saying] it. May Allah grant us real iman. May Allah protect us from Shaytan and from the evils of our ego, insha'Allah.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiņah

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