



Sofbats by
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ALLAH IS SOVEREIGN OVER THIS TRIAL

As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāh.

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

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.

That “the good (*khayr*) and the bad (*sharr*) are from Allah” is one of the pillars of faith. Good and bad are from Allah. Allah has spread this condition [i.e., coronavirus] all over world. There is nowhere in the world where it has not been detected. People ask what to do, and they take precautions saying let’s do this or that. Indeed precautions should be taken, and conscientiously so, but most importantly pray to Allah ‘azza wa jalla who sent it to us—this is the greatest precaution. If there are sins we have committed, we should repent. We should put ourselves in good order, so that Allah ‘azza wa jalla might have pity on us and have mercy on us. May He remove this curse from us.

So called Muslims have forgotten Allah already, and they have turned to other ways. Mankind has thought only about his own wellbeing—nothing else—and so this is a warning from Allah to wake people up. It looks bad, but insha’Allah it is going to be good. Those who are Muslims assert that this is coming from Allah, and ask for their reward from Allah, [for] in every calamity Allah causes good for believers. Even [if] a thorn hurts a Muslim, there is a reward, a station. These states [we find ourselves in] therefore are in order for good to come, insha’Allah. It becomes good for those who believe in Allah, who submit to Allah. For those who do not submit, this is bad, [that is,] if he does not take a lesson from it but rather continues in his old ways, and all the troubles he goes through are futile.

So it is important to submit to Allah. To trust Allah comes before precautions. When one takes medicine healing is not from the medicine but Allah. Allah ‘azza wa jalla has caused a secret (*sirr*) to [be inside] that medicine. You have to believe Him firmly, [but] in all of this that is happening, people have not yet woken up. Because we do not spend much time amongst people, we do not see this. But yesterday because of the journey, we did witness people. They still do not remember Allah—they have masks and gloves on and think they will be protected.

As long as Allah wants, even if you don't do anything, you are safe. However, the first thing to do is [one's] repentance (*tawbah*) to Allah, so that Allah will help and protect you. This is the greatest precaution. This is what is forgotten by most people, whether

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they are from a tariqah or not. Because of fear, they become confused and do not know what to do. The most important thing is to realize that it is Allah 'azza wa jalla who created this. It is then necessary to pray and ask Him not to trouble us with this. One needs to plead with Allah and repent, so that this curse will not affect us. Because where this curse originated is in a place where there has been oppression. It made its [initial] appearance in places where the most oppression had taken place. And so we are repenting and asking forgiveness. The worse oppression is to harm the believers, so this condition is sent as a punishment, not a reward. Repentance makes this lighter, and with the permission of Allah, it will then be removed. May Allah guide people and protect the Muslims, insha'Allah.

*Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq,
al-Fātiḥah*

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