

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

Riyadus Saliheen – Hadeeth No. 72

Change for the Better

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ

مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

'O believers! Fear Allah as rightly He is to be feared, and do not die ever save as Muslims.

(Aale 'Imran 3, Verse 102)

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ

Therefore, fear Allah as much as you can.

(Al-Taghabun 64, Verse 16)

This is the meaning of the first command.

Hadeeth:

عَنْ أَبِي طَرِيفٍ عَدِيِّ بْنِ حَاتِمٍ الطَّائِي رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

يَقُولُ: مَنْ حَلَفَ عَلَى يَمِينٍ ثُمَّ رَأَى اتَّقَى لِلَّهِ مِنْهَا فَعَلِيَاتِ التَّقْوَى - رواه مسلم -

(مسلم، كتاب الايمان، باب ندب من حلف يمينا فرأى غير با خيرا، ص ٨٩٨، حديث: ١٦٥١)

Sayyiduna Abu Zareef ibn Hatim al-Taa'i – may Allah be pleased with him – reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – saying, “If a person takes an oath to do something and then discovers something that is closer to Allah’s fear than the former, he should do the latter.” (Sahih Muslim)

Commentary:

Hadeeth:

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated:

رَأْسُ الْحِكْمَةِ مَخَافَةُ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ

Principal of wisdom is the fear of Allah Almighty.

(Shu'ab al-Iman of Imam Bayhaqi # 730)

Lesson:

- ✓ This Hadith emphasizes the importance of having the fear of Allah.
- ✓ If somebody has made a vow to do something good and then finds something that is closer to Taqwa then he should move on to the latter.

- ✓ The fear of Allah Almighty opens the doors of wisdom and one begins to see things in a different light from a spiritual insight and foresight which he never had prior to having the fear of Allah Almighty.