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## Don't Let Yourself Be Imprisoned

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Al-Fātiḥah! Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh. Assalāmu 'alaykum!

[Someone in the audience says to Mawlānā Shaykh "*mu'azzam*" (honoured one)] *Mu'azzam. As-salāmu 'alaykum!*  However many times you say "assalāmu 'alaykum," there is a rahmah, mercy. Every time that you give salām, blessings are raining from Heaven. Therefore, don't worry, use as much as you like as-salamu 'alaykum.

Oh our Lord! Oh our Creator! [Mawlānā Shaykh stands] You are the Lord of the Heavens and we are giving our best greet-



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ings, all glory, and all praises to You, O our Lord, our Creator. If You had not created, there would be no creatures in existence. We are saying *as-salāt ma-s-salāmu 'alayka yā Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ, Sayyidi l-ammalīna ma-l-ākhirīn.* And we are giving our best greetings to the most beloved one in the Divine Presence, Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ. We are asking for intercession from the most beloved one in the Divine Presence.

Oh People! Listen and obey and try to be obedient servants to your Creator, Allah Almighty. It is a very important thing for you, for me, and for everyone from mankind to say A'ūdhu billāhi mina sh-shaytāni r-rajīm and then to say Bismi llābi r-rahmāni r-rahim. Everyone must learn that we have been created and then sent to this planet. We have not been created for this earth, but imprisoned here. Because the fruits of wrong action and disobedience is imprisonment. And when you are imprisoned, you are in darkness and you can't taste anything, even though you have been created to be kings on earth, to be deputies of the Lord of Heaven.

Even if a good person, a happy person, a joyful person, does something wrong and is disobedient, he will be imprisoned. I am speaking about rules that people use on earth now. If a person makes a mistake, and commits a crime, the government will catch him and put him in jail. So many people come and ask me, "Oh Shaykh, our relatives, our sons, our husbands, our children have been arrested and put in jail. Please ask forgiveness for them in the Divine Presence. There is not only the Divine Pressence, for us there are Heavenly levels."

And they are saying, "Oh Shaykh, please ask for forgiveness in Heavenly Stations from those who are looking after creation, ask forgiveness for our relatives because they are now in jail." Jail is a place where people suffer and carry troubles. They lose the peace that has been granted to everyone when they give their high respect and glorification to Allah Almighty. When a person leaves that and goes the wrong way, troubles are coming to them as rain falls to earth.

Oh People! Take care not to be imprisoned. Whoever does something wrong must be imprisoned. For our lives on this planet there are Governments to arrest people and put them in jail, so that they will not be happy. And if a person does a wrong thing against humanity, if he makes trouble for creatures, then there is a court on the Heavenly levels. Whoever does something against the Heavenly law should be punished and the order comes, put him in jail. Yes.

Heavenly responsibility sometimes makes people do bad things and doing bad things is not honourable for mankind. Mankind has been honoured but if they throw away that honour and do something that is not suitable for such an honoured one he will be taken to jail and that jail is imprisonment through themselves. Beware! If you want *hayātun tayyibab*, a good life, a joyful life, an honourable life, a glorified life, keep yourself, don't do wrong things.

Subhan Allah. Allah Almighty is sending so many deputies, who are really followers in the steps of prophets, and many people, who are following the steps of the Prophet, Rasūlullāh 🕮, and after him the Ṣaḥābah, and after them the Salafu s-Salihin. But those, who claim to be Salaf are wrong. They are not following the steps of Salafu s-Sālihīn who followed the Sahābah, the companions of the Prophet 🕮 step by step. We are saying that you must look for those, who followed most carefully the steps of the Sahābah Kirām and after them Tabi'īn and Tabi'i t-Tabi'in, who followed every step the Sahābah took. They are following after the Sahābah and after them the Salafu s-Salihin, who never left the steps of the



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Ṣaḥābah. And after them so many people want to follow the steps of the Ṣāliḥīn, the good ones, those who are honoured ones from the Heavenly level.

The most careful ones are the Naqshbandī Țarīqah people. The majority of the people, who are following the steps of the Ṣaḥābah and the Tabiʿīn and after Tabiʿi t-Tabiʿīn, are Naqshbandī.

This is a tale to understand something. One of the Imams of the Golden Chain was 'Abdu l-Khāliq al-Gujdawānī, may Allah give him more honour and glory and make him closer to the Heavenly Presence of the Seal of Prophets. He was saying, "Oh my followers, I can remember that in 37 years, I have never put my foot in a dirty place or jumped over one ..." This is a deep knowledge that has been granted to him and those, who are following him. "I have never put my foot in a dirty place or I have never jumped into a dirty place. I am so careful to be clean. To be clean." Sometimes if you put your foot in some dirtiness and make like this, like this, to clean it, it is okay. But for 35 years he took such care so as not to put his foot in any dirtiness.

What is dirtiness? Dirtiness is what Shaytan is calling you to, Shaytan calls you to come and put your foot in that dirty place. Yes, Allah Almighty is forgiving, but it is not good to make him occupied by such a thing or His awliya', this is not from good adab. You must try yourself not to step in any dirtiness. What were we saying now? We were saying that when you step in a dirty place you should become dirty and a dirty person will be taken to court and then that court will give a judgment and say that person did a bad thing and put him in prison. There is no need for a building as a prison, but the angels may imprison that person even if he is sitting on a throne. Yes, that is their prison, not that they can't move around anywhere, no, that punishment may be given even to a king or queen or an emperor or empress and even though they are sitting on a throne they feel themselves in prison.

Oh People! Don't make yourself to be imprisoned and the real reason that makes you to be imprisoned, is your dirtiness. Dirtiness. Allah created you to be clean.

[Mawlānā Shaykh sneezes.] How do you do this, ,haaachooo'? Do this, Greensheikh! Salmān does it like this "choo, choo, choo". That is for ladies, but if Greensheikh does it, it is like that: "Haaaaaachoo!" Oh People! Oh People! You must learn about *hayātun ṭayyibah*, a life full of pleasures. To be in front of the Lord of Heaven and you should be so happy and in so much pleasure. Try to know this and follow this way. But people are never looking, and they not only put their feet, but they dive into dirtiness. These are channels for rats, but they say, it doesn't matter, it is not important for us. Mostly people like to dive into sewage channels, channels with dirtiness running in them. Don't throw yourself into sewage channels, you will become dirty. Get away! This is *nasīḥah*, the advice of all Holy Ones.

Oh People! Beware of falling into sewage channels because even if you use all the water in all the pipes you will not be able to clean yourself. Therefore, you must learn this, but our leaders and our rulers they like to be in sewage channels and they want people to follow them also. But a Heavenly sword is coming to cut off their heads. A Heavenly sword will cut off their heads because they are leading people into sewage channels, dirty channels.

Oh People! This is a summary of the meaning in Holy books. Oh People! I created you pure, come to Me, turn back to Me clean. May Allah forgive us. Oh People! We are approaching the moment when we will have to leave this life, if not today, then tomorrow. If not this week, then the next week. If we are not leaving this life this month, then next month. If we are not leaving our life this year, then next year. One day a Heavenly angel will come and say, "Give back that which we have entrusted you to keep clean, give it to us! We are bringing it to his Creator."

Oh People! Try to be clean here, and when you leave this life you should be joyful, in peace and in pleasure oceans. There will be no fear for you, and nothing will hurt you. What shall we say, o my listeners? My English is so short, what shall we do? You must understand. You must understand. They are broadcasting to me and I am telling it to you. I don't know. Only they know! May Allah give you honour and lights so that it will be known that you are good people and you will be on your way to Paradise forever.

Oh our Lord! We are hoping for Your endless Mercy Oceans to clean us and grant us from Your endless paradises a place for us and He is saying, "Oh My servant, when you as last one enter Paradise and look around and say, 'It is full, my Lord,' I will give you a new Paradise ten times as big as the world, only for you."

Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh 'Azīz Allāb Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Karim Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Subḥān Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Allāh Sulțān Allāh Huuuuuuuuuuuuuuu Al-Fātiḥah! [Bay'ah insha'Allāh] Wa min Allāh at-Tawfiq



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