

# Don't Let Yourself Be Imprisoned

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*Al-Fātiḥah! Allāb Allāb Allāb Allāb. As-salāmu 'alaykum!*

[Someone in the audience says to Mawlānā Shaykh "*mu'azzam*" (honoured one)]

*Mu'azzam. As-salāmu 'alaykum!*

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However many times you say "*as-salāmu '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-



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 *aş-şalāt wa-s-salāmu ‘alayka yā Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ, Sayyidi l-awwalīna wa-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 billābi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm* and then to say *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. 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 Presence, 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 *ḥayātun ṭayyibah*, a good life, a joyful life, an honourable life, a glorified life, keep yourself, don't do wrong things.

*Subḥān Allāb*. 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 ﷺ, and after him the Ṣaḥābah, and after them the Salafu ṣ-Ṣāliḥīn. But those, who claim to be Salaf are wrong. They are not following the steps of Salafu ṣ-Ṣāliḥīn who followed the Ṣaḥābah, the companions of the Prophet ﷺ step by step. We are saying that you must look for those, who followed most carefully the steps of the Ṣaḥābah Kirām and after them Tabi'īn and Tabi'i t-Tabi'īn, who followed every step the Ṣaḥābah took. They are following after the Ṣaḥābah and after them the Salafu ṣ-Ṣāliḥīn, 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 Ṭarīqah people. The majority of the people, who are following the steps of the Ṣaḥābah and the Ṭabī‘īn and after Ṭabī‘i t-Ṭabī‘īn, 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 awliyā’, 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, ,haaachoo? 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!”

