



Adherence to the Sunnah

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An Effort to Revive Deen in Totality

Part 33

HAZRAT MOULANA MUHAMMAD ILYAAS' رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ CONSIDERATION FOR PEOPLE AND HIS OUTSTANDING HUMILITY – PART TEN

Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was very particular about fulfilling the rights of people, and always ensured that he never usurped any person's rights.

Once, one of his companions occupied extra space in the train compartment. Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ told him, "The other passengers also have a right to that space that you have occupied. These are general rights that belong to every person."

On one occasion, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ stopped the bus to perform Salaah. After the Fardh Salaah, a few people decided to perform their Nafl Salaah. Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ stopped them and said, "Brothers! There are other passengers (non-Muslims) in the bus who have a right as well. (Thus, we cannot delay the bus traveling unnecessarily by us performing our Nafl Salaah)." (*Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da'wat* pg. 248)

Consideration for the Feelings of Others

Just as Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was particular about the rights of others, he was also concerned about not causing any type of pain or discomfort to anyone. In fact, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was prepared to sacrifice his own comfort for the sake of others.

Once, Muhammad Shafee' Quraishi and his friend, Maalik Sahib, insisted that Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ should travel in the second-class compartment of the train which was contrary to his normal practice (of traveling in the third-class). Hazrat

Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ felt very uncomfortable sitting in the second-class compartment, but did not want to hurt their feelings and thus accepted.

Later, while sitting in the second-class compartment, they asked Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ whether he was comfortable or not. Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ says, “At that time, I thought to myself that if I have to tell them that I am uncomfortable, they will feel sad that they spent so much extra money, just for my comfort, but it caused me discomfort instead. On the contrary, if I have to tell them that I am comfortable, then it will be untrue. Hence, I asked them, ‘Are you happy and comfortable that I am seated here?’ When they replied in the affirmative, I said, ‘This is sufficient! Because you are happy, I am also happy and comfortable.’” (*Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da'wat* pg. 254)

An Embodiment of Humility

Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ was also an embodiment of humility. Despite the acceptance that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى had blessed him with, and the recognition and devotion that he received from the people, he never thought anything of himself. Rather, he was always worried about his own reformation and was concerned that he should not displease Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in any way.

He once wrote the following to Moulana Abdul Lateef رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ, the naazim (rector) of Mazaahir-ul-Uloom, and Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ, who in addition to being younger in age was also his nephew and student. He wrote:

“It is through the grace of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى that this work has progressed to a great extent and it has gained acceptance. I now do not feel secure against my nafs and I fear that I should not fall prey to pride and vanity. Hence, I am in dire need of supervision by the pious elders like yourself and request you to exhort me to be steadfast on good and warn me against any evil.” (*Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da'wat* pg. 257)



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