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Part 32

THE RESPECT AND LOVE OF HAZRAT MOULANA MUHAMMAD ILYAAS رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ FOR THE PIOUS – PART NINE

Respect and Love for the Pious Ulama

Hajee Abdul Wahaab رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ mentions:

Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyaas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was once travelling to Raipur in Muhammad Shafee' Quraishi's car. Throughout the journey, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ only spoke of the great virtues and esteemed position of Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Qadir Raipuri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ.

In fact, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ praised Hazrat Moulana Raipuri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ to such an extent that Muhammad Shafee' Quraishi began to think that Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Qadir Raipuri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ must be an even greater buzurg (saint) than Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyaas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ himself!

Thereafter, the car they were travelling in broke down, due to which they decided to walk for the remainder of the journey. While walking, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said, "The rank of Hazrat Moulana Raipuri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ is so high that that we ought to walk on our heads (out of respect) when going to see him." Hearing this statement from Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, Muhammad Shafee' Quraishi became even more surprised.

Hazrat Moulana Ihtishaam رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was accompanying them on this journey, and as they were traveling, he started a conversation with Muhammad Shafee' Quraishi. As soon as Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ noticed them talking, he said, "Moulana Ihtishaam! Do you not know where we are going? Why are you speaking?"

At this point, Hajee Abdul Wahaab رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ explained, "When going to visit the pious, special friends of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, one should keep his tongue moist with zikr and dua, and keep the lofty position of these saints before him."

On the other hand, as soon as Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Qadir Raipuri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ heard that Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyaas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was on the way, he came out of Raipur, traveling a considerable distance, to welcome him. Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Qadir Raipuri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ would address Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyaas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ with the title 'Hazrat Dehlawi', and they would both show each other an immense amount of respect and honour.

When Muhammad Shafee' Quraishi saw the great respect that each showed the other, he was astonished and wondered to himself, "Who is the greater buzurg (saint) from the two?"

Hajee Abdul Wahaab رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ then said, "This is true respect for elders. You should regard yourself to be a non-entity in front of your elder." (Mere Hajee Sahib, page 54)



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