

Adherence to the Sunnah

Ihyaaud-Deen

An Effort to Revive Deen in Totality

Part 34

The Love of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ for Hazrat Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - Part Eleven

Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ once had to attend a nikaah function at a friend's place in Delhi. In the midst of the function, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ addressed both parties and said, "Today is a day of great joy for all of you. It is a day of such happiness that even the menial workers are made happy on this day, and one would not like that even the servant employed to clean the home should be unhappy on this day. Now, tell me, are you people also concerned about bringing happiness and joy to Hazrat Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ?"

Thereafter, Hazrat Moulana رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ went on to explain the effort of tableegh and its objectives, and mentioned that it was the closest means to revive Deen and gain the pleasure of Hazrat Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Finally, he invited everyone to join the effort. (*Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da'wat pg. 213*)

Concern for the Deen of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ was so absorbed in his concern for Deen that he was not prepared to speak about or listen to anything besides reviving the effort of Deen. If anyone spoke about anything else in his presence, he could not tolerate it and would ask them to stop.

If an attendant enquired regarding his health, he would say, "Brother! Health and illness are part of life! Has our well-being been placed in good health and ill health? No! Rather, our well-being has been placed in us fulfilling the task for

which we were born (i.e. being concerned about the Deen of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and making an effort to spread it in the world).

“This is the thing that will bring happiness to the blessed soul of Hazrat Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Hazrat Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ left the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ with Deen in a certain condition, and the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ regarded it against their well-being for even a minor alteration to enter Deen!” (Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da'wat pg. 174)

In reality, the deep concern which Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحِمَهُ اللهُ had for Deen was on account of his deep love for Hazrat Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Hence, it is mentioned that he would say, “How can it be correct for me to get involved in any other effort when I can see that the Mubarak soul of Hazrat Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ is experiencing pain due to the decline in the condition of the Muslims, the weakness that has entered Deen and the dominance of kufr?” (Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas aur un ki deeni da'wat pg. 211)

Advice Regarding the Sunnah One Day Prior to His Demise

The deep concern for reviving and spreading the Sunnah continued to burn in the heart of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحِمَهُ اللهُ until the end of his life. Hence, Hazrat Sheikhul Hadith, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, mentioned, “My respected uncle, Moulana Muhammad Ilyas رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, had called me one day prior to his demise and had given me the following advice. He said to me:

“Strive to the best of your ability to inculcate every Sunnah of Hazrat Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in your life and also encourage your friends and associates to adhere to the Sunnah of Hazrat Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in their lives.” (Malfoozaat Hazrat Sheikh 2/142)



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