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How to Bring Barakah in One's Nikaah, Home and Business Dealings

The topic of discussion in tonight's bayaan is how to bring barakah into our nikaahs, homes, families, business dealings, earnings, and how to bring barakah into our entire lives.

Barakah is something that each and every person is desperately in need of at every moment in his life. If a person has barakah in his life, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ will make this worldly life a means of goodness for him, and Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ will make him a means of goodness for others as well.

In essence, barakah is the key to success. Thus, each person needs barakah in his life in order for him to become successful.

The Source of Barakah

The system of this world is that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ has made a source for everything. If a person wants fish, then the source to acquire fish is the rivers, dams, lakes and the oceans. If a person wants to obtain pure milk, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ has made the source of pure milk the animals e.g. goats, cows and camels. In the same way, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ has created a source to acquire barakah and success.

The source of barakah and success is following the mubaarak way of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ – the Qur'aan and the Sunnah. In other words – practicing upon the entire deen is the source of acquiring barakah and success in one's life.

The Aws and the Khazraj Embracing Islam

At the beginning of Islam, while living in Makkah Mukarramah, Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the Sahaabah (radhiyallahu 'anhum) had undergone a great amount of difficulty for Islam. Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ would go to the people to invite them to Islam.

When the days of haj would come, then Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ would go for haj and he would meet people in Muzdalifah and Mina and invite them to Islam.

In the 11th, 12th and 13th year after nubuwwah, the tribes of the Ansaar of Madinah Munawwarah, Aws and the Khazraj, came for haj. In the 11th year, six people came. In the 12th year, 12 people came, and in the 13th year, approximately 70 people came for haj. They pledged allegiance at the hand of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and entered into the fold of Islam.

When they came for haj in the 13th year after nubuwwah, Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ spoke to them about sacrificing for the sake of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ. On this occasion, the people of the Aws and Khazraj said to Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

اشترط لربك واشترط لنفسك

What do you want from us in regard to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, and what do you want from us in regard to yourself?

In some narrations, it is reported that they also said, "What do you want from us in regard to your companions (the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ.

Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, "In regard to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, what I want from you is that you worship Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى alone without ascribing partners with Him in anything. This is the right you owe to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى. What I want from you in regard to myself is that you defend me from the enemy like how you will defend your own lives, your wives and your children, and that you support my cause – the cause of Islam. As far as my Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ are concerned, then you should call us over to Madinah Munawwarah and give us sanctuary in your land."

These Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ of Madinah Munawwarah had some interaction with the Jews. The Jews and the Ansaar were always at loggerheads, so the Jews would say to them, "Soon, the Final Nabi will appear. When he comes, we will join him and fight against you." *(Sharhuz Zurqaani 2/74)*

The Aws and Khazraj were idol worshippers and were far from hidaayat. On the other hand, the Jews followed Nabi Moosa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, and they also had a divinely revealed book – the Towraah.

When the Aws and Khazraj met Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ on the occasion of haj, they realized that he is the true messenger of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, so they discussed among themselves and said, "This man is the final Nabi of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى regarding whom the Jews informed us. Let us quickly pledge allegiance to him and enter into Islam. Let us support his cause and follow him so that we will be the people who will gain the blessings and barakah." *(Sharhuz Zurqaani 2/75)*

Selling Our Lives and Wealth to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in Exchange of Jannah

After Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ told them what he wanted from them, in regard to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, himself and his Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ, the Ansaar رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ asked, "If we fulfil what you have commanded us, then what will we receive?"

Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "You will receive Jannah and the divine aid of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in this world."

The Ansaar رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ became extremely happy to hear this answer from Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. This was a very important decision they were making in their lives - to bring Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ over to Madinah Munawwarah, as it meant that they will have to be prepared to sacrifice their lives for the protection of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Muhaajireen and for the propagation of Islam.

Before the Ansaar رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ pledged the allegiance, Hazrat Abbaas رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ addressed them and said, "Are you all sure that you will be able to fulfil this pledge? You must be prepared for war as the whole Arab world will be against you. If you cannot manage to fulfil this pledge, then please leave my nephew here as we, his family, will take care of him and protect him against his enemies."

The Aws and Khazraj replied, "We promise to fulfil this pledge as we know that he is the true Nabi of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى."

On that occasion, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى revealed the following verses of the Qur'aan Majeed:

اِنَّ اللّٰهَ اشْتَرٰى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ اَنْفُسَهُمْ وَاَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاَنَّ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ ؕ يُقَاتِلُوْنَ فِيْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ فَيَقْتُلُوْنَ وَيُقْتَلُوْنَ ۟ وَعْدًا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرٰىةِ وَ

الْاِنْجِيْلِ وَالْقُرْاٰنِ ؕ وَمَنْ اَوْفٰى بِعَهْدِهٖ مِنَ اللّٰهِ فَاسْتَبْشِرُوْا بِبَيْعِكُمُ الَّذِيْ بَايَعْتُمْ بِهٖ ؕ وَذٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيْمُ ﴿۱۱۱﴾

Surely, Allah has bought from the believers their lives and their wealth, in exchange of (a promise) that Jannah shall be theirs. They will have to (be prepared to) fight in the path of Allah, and kill (the enemy) and be killed. This is the true promise (made by Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) in the Towraah and the Injeel and the Qur'aan. And who can be more faithful in fulfilling His promise than Allah? So, rejoice in the business deal which you have made (with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى), and this is the great success. (Surah Taubah v. 111)

(Sharhuz Zurqaani 2/85-88, Fat-hul Baari 6/4, Durrul Manthoor 4/294)

Who are the Successful Servants?

In this verse, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى explained to us who are the successful servants of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى. The successful servants are those servants who have entered into a business deal with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, pledging to sacrifice their lives and wealth for the cause of deen.

What are the qualities of these successful servants? Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى further explains this in the coming verses:

اَلتَّآئِبُوْنَ الْعٰبِدُوْنَ الْحٰمِدُوْنَ السَّآئِحُوْنَ الرّٰكِعُوْنَ السّٰجِدُوْنَ الْاٰمِرُوْنَ بِالْمَعْرُوْفِ وَ النَّاهُوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَ الْحٰفِظُوْنَ لِحُدُوْدِ اللّٰهِ ؕ وَ بَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ﴿۱۱۲﴾

(They are) those who repent (to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى), those who worship (Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى), those who praise (Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى), those who travel (in the path of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى), those who bow down in rukoo, those who prostrate in sajdah, those who command people with good and forbid them from evil, and those who protect the boundaries and limits of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى (i.e. they protect the limits of the Shariah). And give glad tidings (of Jannah) to the believers (who fulfil their pledge with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى). (Surah Taubah v. 112)

In these verses, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى has shown us that He has placed success and barakah of dunya in deen. Through practising upon deen and the sunnah, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will grant us barakah in our lives.

This was the way the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ obtained barakah in their lives, through obeying Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and upholding the Mubaarak Sunnah of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in their lives at all times.

Barakah and Success are Not Dependent Upon Possessing Abundant Wealth

In today's times, when people think of success, then the glorified picture they have before them in their mind is possessing a palatial home, sporty cars and a handsome bank balance. They feel that possessing abundant wealth is the key to happiness and barakah, and through having a lot of wealth, every dream will come true.

However, this notion is incorrect. Having a lot of wealth is not success nor is it the key to success and blessings. A person can have abundant wealth but still be an unhappy person. Most of the suicide cases you hear about are of people who have a lot of wealth, but they do not have peace of heart, inner happiness, contentment and barakah in their lives. We should understand that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى has only placed success and barakah in deen.

How do we acquire barakah in our lives? It commences with a person's heart being right. At every moment, a person's heart should be happy with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Islam.

Every day, a person should understand that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will bless me with happiness, success and barakah if my heart conforms to what Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and His Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ have commanded me to do in my life.

Being Happy with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, Islam and Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ mentioned that the one who recites the following zikr in the morning (and he leads his life accordingly), then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will grant him three favours:

رَضِيْتُ بِاللهِ رَبًّا وَبِالإِسْلاَمِ دِيْنًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيًّا

I am pleased with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى as my Lord, Islam as my deen, and Muhammed صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ as my nabi.

The first favour is that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will bless him with happiness in the Hereafter. The second favour is that if he passes away during the day, then he will be blessed with Jannah. The third favour is that on the day of Qiyaamah, Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ will hold him by his hand and usher him into Jannah. *(Saheeh Muslim #1884, Sunan Abu Dawood #1529, Majma'uz Zawaa'id #17005, Sunan Tirmizi #3389)*

Imagine how fortunate this person will be – that Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself will usher him into Jannah and he will not have to undergo any difficulty or even give an account for his deeds!

However, the condition to acquire this is that together with one reciting this zikr, he should also lead his life according to the dictates of Shariah.

The Main Cause of Bringing Barakah In One's Life – Upholding the Sunnah

Generally, when people speak about bringing barakah in one's nikaah or business, they think of different solutions through which one can improve one's relationship with one's spouse and through which one may be able to boost one's business. However, the main cause of bringing barakah is seldom spoken about i.e. obeying Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and upholding the Sunnah of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in all facets of our lives.

Therefore, to bring barakah in our homes, we should bring Islam in our homes. Islam should be in our homes, in our businesses, in our dressing and in every aspect of our lives, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will bestow us with true barakah. This is the way the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ acquired barakah in their lives.

As far as a person's life is concerned, then what are the various sunnats of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ when dealing with one's wife and children? One should learn about all these sunnats and practice upon them, as every sunnah is a means of attracting barakah and drawing the mercy of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى.

We will discuss a few important sunnats which we should endeavour to bring into our homes:

Showing Love and Kindness to One's Family and Being Concerned About their Welfare

One of the sunnats of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in his home was that he was very loving and caring towards his family (wife and children), giving them time and guiding them towards Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى. This is among the beautiful sunnats of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Another sunnah is to be concerned about the welfare of our families and to see to their needs and comfort. After the demise of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, a person once came to Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا, and from behind the curtain, they enquired, "O our mother! What were the actions of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ within the home?" She replied:

كان في مهنة أهله

(In the home,) Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ would remain in the khidmat (service) of his family (assisting them to fulfil the chores of the home). (Saheeh Bukhaari #5048)

If anybody in the home required anything, then Rasulullah ﷺ was there to fulfil their needs - so much so that it is reported in the Hadith that Rasulullah ﷺ would even milk the animal.

The mubaarak household of Rasulullah ﷺ were eager and prepared at all times to serve him, but Rasulullah ﷺ would not command them to serve him, but rather he made himself available to serve them. This is a sunnah of Rasulullah ﷺ which is not commonly found in our homes in the way it is supposed to be found.

It is also reported in the Hadith that Rasulullah ﷺ would fulfil his own needs e.g. by mending his shoes and sewing his clothing. *(Mishkaat #5822)*

Males Going to the Musjid to Perform Salaah with Jamaat

Then, Hazrat Aaishah رضي الله عنها mentioned:

فإذا سمع الأذان خرج

(Rasulullah ﷺ would assist in the home, but) as soon as he heard the azaan, he would leave (for the musjid to perform salaah). (Saheeh Bukhaari #5048)

This sunnah of Rasulullah ﷺ should also be in our lives, that when we hear the azaan, we should immediately leave for the musjid.

Spending Quality Time with Our Wife and Children

Another sunnah is that a person should have a loving approach and a healthy relationship with his wife and children. He should be courteous, respectful and polite in his approach when speaking to his wife and children, and spend quality time with them.

In today's times, when a person comes home, he is generally tired and does not give his wife and children the attention he is supposed to give them. He does not give her quality time, making her heart happy.

If a person does not give his wife the attention she requires, then she will turn to someone else for attention. Today, there are so many social media platforms, that a person may not even know who his wife is in contact with. Before he knows it, his wife can fall in love with someone and his nikaah will be on the rocks.

One person who changed his life mentioned, "Alhamdulillah, I changed my life now, but I had a rocky ride in my nikaah and eventually lost my wife."

He said that he earned a lot of wealth - but at the expense of his nikaah. He explained that he was always flying from one country to the next for business reasons, not realising that his wife was being neglected and thus she got into a haraam relationship with someone else.

When he eventually found out, it was too late, and his wife ran away with that person. He explained that the entire problem commenced when he did not fulfil the rights he owed to his wife. He put dunya first and deen second, thus he lost his wife in this way.

Complementing the Wife for the Food She Prepares

If the wife makes something, then the husband should complement his wife for what she has prepared.

Once, a certain buzurg told his mureeds, "When your wife makes or prepares something, then you must complement her." One of the mureeds had never before complemented his wife for her cooking, so that evening

when he went home, he complemented her after eating supper. He said to her, "What a tasty dish you made today! It was so delicious!"

As he said this, his wife began to cry. She said to him, "So many years I have cooked for you, and you never complemented me even once for the food I cooked, but today, when the neighbour's wife sent food, you are complementing the food which she prepared!" So, it is also important to first see where the food came from before you complement your wife for it.

This quality time with our wives and children is part of deen and is the stepping stone towards bringing barakah into our homes.

Giving the Wife and Children Correct Deeni Guidance

In the Qur'aan Majeed, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

O you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from the fire... (Surah Tahreem v. 6)

From this verse, we understand that we should be concerned about the deeni and worldly welfare of our wives and children. This is part of bringing barakah into the home – to educate one's wife and children about deen. It should not be that the child feels, "My father doesn't have time for me. He is too busy making money." The child is looking for attention, so when he doesn't receive the attention from his father, then he begins to look for the attention elsewhere.

Then he falls into wrong company and learns the wrong habits, because when the child needed the father's love and attention, the father was not there for his child.

Entering the Home with Salaam

Another sunnah is that when we enter the home, then we should enter with salaam. When Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ would enter his home, he would enter with salaam. Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ once addressed Hazrat Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ and said to him, "O Anas! When you enter your home, you should enter with salaam. Through making salaam to the inmates of the home, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ will put barakah in your home." *(Sunan Tirmizi #2698)*

Performing Nafl Salaah in the Home

Another sunnah is to perform some nafl salaah in the home. When entering his home, Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ would perform nafl salaah, to teach the ummah that performing salaah in the home will bring barakah into the home. Men should perform every fardh salaah in the musjid, but the nafl salaah and tahajjud should be performed at home, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ will bless the home with barakah. *(Sunan Ibnu Maajah #1375)*

Being Concerned About Oral and Physical Hygiene

Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ would also make miswaak upon entering to teach us that we should keep our mouths clean so that our interaction with our wife and children will be pleasant and comfortable. All these are actions through which we will be able to bring barakah in our homes and in our nikaah. *(Saheeh Muslim #253)*

Upholding Purdah in the Home

Then, the aspect of purdah is very important. There must be segregation between males and females in our homes and functions. Even if we invite our family home, then the males and females must be seated separately. They all must not be seated together. This is how the beginning of sin takes place.

One person mentioned that he would bring his best friend home, and that best friend turned out to be his worst enemy later on because he took his wife and ran away with her.

Once, Rasulullah ﷺ was seated with Hazrat Maymoonah and Hazrat Ummu Salamah رضي الله عنهما when a blind Sahaabi entered the home. Rasulullah ﷺ immediately told them to go behind the veil. They enquired, "But O Nabi of Allah! He is blind and cannot see us!" Rasulullah ﷺ replied, "Are the two of you also blind?" In other words, the law of purdah is not only for males, but it is also for females. *(Sunan Abu Dawood #4112)*

These are all important aspects for bringing happiness and barakah into one's nikaah and one's home.

Giving the Children the Correct Islamic Tarbiyah (Upbringing)

In one Hadith, Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned:

ما نحل والد ولدا من نحل أفضل من أدب حسن

No father can give his child a better gift than good values (etiquettes, character and manners). (Sunan Tirmizi #1952)

Today, we all want happiness for our children, but we give them the cell phone, or we allow them to go wherever they want with whichever friends they like, unsupervised. We have the TV and internet in our homes through which our children are involved in sin. All this causes the barakah to be lost.

Making Deeni Muzaakarah with One's Wife and Children

The husband should also make muzaakarah with his wife. In the Qur'aan Majeed, Allah تبارك وتعالى says to the respected wives of Rasulullah ﷺ:

وَاذْكُرْنَ مَا يُتْلٰى فِيْ بُيُوْتِكُنَّ مِنْ اٰيٰتِ اللّٰهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ

Whatever the Nabi of Allah تبارك وتعالى discusses with you (i.e. deeni teachings and advice), then you should discuss it with other women as well. (Surah Ahzaab v. 34)

The husband and wife should cooperate with each other in deen. The Hadith says that Allah تبارك وتعالى's special mercy falls onto the husband and wife when they wake each other up at the time of tahajjud. *(Sunan Abu Dawood #1308)*

The Husband and Wife Not Bringing Wrong Influences in the Home

Abu Muslim Khawlaani رحمه الله was among the Taabi'een. He was a very pious person who was Mustajaabud Da'awaat (his duas would always be accepted). He had a very special relationship with his wife. They both benefited each other and had a lot of love and mahabbat between them.

When he used to come home every day, his wife would be waiting for him. As he would reach the door, he would make salaam, and his wife would reply to the salaam. As he would come closer, he would call out takbeer, and his wife would also call out the takbeer. On entering, his wife would meet him with a smile and serve him the meal. This was the happy relationship they enjoyed.

One day, when Abu Muslim رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ was out, the neighbour's wife came to visit his wife. On entering, she looked around the home, and then said, "I see that you do not have many of the things that we women have. Your husband is such a great personality, and he holds such a position in the eyes of Hazrat Mu'aawiyah رَضِيَ ٱللَّهُ عَنْهُ, the Khalifah, that if he asked Hazrat Mu'aawiyah رَضِيَ ٱللَّهُ عَنْهُ for anything, he would give it to him. So why doesn't your husband buy these things for you? You are leading such a simple life!"

Until this point, Abu Muslim's wife was leading a happy life and never found a problem. Now, due to association, her mind began working. The neighbour's wife went away, but Abu Muslim's wife fell into depression.

That day, when Abu Muslim رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ came home, he made salaam, but no one responded. As he came closer, he called out takbeer, but there was no reply. Then, when he entered his home, he found that it was dark and the lamp had not even been lit. His wife was seated in the corner, in thought, with a stick in her hand, scratching at the ground.

Seeing her in this condition, he asked her what had happened, and she immediately began to offload. She said, "You are my husband, but you are not providing this and that for me, which other women have!"

Abu Muslim رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ realised that someone had filled his wife's ears with all this filth. He raised his hands and made dua saying, "O Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ! The person who has blinded my wife's eyes to this goodness – you blind that person's eyes!"

At that time, the neighbour's wife, who was completely normal, found that suddenly she could not see. She lost her sight in a single moment. It came into her heart that perhaps, this had happened to her because of the words she had spoken to the wife of Abu Muslim رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ.

This woman came to Abu Muslim رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ and asked him for forgiveness. He raised his hands, made dua for her sight to be restored, and immediately, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ cured her blindness. *(Sifatus Safwah 2/371)*

From this incident, we learn many things. One is that when you have the sunnah in your life and home, you will always be a happy person, because you are connected with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ and Rasulullah صَلَّى ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. As soon as the wrong influence enters the home, the goodness and barakah of the home is lost, and thereafter, to restore the goodness can be difficult.

The Husband and Wife Remaining Chaste at all Times

In the kitaab "Dawaa-e-Dil" there is an incident mentioned of a pious person who was a jeweller by trade. His wife was also a pious woman, and they both always tried to lead their lives according to deen and the sunnah.

Nevertheless, this jeweller one day went to his business, and that day, a beautiful woman entered his shop. The beauty of the woman caught the eye of the man and his heart was attracted towards her. Since this was his business, he had an excuse to speak to her and interact with her under the pretext of wanting to sell her something. We should never forget that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ is watching us at all times. In the Qur'aan Majeed, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ says:

يَعْلَمُ خَآئِنَةَ ٱلْأَعْيُنِ وَمَا تُخْفِى ٱلصُّدُورُ ﴿١٩﴾

Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ knows the deception of the eye and the wrong feelings which the heart conceals. (Surah Ghaafir v. 19)

The man said to the woman "I have this new jewellery set that has just come – let me fit it on for you." The woman agreed, and as he was putting the jewellery on for her, he was taking lustful enjoyment from touching her hands. He was a person who was pious, but at this time, shaitaan caused him to fall into sin.

Later that day, when the man returned home, he found his wife sitting in the corner crying. When he asked her what had happened due to which she was crying, she said, "For many years, we have this worker who is employed by us. Today, when he came, he made advancements towards me and began to touch my hands with wrong intentions. I could see that he had evil intentions so I quickly moved away from him. This is why I am crying, as my deen was in danger today."

When the man heard this from his wife, he also began to cry. The wife asked him, "Why are you crying?" thinking that perhaps he is crying due to what has transpired to her. He replied, "Let me tell you what happened today. Today, in the business, a beautiful woman came in, and I was touching her hands and taking haraam enjoyment from her body. Thus, the same wrong that I was involved in took place here in my home with my wife." *(Dawaa-e-Dil pg. 164)*

Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned in the Hadith of Tabraani:

عفوا تعف نساؤكم وبروا آباءكم يبركم أبناؤكم

You remain pure and your womenfolk will also remain pure and chaste. You remain obedient to your parents, and your children will remain obedient to you. (Mu'jam Awsat #6295)

You have to be loyal to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will safeguard your wife and your children. If you are obedient to your parents, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will make your children obedient to you. This is the system of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى.

Remaining Loyal to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى is the Cause of Happiness, and Displeasing Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى is the Cause of Grief

Hazrat Mu'aawiyah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ ran the khilaafat for about 20 years. It is mentioned that in his period of khilaafat, there was a lot of harmony among the Muslims and Islam spread far and wide. Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى granted him a lot of barakah. Rasulullah ﷺ had made special dua for him saying:

اللهم اجعله هاديا مهديا واهد به

O Allah! Make him a guide (for the ummah), and make him remain rightly-guided, and guide others through him! (Sunan Tirmizi #3842)

Once, Hazrat Mu'aawiyah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ wrote a letter to Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا asking her for some advice. Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا wrote back giving him the following advice. She said, "When a person does an action seeking the pleasure of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى despite people being displeased with him, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will suffice him from the people. When a person does an action seeking the pleasure of people – such an action that causes the displeasure of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will entrust his affair to the people." *(Sunan Tirmizi #2414)*

Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا also mentioned to him, "When a person disobeys Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, then the people who used to praise him and were happy with him will begin to criticize him." *(Zuhd libnil Mubaarak #200)*

Therefore, we see that when a person breaks the line with Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, then the first thing that happens in his life is that all those people who loved him and obeyed him – the relationship between him and those people goes sour and is affected.

If you want everything to go well in your home and business then remain loyal to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى. Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will show you the happiness and barakah in your wealth and family. Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى says in the Qur'aan Majeed:

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ اَوْ اُنْثٰى وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً طَيِّبَةً ۚ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ اَجْرَهُمْ بِاَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ ﴿٩٧﴾

Those who do righteous deeds, whether male or female, then We will bless them with a pure life in this world, and (in the Hereafter,) We will give them much more reward compared to the good deeds they did in this world. (Surah Nahl v. 97)

Not Attending Functions that are Against Shariah

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was once going for a waleemah function. To attend a waleemah is sunnah – provided it is conducted according to sunnah and there is nothing haram found in it.

When he arrived at the waleemah venue, he heard music being played. He immediately turned around and returned home. When he was asked by someone as to why he did not attend the waleemah, he said, "I heard the Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ mention:

من كثر سواد قوم فهو منهم

The one who adds to the number of a people (involved in sin), he will be counted among them. (Ithaaful Khiyarah #3297)

Showing Kindness to the Creation in One's Business

Kindness to the creation is also part of the sunnah. If you want barakah in your earnings then don't overcharge people.

Once, an old woman came to Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ. She said to him, "I do not have a lot of money, and I want to buy this silken cloth from you. Can you please sell it to me at cost?" Silk is very valuable and costs a lot. It probably costs hundreds of dirhams.

Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ said to her, "Just give me four dirhams." The old woman said to him, "Do not joke with me, as I am an old woman!" Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ replied, "Really – just give me four dirhams."

He then explained, "I bought this cloth in a consignment, and I have already covered all my costs, besides four dirhams. So you can have it for four dirhams." Look at the kind heart of Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ in dealing with this old woman. We can imagine what dua she must have made for Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ at that time. *(Akhbaar Abi Hanifah wa Saahibayhi lis-Saymari pg. 50-51)*

Being Honest in One's Dealings and Refraining from Haraam and Riba Transactions

In order to bring barakah into our businesses and earnings, it is imperative for us to run our businesses according to Shariah. We should not speak lies, break promises or conceal the faults of the goods we sell to the customers. If the goods have any defect, then we should reveal the defect to the client before selling it to him.

Similarly, the items we sell should not be haraam or doubtful in Shariah, and we should not run our businesses on riba e.g. taking an OD facility with the bank. If we run the business according to Shariah, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will grant us abundant barakah, and if we run the business against Shariah, then the barakah will be lost and Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will bring ruin into our businesses and lives.

Incident of Imaam Abu Hanifah's رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ Honesty in Business

On one occasion, Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ sent a consignment of goods to his partner to sell. In this consignment, there was a cloth which had a defect. Hence, Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ ensured that he alerted his partner to the defective cloth and also instructed him to inform the customer of the defect before selling it. However, when his partner sold the cloth, he forgot to inform the customer of the defect and the customer was not aware of the defect.

On learning of what had transpired, Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ immediately gave the money received from the sale of the entire consignment, which was thirty thousand dirhams, in charity and also terminated the partnership.

From the above incident, we see that Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ was extremely cautious with regard to doubtful wealth. Furthermore, since his partner had not shown the desired level of caution and concern, Imaam Abu Hanifah رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ terminated the partnership, as he did not want this to happen again in the future. *(Khairaatul Hisaan pg. 44)*

In the Mubaarak Hadith, Rasulullah صَلَّى ٱللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

فإن صدقا وبينا بورك لهما في بيعهما، وإن كذبا وكتما محقت بركة بيعهما (صحيح البخاري، الرقم: ٢١١٠)

When the buyer and seller are both truthful and explain (the weakness or defect in the commodity of sale), they will be granted barakah in the sale. However, if they lie to each other and they conceal (the weakness and defect), then all the barakah will be lost from their sale.

Incident of Hazrat Moulana Yunus Patel رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ Running His Father-in-Law's Business According to the Shariah

When Hazrat Moulana Yunus Patel رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ was staying in Mooiriver, and was the imaam of the Mooiriver musjid, then during that time, Hajj became fardh on his father-in-law. Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ was worried and encouraged his father-in-law to go for haj, but his father-in-law said, "Who will run my business in my absence?"

Moulana Yunus Patel رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ told his father-in-law that he would take off from his duties, to the extent needed, and he would run his father-in-law's shop while he was gone for haj.

His father-in-law agreed, and Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ said to him, "Before you leave, let me tell you that I will run this business how I want to run it. I will run it according to Shari'ah."

After his father-in-law departed, Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ came into the business and began to make big changes. There were some goods in the shop that he removed because they were impermissible or doubtful to sell according to Shariah.

The staff in the shop objected and said, "The boss will be upset! These are our main lines of business!" Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ said to them "When the boss returns, and you are under him, then you can tell him what you want to tell him. Now, while you are under me, follow my instructions."

Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ used to close the business for all the salaah as this is the command of Shari'ah. When Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ would close the shop and come to the musjid for salaah, then if anyone had any deeni need, such as needing some advice, Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ would attend to him. In this way, some time would pass with Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ not being in the business.

On Fridays, Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ would go out to perform jumuah, and the shop would also be closed for that time. Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ was extremely kind to the poor. If any poor person came to buy something and he could not afford to pay the full price, then Hazrat Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ would tell the person, "Give me the amount you have and take the item."

In this way, through Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ showing kindness to the poor, the poor started talking to their families and friends about the good qualities of Hazrat Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ and many more people started to come to buy from the shop. In this way, the shop was busy, and Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ brought barakah in the business.

When Moulana's رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ father-in-law returned from haj, people went to him and complained. They said to him, "Who is this man you kept in your shop? He doesn't know how to do business!"

Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ said to his father-in-law, “You just came back from safar. You must be tired. Rest for 2 or 3 days. I will run your shop for a few more days for you. After that, I will show you the books and the profit I made in the shop.”

Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ had put so much of barakah in the business in the time it was run by Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ that the profit was 25% more than when his father-in-law would run the business. His father-in-law was surprised and shocked and could not believe it, thereby realizing that the complaints made by certain people were not correct. All this was only on account of the barakah that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ blessed Moulana رَحِمَهُ ٱللَّهُ with, as he ran he business according to Shariah.

Therefore, we understand that if we are loyal to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ will show us the happiness and barakah in our nikaah, business and life. However, for this we first need to show Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ our loyalty and obedience in all departments of our lives.