

Statements Which are Better than Amassing Gold & Silver

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perseverance of obedience on the Deen, and
determination in practicing of the Deen and
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Your mercy and resolutions for Your forgiveness...*

Collected by Tabraani in 'Mu'ajam al-Kabeer' (7/335-336)

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1 - The Hadeeth

Shaddad bin Aws -Radhi Allaahu anhu- said that the Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- said to me:

'O Shaddad bin Aws! If you see the people amassing gold and silver then say these statements a lot:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الثَّبَاتَ فِي الْأَمْرِ، وَالْعَزِيمَةَ عَلَى الرَّشْدِ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ مُوجِبَاتِ رَحْمَتِكَ، وَعَرَائِمِ مَغْفِرَتِكَ،
وَأَسْأَلُكَ شُكْرَ نِعْمَتِكَ، وَحُسْنَ عِبَادَتِكَ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ قَلْبًا سَلِيمًا، وَلِسَانًا صَادِقًا، وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا تَعْلَمُ،
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا تَعْلَمُ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا تَعْلَمُ، إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

'O Allaah verily I ask of You for strength of perseverance of obedience on the Deen , and determination in practicing of the Deen and goodness. And I ask of You for that which obligates Your mercy and resolutions for Your forgiveness.

And I ask of You for the capability to be thankful for Your blessings and to worship you in a correct and good way.

And I ask of You for a heart which is purified in belief and free from desires and a truthful tongue.

And ask of You for the best of what You know, and I seek refuge with You from the evil of what You know and I seek forgiveness for that which You know.

Indeed You are the One who knows the unseen.'

2 - Transliteration

'Allaahumma innee as-alooka ath-Thabat fil Amr Wa as-Alooka azzeemata
Rushd, wa as-alooka Shukra Na'maatuk, Wa husn ibadaateeka, wa as-alooka
Lisaanan Saddiqu Wa Qalbun Saleeeman, wa Audhubika min Sharee ma
tallumm, Wa as-Alooka min khairi ma Ta'lum, wa astaghfiruka mima Ta'lum,
Innaka Anta Alam al- Ghayoob.'

3 - Tahkreej

Collected by Tabraani in 'Mu'ajam al-Kabeer' (7/335-336), Abu Na'eem in 'al-Hileeyah' (1/266), Ibn Aasakir in 'Tareekh Damishk'. Albaani said this Isnaad is Jayyid, in 'Silsilah Saheehah' No. 3228.

Ahmad & an-Nisae, from 'Silsilah Saheehah' No. 3228. Shaykh Albaani originally declared it to be weak in 'Tammam al-Mina' p.225, 'Kalima Tayyib' 105 and 'Da'eef al-Jamia' 1190 then he declared it to be Saheeh lighayrihi in 'Silsilah Saheehah' No. 3228 and 'Taleeqat al-Hasaan' 931,'al-Mishkat' 955.

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Shawkani mentioned it in 'Nail Awtaar' 92/332 and said the narrators of its chain are trustworthy.

4 - Different Wordings

A - In another narration the Prophet -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- used to teach us to say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الثَّبَاتَ فِي الْأَمْرِ ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ عَزِيمَةَ الرُّشْدِ ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ شُكْرَ نِعْمَتِكَ ، وَحُسْنَ عِبَادَتِكَ ،
وَأَسْأَلُكَ لِسَانًا صَادِقًا ، وَقَلْبًا سَلِيمًا ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا تَعْلَمُ ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا تَعْلَمُ ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ
مِمَّا تَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

B - As for the wording: 'If the people gather gold and silver, then gather this Dua'. . . . ' then this is from the wording of the Hadeeth collected by Imam Ahmad whereby Shaddad -Radhi Allaahu anhu- said:

سمعت رسول الله ﷺ يقول إذا كنز الناس الذهب والفضة فاكنزوا هؤلاء الكلمات

'I heard the Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- say:

'If the people gather gold and silver, then gather these words. . . . '

[Collected by Tabraani in 'Mu'ajam al-Kabeer', Abu Na'eem in 'al-Hileeyah' Ibn Aasakir in 'Tareekh Damishk'. Albaani said it is Saheeh lighayrihi in 'Silsilah Saheehah' and 'Taleeqat al-Hasaan' No. 93.]

C - It has also been collected with similar wordings, as for it being from the Dua' said in the prayer then this has been collected by Nisa'ee in his 'Sunnan' with the wording:

(...أن رسول الله ﷺ كان يقول في صلاته)

'The Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- used to say in his prayer. . . '

Also narrated ibn Hibban in 'Saheeh ibn Hibban' Also narrated by Ahmad with extra wording:

وكان رسول الله ﷺ يعلمنا كلمات ندعو بهن في صلاتنا أو قال في دبر صلاتنا

'The Messenger of Allaah -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam- used to teach us statements with which we make Dua' in our prayer or he said at the end of the prayer.'

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5 - Explanation

Explanation by Shaykh Muhammad bin AbdurRahmaan al-Mubarakfoori (d. 1353 A.H.) in the explanation of Tirmidhi, 'Tufhat ul-Ahwaadhi':

'and determination in conduct' - which is seriousness and determination in being correct whereby a person implements all that which is correct from his matters.

'Conduct and being correct': is righteousness, success and correctness.'

In the narration of Ahmad: 'I ask of You for strength of perseverance on the Deen and determination in conduct.'

Meaning: having a resolve with the heart upon accomplishment of the matter.

'And I ask of You to be able to be thankful for Your blessings': meaning to have the ability to be thankful for Your blessings.

'And to worship you in a correct and good way.' meaning: for the worship to take place in a good accepted way.

'And I ask You for a truthful tongue' meaning: protected from lying.

'and for a heart which is correct in Aqeedah' meaning: secure from corrupt beliefs and secure from desires.

'and I seek refuge with You From the evil of what You know' meaning: that which You know and I do not know of.

'and I seek forgiveness for that which You know' of me, of my negligence.

'Indeed You are the One who knows the unseen' meaning : the hidden things which do not occur from the outset except with the knowledge of The Gentle One and the well informed.'

[From 'Tuhfatul Ahwaathi']

6 - Benefits

● Ibn Qayyim aj-Jawzeeyah -Rahimullaah- said:

'As for the slave of Allaah being complete then that is with adhering to the truth and being upright upon it and having a firm resolve. Therefore, whoever does not have a firm resolve then he is deficient.

Whoever has a firm resolve but does not adhere to the truth and is not upright upon it then he is deficient.

So if adhering to the truth and being upright upon it is coupled with having a firm resolve then the fruits of every noble status and perfect condition occur.

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This is why in the Prophet's Dua' which has been narrated by Imam Ahmad and Ibn Hibban in his book 'Saheeh' there occurs : 'O Allaah verily I ask of You for strength of perseverance of obedience on the Deen, and determination in practicing of the Deen and goodness. ' and it is known that the tree of strength of perseverance does not stand except upon the tree trunk of patience.'

[Tareeq al-Hijratayn p.400-401]

● Shaykh Ibn Baz advised with memorizing this Dua' and he said:

'If you see the people amassing gold and silver then amass this Dua'.'

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance.