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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: In the Name of Allaah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful. The author (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said concerning what has been narrated by Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه)²; the Prophet, (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ said:

رُبَّ أَشْعَثٍ أَغْبَرَ مَدْفُوعٍ بِالْأَبْوَابِ لَوْ أَقْسَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ لِأَبْرَهُ

"Many a person who are dishevelled, dusty, and driven away from doors, if they were to swear by Allaah (that something would happen), Allaah will certainly make it happen".

- 'Dishevelled' is a description of the hair, meaning their hair is dishevelled. They don't have that which will beautify their hair or comb it. And they do not give great importance to their appearance.
- Dusty' meaning dust coloured, their garment is dusty, and this is due to their severe poverty.
- Driven away from doors' meaning he has no relevance. When he goes to the people and seeks permission to enter, he is not given permission, thus they close the door on him. If they open the door and find this person standing there, they shove the door in his face, because he has no value in the sight of the people, but he has value with the Lord of all that exists.

If they were by swear by Allaah (that something would happen), Allaah will certainly make it happen. If they were to say: 'By Allaah such and such will not happen'; then it will not happen. And if they were to say: 'By Allaah such and such will happen'; then it will happen.

If they were to swear by Allaah (that something would happen), Allaah will certainly make it happen. This is due to their nobility and status with Allaah.

What was the cause of them reaching this level? Because perhaps there will be a person who is dishevelled, dusty and driven away from doors and if they were to swear by Allaah (that something would happen) Allaah will not make it happen. While there are other

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

³ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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people who are dishevelled, dusty, and driven away from doors if they were to swear by Allaah (that something would happen), Allaah will certainly make it happen.

Therefore what is the criterion? The criterion is Taqwaa of Allaah the Exalted. As Allaah the Exalted said:

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ

[Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allaah is the most righteous of you.]⁴

Thus whoever has the most Taqwaa, then he is the most honourable with Allaah. Allaah will make their affairs easy. He will answer their Du'aa, and remove harm from them, and He will cause their oaths to come to pass.

⁴ سورة الحجرات - Soorah al-Hoojooorat [49:13]