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

A touching story narrated by Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr

Taken from the lecture: The Qur'aan the Book of Happiness

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq: Guidance and happiness are two affairs which go hand in hand; thus whoever is guided then he is happy. And whoever is misguided then he is miserable. Misery is the companion to misguidance which is not separated from it. Therefore whenever misguidance is found misery is found, and whenever guidance is found happiness is found.

Subhaanallaah!! This is an affair which the people perceive. Whoever is distant from Allaah and His obedience and being upright upon His legislation and then he becomes guided, he will perceive in his heart a delight which was missing and a sweetness which was nonexistent and a joy which he was not aware of. When Allaah honours him, and favours him with guidance he tastes the sweetness and experiences the joy of happiness, the coolness of the eyes, peace of mind, and tranquillity of the soul; which he did not find before that.

I will narrate to you on this topic an amazing story. A few years ago a man called me after 'Asr prayer and he said; 'I have a question; but before the question I want to inform you about my condition.'

He said: 'I am twenty-seven years old and I cannot move any part of my body except for my head.'

I said: 'How long have you been in this condition?'

He replied: 'For two years.'

I said: 'What caused that?'

He replied: A car accident.

I said to him: 'Where are you living?'

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He replied: 'In such and such a place.'

I said: 'I want to visit you.' So I visited him the same day. He began to narrate to me his story, and it was a long story. I sat with him for an hour and a half; and most of the time I was listening and benefitting because his life contained a lesson. He said a statement to me which is the point of reference for the story and I will not be lengthy with the details.

He said to me: 'By Allaah, verily now I feel a delight which I walked for a long time on my feet in search of but did not find'. Before the accident I was negligent and after the accident I became one who turns to Allaah, with remembrance, praying, and reciting the Qur'aan.

One of the noble brothers brought for him a computer device that works by voice control; because his hands do not move. He tested it in front of me. He spoke to the computer and the Soorah he wanted opened. And he spoke to the computer and the verse he wanted opened. He spoke to the computer and the Tafseer he wanted opened. The Qur'aan was in front of him, he read and memorised, and he read the Tafseer and he did not need to turn the pages with his hand or to call anyone to turn the pages for him. The verse he wanted he would request it directly, and if he wanted its Tafseer he would request it directly.

And he said: 'By Allaah, verily now I feel a delight which I walked for a long time on my feet in search of but did not find.' Thus let the faithful person take a lesson and take a warning.

Guidance and happiness are only obtained by the Book of Allaah the Glorified and Exalted. And whoever seeks it from other than the Book of Allaah the Exalted will not attain anything except loss and he will not attain anything except destruction and ruin in his worldly life and his afterlife.

Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery¹

And pay attention to His statement here: 'then whoever follows My guidance'; because that which is necessary as it relates to the Qur'aan is following it, not just the mere recitation and properly pronouncing its letters. The Qur'aan was only sent down to be implemented not merely to pronounce its letters correctly while neglecting its guidelines. For this reason He said: 'then whoever follows My guidance'. Thus that which results in happiness is following the guidance not merely memorising the Qur'aan or memorising the letters of the Qur'aan. And following the guidance of the Book of Allaah is a branch of understanding the Qur'aan and pondering over it.

¹ (Soorah Taa-Haa 20:123)

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(This is) a Book (the Qur'aan) which We have sent down to you, full of blessings that they may ponder over its Verses, and that men of understanding may remember.²

Thus this is an affair which is necessary in order to attain happiness; reciting the Qur'aan, reflecting over its verses, working by it, and following its guidance.

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² (Soorah Sad 38:29)