
Writing on gift paper and red paper bags

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Shaykh Mashoor Hasan said, “Our Shaykh, (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹, charged me with reviewing some of the volumes of *As-Silsilah ad-Da’eefah* before it was printed ... he gave me the fifth volume of *Ad-Da’eefah*. So I took the volume from him [which was written] in his own handwriting before it was printed.

When I took it out of the bag [it was in] and saw it I started to cry.

The Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) asked me, “What is wrong with you?”

So I didn’t say anything, and the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) saw the tears in my eyes.

The Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ), had written the fifth volume of *Ad-Da’eefah* on gift paper, and on the paper bags used for sugar and rice, the red [paper] bags which the people would weigh sugar and rice in.

So the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ), said to me, “I used to have thread which I would place in ink. Then I would place this thread on the paper and so the paper would become lined.” And he (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said, “I didn’t have any money to buy paper with.””²

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² [Transl. note: The fifth volume of *Ad-Da’eefah* which is printed is 524 pages long.]