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Sermon 1: Sa'adat – Meaning and its calamity

Sermon 2: Safina-e-Ta'awun should be managed by believers

I invite you and myself towards Taqwa and emphasize you to live your lives in accordance with Taqwa and establish your lives on the foundations of Taqwa. It is the divine plan and system from Allah for the protection of every dimension and filed of human lives. The human life remains secure under this system only and becomes insecure outside this. the human life has various degrees and for every level there is a protection system in place from Allah.

In saying number of 108 Amirul Momineen (a.s) says

وَقَالَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: لَقَدْ عَلِقَ بِنْيَاطِ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانِ بَضْعَةٌ هِيَ أَعْجَبُ مَا فِيهِ وَ ذَلِكَ الْقَلْبُ وَ ذَلِكَ أَنَّ لَهُ مَوَادَّ مِنَ الْحِكْمَةِ وَ أَضْدَادًا مِنْ خِلَافِهَا فَإِنْ سَنَحَ لَهُ الرَّجَاءُ أَذَلَّهُ الطَّمَعُ وَ إِنْ هَاجَ بِهِ الطَّمَعُ أَهْلَكَهُ الْحِرْصُ وَ إِنْ مَلَكَهُ الْيَأْسُ قَتَلَهُ الْأَسْفُ وَ إِنْ عَرَضَ لَهُ الْغَضَبُ اشْتَدَّ بِهِ الْغَيْظُ وَ إِنْ أَسْعَدَهُ الرِّضَى نَسِيَ التَّحَفُّظَ وَ إِنْ غَالَهُ الْخَوْفُ شَغَلَهُ الْحَذَرُ وَ إِنْ اتَّسَعَ لَهُ الْأَمْرُ اسْتَلَبَتْهُ الْغِرَّةُ وَ إِنْ أَقَادَ مَالًا أَطْعَاهُ الْغِنَى وَ إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ مُصِيبَةٌ فَضَحَّهَ الْجَزَعُ وَ إِنْ عَضَّتْهُ الْفَاقَةُ شَغَلَهُ الْبَلَاءُ وَ إِنْ جَهَدَهُ الْجُوعُ قَعَدَ بِهِ الضَّعْفُ وَ إِنْ أَفْرَطَ بِهِ الشَّبَعُ كَظَّتْهُ الْبُطْنَةُ فَكُلُّ تَقْصِيرٍ بِهِ مُضِرٌّ وَ كُلُّ إِفْرَاطٍ لَهُ مُفْسِدٌ

Amir al-mu'minin, peace be upon him, said: In man there is a piece of flesh attached to him with a vein and it is the strangest thing in him. It is the heart. It has a store of wisdom and things contrary to wisdom or various states of wisdom. If it sees a ray of hope, eagerness humiliates it and when eagerness increases, greed ruins it. If disappointment overtakes it, grief kills it. If anger rises in it, a serious rage develops. If it is blessed with pleasure, it forgets to be cautious and protective. If it becomes fearing, it becomes heedless of precaution. If peace extends all round, it becomes neglectful. If it earns wealth, freedom from care puts it in the wrong. If trouble befalls it, becomes impatient. If it faces starvation, distress overtakes it. If hunger attacks it, weakness makes it sit down. If its eating increases, heaviness of stomach pains it. Thus, every shortness is harmful to it and every excess is injurious, corruptive to it.

وَ إِنْ أَسْعَدَهُ الرِّضَى نَسِيَ التَّحَفُّظَ

When man gets privilege (Sa'adat), pleasure , comfort he forgets protection. In the states of heart, Amirul Momineen (a.s) has mentioned about privilege (Sa'adat), pleasure, forgetfulness and protection. The word Sa'adat is used extensively in supplications, when preaching someone, blessing someone, when we get something we consider it to be Sa'adat.

In Urdu language it is happiness for life which is fine for Urdu as every language has the rights to use their own terminology. But those words which have got transferred from Arabic to Urdu, then man does mistakes in the Arabic meaning as well. Allama Mufti Jafar (r.a) has done the translation as happiness and pleased which is a Urdu meaning and Arabic is different. Specifically when you translate the meaning of Hadith in Quran we should consider the actual meaning in mind and if we interpret Urdu meanings on Arabic words then we will not be able to reach the actual context of the statement.

I am explaining this word of Sa'adat here in context to this saying but in Quran it has more extensive meaning. In our society believers (Momin) are a sect and not on the basis of faith. A particular sect considers themselves as believer irrespective of whether they have faith or not. Quran considers the faithful as believers (Momin) and have denied the oral claimants as faithful. The word 'Saad is used in Jantri mostly by Shias though present in other sects as well. In Shias the mischievous things spread fast and we have to understand what is the basis on which this spreads fast. We consider in our Jantri's as some days in a year being Sa'ad (good and happy days) and some days as bad omen days. These are the teachings of Hindu religion which has entered the Muslims. Such mischievous things come in those places where mind is controlled by illusions and imaginations, but when intellect and sense is there it won't happen.

In Arabic Sa'ad means help and there are other relevant words also used in Arabic like Saa'id which means the arm below elbow. The help that is given to someone is known as Musa'da. Then other words like Masood, Saeed but the actual meaning is help (Madad). In Arabic help (Maddha) means to extend something. Shadd means to suppress something and Maddh means to stretch. In Arabic Madad means to stretch, extend something towards someone. Sa'ad is also help (Madad) but not all types of help. The highest position in Arabic vocabulary is Raghīb Isfahani who has made easy for Scholars to understand Quranic terminologies. He has done precise meaning of Sa'ad and says not every help is Sa'ad. It is that help which makes the needy reach goodness (Khair) and prosperity (Falah). Every help grants some benefit to the needy, like stomach is filled up but does all type of help makes man reach prosperity and purpose of life? We also use all bounties, from some we take pleasure, with some we fulfill some needs and some for something else. But how many means which we use make us reach that goodness which Allah has ordained us to reach our purpose, that is to make us reach humanity, which Quran terms as Khilafat, Liqaullah and other titles. How many means of life which we have accumulated are those which make us reach our purpose of life. We can find in our homes certain means which we are using for taking pleasure and how many means are there which make us reach the purpose of creation.

Those means which makes man reach his purpose in Arabic is known as Sa'ad. It means as example to grant guidance, knowledge which makes man reach his purpose. We use the word Sa'adat as formality and interpret it as privilege. We meet criminals and consider it as privilege (Sa'adat) which is a formality statement. Sa'adat is the help which makes man reach his purpose of creation. Giving someone anything that is useful for person to reach his purpose of creation is Sadaat. Like you reach some institute, center which teaches you the purpose of creation then this is Sa'adat. Allah has kept the passion of help inside man in abundance and

is a sentiment. Those who have the sense to help neediest should thank Allah that their conscience and humanity is alive. But when man is insensitive, closes his eyes on needy then he is dead and not having feelings of humanity. We help people in context to these sentiments. But one type of help is Sa'adat which helps man to reach the purpose. If that help comes to man then Amirul Momineen (a.s) says it has a calamity. At times we get such type of help (Sa'adat) either by asking or at times by without asking. In the floods certain are getting by asking and certain people have been provided help without asking. In both situations if the help is such that we can get purpose of life it comes under Sa'adat.

Allah has made this arrangement and at times we get this sense to ask those things which makes us reach our purpose. We should not seek vain things. In both situations whether we ask or don't ask but Allah grants this special help (Sa'adat) then this help needs protection. There are many people who have got this Sa'adat (help which makes them reach purpose of creation). Such type of help when received needs protection. But the heart of man is such that he does not protect such kind of help and forgets to make use of this help, means for his benefit. In our homes there are many books of guidance which are Sa'ad and these mobiles are evils. These books which you have not read are signs of Nisyan (forgetfulness). The library in Jamea is unique and any researcher who comes testifies that we have not seen this collection anywhere in Pakistan. But how many people are taking benefits from this Sa'adat. How many times students, teachers, staff go to the library. The students go there to hide certain things because they know no one goes to library. This is Saadat which is not getting protected and forgetfulness has come. I have given an example from inside home as people mind if I give other examples.

Anyone who is present inside Jamea or outside, in Pakistan or outside they all have some Sa'adat around them which Allah has made to reach him. Like outside there is some good scholar but how much is being benefitted from him? One of the diseases of heart is forgetfulness and heart gets indulged in abundance. Specifically forgetting those things which are related to the survival of our real existence. It is like a patient forgets life saving medicine to be taken. To forget such means of help which Allah has granted us for our salvation and to reach the purpose is annihilation. All those who have the passion of help inside them should be grateful. As this is the law that Allah grants more to those who use their bounties with gratefulness. If you have been grateful in real sense you will see Allah will grant you more passion and means. If you want to help someone, then these are of two types. One type of help is welfare like feeding people, giving medication which is present globally. Bill gates has done repentance that all the wealth which I have gathered are people's assets and I will return to them. This repentance is Satanic. Certain prophecies of his came true like he said in 2003 that Corona virus will come and it came in 2019. When he visited Pakistan he said now a more dangerous virus than Corona is going to come. From where he knows? He has announced that I will distribute my wealth amongst people and is spending money in vaccination and other welfare things. In Europe this model is found more as there is no humanity, because capitalism is always without humanity. To become capitalists your humanity has to first end. Capitalistic orientation means to gather the world assets for the sake of desires, to become rich and dominate others. Make everyone starve and when they are dying then you distribute

some to those dying through NGO's so that they pray for you. It is like a terrorist shoots all and then given medicines. The capitalist system has trained us in such a way that we don't speak on the oppression of tyrants, but thank the oppressors when they apply ointment on our wounds.

In religion the welfare system is based on Sa'adat, which means to provide that help which makes them reach their purpose of creation. Religion gives us training of Sa'adat and makes both the one who helps and one helped both reach the purpose of creation. In this context Amirul Momineen (a.s) says when Allah grants you Sa'adat then do not forget what Allah has given you. We have forgotten divine books, Prophet, Imams , guidance and this is due to this heart disease that it forgets Sa'adat.

I have mentioned that when you are helping the people of your country then you should have the religious perspective in your mind and I will explain this more in the second sermon. May Allah grant us Sa'daat and may we grant it to others and get the Taufeeq to protect this Sa'adat.

SECOND SERMON

Taqwa means protection and today we can see the human life in calamity. The Taqwa of today is to give protection to this life. The loss which has come due to floods is still not comprehended. One chapter in this topic of flood as to why such devastating floods came in Pakistan. The thing that is been discussed globally is that this capitalist system has created destruction. They have created in abundance such industries which produce such dangerous gases which destroy the world. This is proven by science. In lust of capital they are putting up such industries to create products which are not that useful as compared to the gases which destroy the natural environment of earth made by Allah. Certain parliamentarians in Britain and America have confessed that Pakistan is suffering from our crimes. This is one cause and other causes can also be added to it. To reject this we can say that Pakistan is not having such industries and stands lowest in industrialization. Hence such gases play a less role in Pakistan but they have suffered due to this. May Allah punish these capitalists whose industries and assets should also get drown in floods so that they can realize how much the people of Sindh and Baluchistan are suffering. This happens over years of industrialization. The punishment is coming on Europe as well. This is the most dry and hot year in Europe. It will happen like this only where there would be drought for years and then then it will flood.

In Pakistan the government or any category is not there who is thinking about this. The losses are highly extensive in Pakistan. One big loss is that infrastructure is destroyed. Streets, bridges, train tracks are destroyed. The agriculture is destroyed and when these lands will get ready for crops depends on when this water will drain out. In 2010 I visited Sindh after three months and the water was still standing and those floods were lesser than these. This is the task of government to build this infrastructure as they have the budget and have got foreign help as well. This should be done immediately as all other things are dependent on building the transportation infrastructure and should be the first priority for government.

The community loss is highly severe. Their houses, assets, animals have all drown or died with starvation. Those livestock's which are left are being sold at pennies to brokers. We cannot estimate when life will return to normalcy. The government has got very high historic aids from outside. The government should give some part of it to people and some part as loans without interest so that

they can run their farms and businesses as much possible. The medical aid is on high priority and in the past also there were weak areas and medical support was not there even before. In cities medical treatment is possible but outside reach of people due to costs. The medicines are so expensive now that even good earning people are not able to buy. The medicines which would cost 3000 Rs few months back now costs 30,000 Rs. This is without floods. The government should have this on priority to provide medication and even for people they should help.

One thing happening is politics over flood rather than aid. One group will give one carton , or small bag, take picture and put on media. One politician has done this , he opened water in his lawn where water got accumulated and got people there. He stepped inside the water to show that he is helping people by visiting flood area. There are such lowly people who are making mockery of actual victims and using the flood victims for their own propagation. The abandoned outfits , terrorist groups who have bans on them to gather funds, but with the excuse of helping people they reach people to get their sympathy for their banned outfits and make people join their terrorist groups.

The community help is also highly appreciated , the way the calamity is big the help of people is also esteemed. The grievous thing is that such big help is not reaching the flood victims because there is no system for disaster management. Hence people out of their passion , collect aid and make them reach the victims as well. And this is being done on repetitive way to the same people. One organization goes to one area to give water, another also reaches there to give water, but they need food as well. This is established fact about Pakistani community on how they go out of the way to help people. Such aids which reach the areas are also wasted due to improper arrangements.

One reason is that there is no data about the flood affected area. I have mentioned this before that in-today's era the most effective thing is Data. Those who have data companies are the richest people in the world. Data means that authentic, established , proven information which becomes the basis in some planning. The digital world has data as the most expensive weapon. The one big loss which we can see is that we don't have any basis to help the flood victims. We don't have the data bank where we can refer to see which area is affected how much, and how many people are there so that welfare organizations are provided data on where each one should go like district wise allocation. It should not be that everyone reaches the same place. Some people have system to gather funds but how to distribute these funds they lack the potential. They have this desire to help everyone under their own flag. Hence they do the easy thing that they empty their full aid trucks on streets and give to people standing across the streets. There are some brokers who take these to sell in markets. Hence a major part of aid is being wasted. There is looting also happening in big numbers. Since there is no data bank, a central area to manage thing. There are local people whom some are supporting and some are becoming an obstacle and wants to distribute the aid through them which they do on prejudicial way. You have heard sectarian statements where some groups have said to not help Shias.

For aid work you need training. The rescue teams are trained on how to help the accident victims at times due to improper way used people die. The general people should take such trainings on provide first aid. There is a training required on how to distribute the aids. When untrained people go to such areas, there is hot weather, no water, no electricity and these people who live in AC's , when they visit there they ask flood victims about AC room. This needs nurturing, training and those who help they should be trained in camps on various scenarios of floods, earthquake, fire etc. I am only getting the attention drawn to analyze and prepare before time.

It is established that those who are helping are big numbers and people are doing in their capacity. There is a thin category whose hearts are hard. It is around billions which are gathered. There should be an audit on who has collected what. Then on the distribution side.

The second phase of help which is required to be done by all groups and also us. The second stage needs clothes, blankets, mosquito nets, tents and medicines. We should get the list of families based on survey and we will pack the stuff from here and send it across to the families directly with their names. The things given for charity should not be worn out which you yourself cannot use. Try to give new or even if old, wash it, iron it and send it.

We need people, youths who can go across the country and do distribution work. This is also a field for youths who can show their passions to visit these areas and distribution. If they want to go through us, then they can first come and do a 2 days course so that they know how to help. Those who are sick, lazy, who lack spirit should not come. Those should come who can cooperate as a team. We need expertise and funds for making houses and other facilities. We want to make such homes which can sustain floods and remain in water and does not gets destroyed. We are trying to do such things. We need vehicles, trucks which are heavy that can go in mud. Those who have such vehicles can be given and if not believers can give rent.

For Jamea, it was never our intention to take all the work on our own else nothing would be done. We have been confined to education and upbringings. But in Jamea less people come for education, training but most come for welfare. We refer them to the welfare organizations and at times we are not able to do this. I have demanded this from people that they should make such systems who can take care of this responsibility. It is now a need to do this. We have used a title now Safeena-e-Ta'awun (Ark of cooperation). It is the ark which gives salvation to Ummah. The believers should themselves manage this and not hand over this to Jamea, as we don't have human resources. For this it is necessary for some believers to take care of this. We have pursued people to help flood victims and not that they should give us. But believers have done this to support the flood victims through the Jamea platform. One request I would make is to not give funds to anyone in the name of Jamea, and there is no representative of Jamea. There is an account number given in which you can deposit, take the receipt and ensure that your funds have reached the flood victims. Though it was not suitable to give this personal account but since we don't have Jamea account. We have used this account for flood victims. Since these funds are from believers I am giving this report.

The collective funds 46,621,642 has come for flood victims. Some people give funds but do not ask for receipt but I request to always take receipt. In the first phase of help as the funds are coming on gradual basis. In the first week, we purchased food, tents, medicines and sent to those areas. We have good team of young doctors and have helped the needy in far most areas and have delivered medicines to such areas themselves. Our friends in Karachi have separately generated 7,800,000 for the flood victims. This help is continuing. We are working to get food, medicines, tents, blankets. Since the believers have trusted us and hence we have to deliver these. I have request to believers that they should themselves manage this Safeena-e-Ta'awun and Jamea will support you in every possible way. At Jamea we have a crisis of human resources. I am afraid if we put our hands directly then we already have a lot of work so we won't be delivering the rights of this work and will feel ashamed. All believers should do themselves. I have this faith, belief and experience that we can do this as well. Jamea is the model of dignity and independence. We do not beg on streets. Everyone should trust Allah and the Taufeeq which Allah has given to everyone should be used to help their brothers. It would be a big asset to create a force of managing crisis under the banner of Imam hussain (a).