

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Commentary on the Treatise The Means and Actions which Multiply Rewards- Part 4¹

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Text: “...There is no prayer for you except what the portion in which your mind was present in it”...

Commentary: “ash-Shawakani recorded that and in this Hadith there is speech [i.e. It has weakness]. But a slave does not receive from his prayer except what he mindful of”².

Text: “...Every time these affairs strengthen, the reward is greater...”

Commentary: “ This encourages the best of actions and statements. [Allah says:]

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

And say to My slaves (i.e. the true believers of Islamic Monotheism) that they should (only) say those words that are the best [17:53]

Allah ordered with the best of statements and the best of actions. [It comes in the Hadith]:

أَنَّ رَجُلًا، سَأَلَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَيُّ الْأَعْمَالِ أَفْضَلُ قَالَ " الصَّلَاةُ لَوْ قَتَلَهَا، وَبِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ، ثُمَّ الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ "

¹ The source of the audio:

http://www.sh-yahia.net/nwe_sounds/durus/Business%20that%20doubles%20the%20reward/004.mp3

² A more authentic narration similar in meaning is the following:

عَنْ عَمَّارِ بْنِ يَاسِرٍ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَنْصَرِفُ وَمَا كُتِبَ لَهُ إِلَّا عَشْرُ صَلَاتِهِ تُسْعُهُا ثَمَنُهَا سُبْعُهَا سُدُسُهَا خُمْسُهَا رُبْعُهَا ثُلُثُهَا نِصْفُهَا

‘Ammar b. Yasir (may Allah be pleased with him) said: I heard the apostle of Allah (ﷺ) say: A man returns after saying his prayer while a tenth part of his prayer, or a ninth part, or an eighth part, or a seventh part, or a sixth part, or a fifth part, or a third part, or half of it, is recorded for him [Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood no. 796]

A man asked the Prophet (ﷺ) "What deeds are the best?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "(1) To perform the (daily compulsory) prayers at their (early) stated fixed times, (2) to be good and dutiful to one's own parents, (3) and to participate in Jihad in Allah's Cause." [Bukhari and Muslim]

Likewise believing in Allah. They (the Companions may Allah be pleased with them) asked for the best of good deeds”.

Text: “...An action which is less in reward than another can be subjected to benefits [at times] which make it better than other than it...”

Commentary: “An action that is (مفضول) can be better than other than it”.

Text: “...From that which is agreed upon by the Rabbani Scholars is to adhere to the strength in sincerity to Allah, loving good at all times, along with persistence in the remembrance of Allah. Nothing of the actions can reach this and its people are from the foremost: in every virtue, reward, and what is besides that from the actions which follow it. So the people of sincerity, Ihsan, and remembrance of Allah are those foremost in the life of this world and the foremost (in Paradise). These will be those nearest to Allah, in the Gardens of Delight (Paradise)...”

Commentary: “Until here [i.e. we will end here]. [Then the Shaikh reads the dua of expiation. Then he says].

This treatise on the means and actions that multiply reward by the Scholar Abdur Rahman bin Naasir as-Sa'di or some say Si'di with a kasra. But with the fatha is more apparent as it is well known. It was an answer to a question which he answered and expounded. He has done well. He has also written a sequel on this subject and latter authors have written more than a volume on this. Some have expanded the issue by mentioning what in reality is not from its chapter. We wanted to read this work in order to add what Allah made easy to add in relation to this chapter. And with Allah is Tawfeeq”

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