

Practical Lessons from the Life of Shaykhul Hadith, Moulana Haroon Abasoomar

Lesson 11 – Bringing joy to a Muslim

Sayyiduna Anas (radiyallahu 'anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) said:

'Whoever does for his brother what pleases him, solely to bring him joy, Allah will bring joy to him on the day of Qiyamah.' (Al-Mu'jamus saghir, Hadith: 1178)

Other narrations have labelled this deed as: **'The most virtuous of deeds'** and **'A sure means of forgiveness.'** (Tabarani; Targhib, Hadith: 3878/9)

Hazrat Moulana Haroon Abasoomar saheb (rahimahullah) was always cognisant of this deed.

Hazrat (rahimahullah) had a tactful way of cheering up whoever he met, **the rich, the poor, friends and family or strangers**, he was able to put a smile on everyone's face, including **young children**, thus leaving people with a lasting impression/fond memory.

- He would think of unique ways in which to make a person smile.
- When greeting, especially the poor or indigenous brothers, he would **meet them with a smile, with his arms wide open and hug them warmly**, and thereafter admire their smile.
- He took a lot of satisfaction from this noble deed.
- When visiting the sick, he would use warm and encouraging words. He would also promise the person that he will **take his name and make du'a** for him. This would bring added joy to the sick patient.
- When giving charity, he would encourage his associates to **give more than is expected**, to add to the joy of the poor.
- When buying from vendors on the street, he would encourage to **pay more** than the asking price.

He always encouraged giving out candy to children and he would say: **'This sweet speaks all languages.'** *i.e. it cheers up children all over the globe, whatever their language.*

Hazrat (rahimahullah) was a very well-travelled person. On his travels he met people from all countries. Hazrat (rahimahullah) made a concerted effort to **learn the greeting of various languages and had memorised the greeting of more than 30 languages!**

He would say: **'When you -as a foreigner- greet someone in his own language, he gets more happy.'**

Hazrat Moulana Haroon saheb (rahimahullah) actually considered bringing joy to a Muslim as an act of 'ibadah. That is why he went to such lengths to implement it. He would often quote the above mentioned Hadiths on such occasions, as a reminder of the huge rewards for this unique deed.

May Allah Ta'ala bless us with this noble trait too, as it is a sign of pure sincerity. May Allah Ta'ala fill Hazrat Moulana's (rahimahullah) grave with mercy and nur and raise his stages in Jannah. Amin.



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