

LOVE FOR OUR FELLOW MUSLIMS

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From amongst the various teachings emphasised throughout the Qur'ān and Ahādēeth, one significant teaching is having love and affection towards fellow believers. Allāh Ta'ālā has clearly stated in the Glorious Qur'ān, "Indeed, all believers are brothers," (49:10) making very clear that the essence of unity should be found amongst the Muslims.

Islām has taught that brotherhood is not based merely on blood relation. In fact, the presence of Imān within a human also makes him dear to one just as well.

The Bond Between the Muhājireen & Ansār

When Nabi ﷺ migrated from Makkah to Madinah along with many Sahābah, the circumstances were difficult for the Muhājireen (the migrants). They had left all their possessions behind in Makkah and were starting afresh from scratch in Madinah. To help them with this process, Nabi ﷺ paired each Muhājir with one of the Ansār (helpers in Madinah).

During this pairing, 'Abdur Rahmān Bin 'Awf ؓ was paired up with Sa'd Bin Rabi ؓ. Bearing in mind that these two companions were just meeting for the first time, but purely based on the connection of Imān, Sa'd Bin Rabi ؓ said to him, "I am from amongst the wealthy people of Madinah. This is all the land in my possession. From now, half of it is yours. I also have two wives. You may see both of them and whichever you prefer, I will divorce her so that you can marry her." (Bukhāri)

This is just one of many incidents which we find from the lives of our pious predecessors which display the love, affection and concern that they had for one another. They truly personified the teachings of Nabi ﷺ when he mentioned, "A believer is a brother for another believer." (Abu Dāwud)

The Whole Ummah is One Body

In another hadith, Nabi ﷺ has further emphasised the relationship between each member of his beloved ummah. He mentions, "All the believers are like one person. If his eye feels pain, the whole body aches. If his head feels pain, his whole body aches." (Muslim)

Just as when a person goes through pain and discomfort in a certain part or limb of his body, it is difficult for the body to isolate that pain so that the remaining limbs can continue with their own tasks. Pain in one part affects the productivity of the entire

body. Whether it be a headache, toothache or a minor cut, the entire body now makes an effort to alleviate that pain and does not feel rest until done so.

Similar is the case of the ummah as a whole. If even one believer was to be going through difficulty and pain, the other members of this ummah should feel restless until this difficulty was removed.

Unfortunately, in today's world, it is not just one Muslim, in fact there are thousands of Muslims across the world going through endless difficulties and pain. During such a time, we should feel restless too at this discomfort of our Muslim brothers and sisters. And we must also do what we can within our power to help alleviate these difficulties.

What We Can Do

The very first step that each and every Muslim can take immediately is to start making du'ā. Nabi ﷺ has mentioned the virtues, importance and power of du'ā in various ahādēeth. For example, he has mentioned. "Du'ā is the weapon of a believer." (Hākim)

That person who may not have any other ability, who may not have any physical or financial capacity to help, he too can at the very least start making du'ā. Each and every muslim should immediately start making du'ā for the ease and comfort of our Muslim brothers and sisters around the world and for the alleviation of all difficulties and discomfort.

The respected Hadhrat Mawlānā Ismail Dhorat hafizahullāh advises that one can make his du'ā even more effective by pairing it with good actions, whether it be after Salāh, after the recitation of the Glorious Qur'ān or after any other good deed.

Along with du'ā, the very honourable Hadhrat Mawlānā Muhammad Saleem Dhorat hafizahullāh has also mentioned a few other points that every Muslim should adopt at the time of crisis and difficulty; Tawbah, Taqwā, Sadaqah, Sabr, Salāh and Dhikrullāh.

May Allāh Ta'ālā grant us the ability to understand the importance of love and concern for our fellow brothers and sisters. May he grant us the ability to practise upon the points advised above. And may he alleviate all the difficulties and troubles that our fellow Muslim brothers and sisters are going through throughout the world. Ameen.