

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Notes From the 2nd ash-Shifa Class

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During this class we covered the first section of the book Ta'leem al-anaam of Abdullah Dan Fodio, may Allah have mercy on him. This class was short as this is the shortest chapter of this blessed book. We pray that everyone obtains some benefit from this, it is included below.

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الفصل الأول

في ثناء الله تعالى عليه

بِقَوْلِهِ { لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ } فِيهِ إِعْلَامٌ بِأَنَّ قَوْمَهُ يَعْرِفُونَ شَرَفَهُ، وَ فَضْلَهُ عَلَيْهِمْ، وَ صِدْقَهُ، وَ أَمَانَتَهُ، وَ نَصِيحَتَهُ لَهُمْ، وَ حِرْصَهُ عَلَى هِدَايَتِهِمْ، وَ شِدَّةَ كَرَاهَتِهِ بِمَا يُعْتَهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةِ، وَ رَأْفَتَهُ وَ رَحْمَتَهُ لِمُؤْمِنِيهِمْ، فَأَعْطَاهُ اللهُ إِسْمَيْنِ مِنْ أَسْمَائِهِ { رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ }.

وَقَوْلُهُ: { مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ } عِلْمَ اللهِ عَجَزَ الْخَلْقِ عَنْ طَاعَتِهِ بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَأَقَامَ بَيْنَهُ وَ بَيْنَهُمْ مَخْلُوقًا مِّنْ جِنْسِهِمْ، أَلْبَسَهُ مِنْ نَعْتِهِ: الرَّأْفَةَ وَ الرَّحْمَةَ، وَ جَعَلَ طَاعَتَهُ. وَ قَوْلُهُ: { وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ } فَمَنْ أَصَابَهُ شَيْءٌ مِّنْ رَّذَمَتِهِ فَهُوَ النَّاجِي فِي الدَّارَيْنِ، وَ هُوَ رَحْمَةٌ لِّجَمِيعِ الْخَلْقِ إِنْ سَبَّهِمْ وَ جَنَّهُمْ، بِهِدَايَةِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ تَأْخِيرِ عَذَابِ الْكَافِرِينَ. وَ قَدْ قَالَ لِحَبْرِيْلَ عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ: ((هَلْ أَصَابَكَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الرَّحْمَةِ شَيْءٌ؟)) قَالَ: نَعَمْ، كُنْتُ أَخَافُ الْعَاقِبَةَ

فَأَمِنْتُ بِقَوْلِ اللَّهِ فِي الْقُرْآنِ فِي {إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ مُطَاعٍ ثُمَّ
أَمِينٍ}

وَقِيلَ فِي قَوْلِهِ: {وَإِنْ تَعَدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا} هِيَ نِعْمَتُهُ بِمُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِلَى غَيْرِ مَا ذَكَرْنَا مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَاللَّهُ الْمُوفِّقُ لِلصَّوَابِ.

The First Section

On Allah's Praise of the Prophet

Allah ta'ala has praised the Prophet in the best manner by His words, "There has come to you a Messenger from among yourselves, who grieves over your discomforts, full of concern for you, compassionate and merciful to those who believe."¹

In this verse is an indication that his people (the Makkans) were thoroughly aware of his nobility (*sharafahu*) and kindness (*fadlahu*) towards them, his truthfulness (*sidqahu*), integrity (*amaanatahu*), his sincere advice to them (*nasehatahu lahum*), and his concern in guiding them. They were aware of the intensity of dislike for what distresses them in this life and the Hereafter (*ad-dunya wal-akhirah*) and his compassion and mercy towards those who believe. For He honored him by giving him two of His own names: the compassionate and the merciful (*ra'uf, rahim*).

He ta'ala has further praised him, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, by His words, "Whoever obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah."² Allah knew of the inability of mankind in obeying Him on their own accord, therefore He set up between Him and them a created being from among their own species. He ta'ala invested this created being with some of His own qualities of compassion (*ar-ra'afa*) and mercy (*ar-rahma*). He then made obedience to him like obedience to Himself.

Allah ta'ala has praised him further by His words, "We have not sent you except as a mercy to all the worlds."³ Therefore, whoever is touched by any aspect of his mercy is saved in both worlds. He, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, is 'a mercy to all the worlds' meaning to both the *jinn*⁴ and mankind. He is a mercy to the believers by guiding them, a mercy to the hypocrites by granting them security from being killed, and a mercy to the disbelievers by deferring their punishment. It has been related that the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said to Jibril, "Has any of this mercy touched you?" He replied, "Yes, I used to fear what would happen to me, but now I feel safe because of the way Allah praised me when He said.

'Possessing power, secure with the Lord of the Throne, obeyed, then trusting'.⁵" It was said about His words, "If you were to try enumerating the blessings of Allah, you could not count them."⁶ It is said His blessings (*ni'ma*) means Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and the like of what we have mentioned from the Qur'anic verse. And Allah gives success in arriving at the truth.

¹ Qur'an 9:128

² Qur'an 4:80

³ Qur'an 21:107

⁴ Jinn: pl. al-Jaan. Allah ta'ala says. "And the jinn We created before (the creation of man) from intensely hot fire." [15:27]. And He ta'ala says, "And they make the *jinn* partners with Allah, even though He created them..." [16:100]. And He ta'ala says, "...they all made prostration, except Iblis. He was from among the *jinn*. So he transgressed the command of Allah." [18:50]. And He ta'ala says. "Enter the Fire among the nations that have passed away before you among the *jinn* and mankind." [7:38] These verses clarify that the *jinn* are a nation like mankind who are invisible to most humans. They are male and female, believers and disbelievers, kind and malevolent. They will suffer the Judgment, punishment and reward from Allah like mankind.

⁵ Qur'an 81:20, 21

⁶ Qur'an 14:34