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Allaahumma Ihdeeni wa Sadidni

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After praising Allaah and sending the salaam upon the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), the Shaikh said:

Indeed, du'aa is a key to all goodness in this life and the hereafter. And the doors to goodness are many, [such as] Salat, Hajj, 'Umrah...to the end of it. However, it is important to know that the affair belongs to Allaah. Any good that is done, it is by the decree of Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*), and His aid to that individual. That is because it is impossible for anyone to do any type of 'ibadah (worship) to Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) except that Allaah has aided, assisted him in performing that 'ibadah.

That is why one of the Salaf said:

"I pondered over everything that is good, and I saw that there is nothing that can be done except that it is in the Hand of Allaah. And the best form of goodness is making du'aa to Allaah."

If there is anything good you want to do, it is upon you to make du'aa to Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*), because there is no good you can do without Allaah's aid. So if you understand the importance of du'aa to Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) - asking Allaah, making du'aa to Allaah - then, it is upon you to make the du'aas that are known as *al-Jawami'*, du'aas that are brief in wording yet comprehensive and plentiful in meaning.

Ponder over this hadeeth that is found in the Sahih of Imam Muslim on the authority of 'Ali (*radiallaahu ta'aala 'anhu*). This (upcoming) du'aa is from the *Jawami'* - brief in wording yet comprehensive and plentiful in meaning.

In this hadeeth, 'Ali (*radiallaahu ta'aala 'anhu*) requested that the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) teach him a du'aa (saying) "Teach me a du'aa." So the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said: **Say:**

**"Allaahumma Ihdeeni wa Sadidni "
"O Allaah, guide me and give me success."**

In the last part of the hadeeth - not part of the [du'aa itself] - the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) told 'Ali:

"And when you think of *Hidaya* (guidance), think about being guided upon a path, a straight path, and when you think of *Sadaad* (success), think about the bow, and the arrow that is thrown that hits the target."

So this is *Hidaya* and *Sadaad*.

So this first statement "***Allaahumma Ihdeeni***," this is the slave turning towards Allaah, asking Allaah to guide him. And this guidance that [the slave] is seeking from Allaah, it is a request to Allaah to travel the path that leads to *al-Jannah* (Paradise). To travel the path of righteous action, and to stay away from any type of straying, any type of evil, especially at this time, especially in these days, because the trials and tribulations one may face are many.

The things that could take the slave off of the straight path are so many these days. And for that reason, you have to ask Allaah constantly, persistently, repetitively and in a begging manner - to beg Allaah - that you remain on and are guided to the correct path, that path that leads to *Jannah*, and that Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) keeps you far away from any path other than that path, and any path that has evil in it.

This word "***As-Sadaad***" - the last part of the du'aa, which is "***Allaahumma Ihdeeni wa Sadidni***" - from *Sadid*...here the word *Sadaad* means guided to being correct, that he is on target with his statements and his actions. As Allaah (*Subhanahu wa Ta'aala*) said near the end of Surat al-Ahzaab:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allaah and fear Him, and (always) speak the truth. " (Al-Ahzaab 33:70)

(Meaning), say a word that is correct, a word that is on point - on target. This means that in his actions and his statements, he's doing them in accordance with the Sunnah of the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). What he says is according to the Sunnah. What he does is according to the Sunnah of the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

The Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said,

"Sadidu, wa karidu, wa adhkiru."

"Do your best to be correct, be correct, and receive glad tidings as a result of what you have done. "

This is a du'aa that is inclusive of everything that is good - to be guided and on point. This is inclusive of all good. And therefore, I advise myself first and then you brothers as well to be consistent in making this particular du'aa, that we make it a part of our practice. And I ask Allaah to give me and you *al-Hidaya wa Sadaad*.

The Shaikh ended by sending the salaam and blessings upon the Prophet (*salallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

