

DARS (On page 132): THE HAWL (ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION) OF IMAM AL-HADDAD تفعا لله IN DAR-ES-SALAM, TANZANIA, IN 1410 A.H.

In the words of my master, my grandfather, at the Hawl of al-Imam al-Habib ‘Abdallah bin ‘Alawi al-Haddad تفعا لله in Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania in 1410 A.H. He said, may Allah be pleased with him.

My noble brothers! The gathering in this assembly is for the Anniversary Celebration of al-Habib ‘Abdallah bin ‘Alawi al-Haddad. We have been invited to be with you in this blessed gathering which is from the great treasure of treasures and tremendous blessings with which we have been favoured in this trip of ours (from Mombasa). So a gathering like this connects us to those who are present and they connect us to the Chosen (Prophet ﷺ), and the Chosen (Prophet ﷺ) connects us with Allah ﷻ. And this gathering and this assembly is all for Allah, and for the Prophetic Messenger of Allah, and for the people of Allah. Only the blissful are driven to it and attend it. And whoever loves a people, he is with them, and they are not invited to it except by inviters of love and inviters of connection. May Allah make us established on that and make us among the people of love and obtainers from them. (Amin)!

أَلَا يَا بَخْتٌ مَنْ زَارَهُمْ بِالصِّدْقِ وَانْدَرُ
إِلَيْهِمْ مُعْتَنِي كُلُّ مَطْلُوبُهُ تَيْسَرُ

Note: The word wa’ndar is of Hadrami usage as explained in the sharh (appreciation) of the Diwan (Collected Religious Poems) of Imam al-Haddad تفعا لله.

O how fortunate is the one who visits them (the Awliya’ Allah ﷺ, does their ziyarah)
with sincerity and goes out to them
In visiting them, all my wishes are easily fulfilled

So you are in the presence of these mashayikh (spiritual masters), and these descendants of the Prophet ﷺ, and these scholars, and all the Awliya’ Allah (Friends of Allah) that connect you with them. Because in the hearts there are attractions and in the souls there are attractions. If they are attracted in a certain direction, they get connected to it. And as far as spiritual mystery is concerned, all spiritual mystery is that of the hearts and of the souls. So if the souls get connected with the souls, and the hearts with the hearts, goodness comes and (spiritual) help is obtained. So gatherings and assemblies such as these and anniversaries such as these gather you with them and connect the souls with souls. Allah makes us among those who arrive and connects us with our pious predecessors, and our families and makes us from them and with them. Then, if these are the attractions, then surely in the heart is an attraction. And it is the attraction of Faith. If you see that your heart, O man, inclines towards invitation to goodness, and inclines towards invitation to guidance and to the people of goodness, then you should know that surely, you are blissful and that surely you are from them. And whoever loves a people, and is connected with them, then he is from them and is counted to be among them.

أُولَئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

They are the partisans of Allah. Indeed, it is the partisans of Allah who are the successful (here and in the Hereafter). (58:22)

O Allah! Make us from them, O Lord of the worlds! (Amin)!

Anyone who sits with such Folk (sufi masters) is never doomed. Some of them have narrated a Saying from the Prophet ﷺ.

He said that if a person is present in a masjid or in a gathering of dhikr to fulfill his own need, not intending to be present in it, and not intending to do dhikr but to fulfill his own (other) need, he is counted to be among them. Anyone who sits with such Folk is never doomed, those who are intentionally present as well as those who are not intentionally present. So why is the “presence” called a “presence”, and dhikr (remembrance of Allah) is called dhikr? Because it gathers you with the One Who is remembered. So the “presence” of the Friends of Allah (spiritual masters) and the presence of the scholars is (in essence) the presence of the Prophetic Messenger of Allah. And the presence of Allah’s Prophetic Messenger ﷺ is the Presence of Allah ﷻ.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُبَايِعُونَكَ إِنَّمَا يُبَايِعُونَ اللَّهَ يَدُ اللَّهِ فَوْقَ أَيْدِيهِمْ

Indeed those who pledge allegiance to you (O Prophet ﷺ) indeed pledge allegiance to Allah. Allah’s hand is above their hands. (48:10)

So this blessed gathering attaches us to the Folk (sufi masters). And if we fall short, and if we forget, then the one who lags behind will be with the one who is ahead, and the imperfect will be with the perfect, and in this way, the souls will help to goodness and piety and to assemblies of guidance. So may Allah give us a great good fortune from that. (Amin)!