

Werd of great righteous people

O brothers, the greatest kind of following is following the good manners the prophet used to have.

Who can fulfill: *"My lord recommended me by nine recommendations, I recommend you by them,*"?

Who can follow this Werd (regular daily remembrance)? We can perform one hundred prostrations every night; we can fast Mondays and Thursdays weekly.

But he gave great righteous people this Werd, the prophet, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), said what means:

"My Lord recommended me by nine recommendations, I recommend you by them; to keep relation with those who cut my relation, to give those who don't give me, to pardon those who offend me, to make my silence just contemplation, to make my utterance just remembrance, to make my sight just meditation, sincerity in privacy and openness, moderation in richness and poverty, being just in satisfaction and anger."

This is the Werd for anyone who wants to be with the messenger of God.

People used to test righteous people about these things, Imam Ashafe'ey went to a tailor to make a jubbah for him, some envious people wanted to test his good ethics, they told the tailor to make one sleeve very wide and the other very tight, he made the right sleeve very tight and the left one very loose. They don't know that such righteous people always believe that God is The Doer of everything, they see everything done by God, the feeder is God, the one who give water is God and everything in life is from God's grants, His grace and His generosity. They went at the fixed time to see what Ashafe'ey will do, when he tried the jubbah, he looked at the tailor and said: *"It seems you knew what I need."*

He asked him: *"What did you want?"* He said: *"My right sleeve used to trouble me when I want to write something with the pen, now it won't trouble me again, and when I was carrying*

a book in my left hand, my sweat used to affect the book badly, now the wide sleeve protects it." What is this oh brothers?

These are the manners of righteous people by which they attracted people everywhere, they attracted them by the ethics of the messenger of God, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him).

Imam Abul-Aza'em said:

"Keep to the ethics of God and follow the method of the chosen prophet so you will be arranged in the necklace (of followers)."

This is what righteous people concentrate on, when they read the prophet's battles, they don't just mean the battles but they want to know his manners at such situations to follow them when they face similar situations with people. This is the first principle in following for those who want to be with the beloved prophet. The prophet, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), said about them:

"The heaviest thing in your scales at the Day of Judgment is a good ethics." It was narrated in Sunan Attermedhy after A'isha.

This is the following, by which one can reach a great degree in following the messenger of God, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him). We all need to put ethics of the messenger of God in front of us and try to follow them. One can never follow all of them at one time but he should follow one at a time, if one does his best at this, he should feel happy and get sure that God will love him as He says:

3-31: "Allah will love you and forgive you your sins: For Allah is The Oft-Forgiving and The Most Merciful."

Then the complete Werd is as we mentioned before:

"My Lord recommended me by nine recommendations, I recommend you by them ..."

Whoever fulfills these nine recommendations, he is one of God's men, God says:

33-23: "Among the Believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah,"

If he can't, he should try to fulfill one by one of these ethics, he should carry them out in his life with his wife,

children, neighbors, and even with his enemies. He fulfills them himself to get God's love and the lights and grants of God's beloved and chosen prophet, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him). One who reaches this position; he already reaches the position of benefaction, the position of benefaction is the degree of being loved by God The Most Gracious.