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Importance of Fulfilling the Trust

Allah said: "Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing." Soorah An-Nisaa, the Women 4:58.

As-Sa'di said: "All things or properties that are entrusted to the care of a person are called trusts (amaanoat, singular amaanaah). Allah has commanded that the trusts must be returned fully without any deception to the owners whenever they ask. This includes all entrusted official designations, money, secrets, and esoteric theories and things that are known to none but Allah. Religious scholars say that whoever is entrusted with anything, it is essential for him to protect that trust." Tafsir As-Sa'di 1/379.

'Ubaidullah ibn Ziyaad visited Ma'qil ibn Yasaar during the illness of which he passed. Ma'qil said to him, I am narrating a hadeeth to you that I heard from the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam). If I knew I was going to live, I would not narrate this hadeeth to you. Indeed, I heard the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) saying: "Any Servant [of Allah] whom Allah has given responsibility for others and does not look after them in the best manner with sincerity [to Allah], will not smell the fragrance of Paradise." Agreed Upon, collected by Al-Bukhaaree 7150 and Muslim [363] 227-(142).

He is Abu Hafs 'Ubaidullah ibn Ziyaad ibn Abeeh, the Ameer of Iraq during the Khilaafah of Mu'aawiyah ibn Abee Sufyaan and his son Yazeed. He became in charge of Basra at 22 years of age. He was very handsome with an ugly heart. He was a young feebleminded man who spilled much blood. The Muslims hate him because he killed Husain (radiyallahu anhu). He too was killed on the Day of 'Aashooraa in 67 hijrah. See Siyar A'lam An-Nubalaa 3/545-549.

"It is said that the reason he did not narrate this hadeeth before is because of what Al-Hasan Al-Basree described him as a spiller of blood... It was as if he feared his harshness. However, when death was approaching, he wanted to prevent and safeguard the Muslims from some of his evil by this narration." Fath Al-Baari 13/137.

On the authority of Al-Hasan who said, we came to visit Ma'qil ibn Yasaar while he was sick. Thereupon, 'Ubaidullah entered upon us. Ma'qil ibn Yasaar said, I am narrating a hadeeth to you that I heard from the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam). He said: "There is no leader having responsibility for a group of Muslims and dies while having deceived and cheated them, but Allah will forbid Paradise for him."

He said, could you not have narrated this hadeeth to me before today? He said, I did not narrate this hadeeth to you, or I did not want to narrate this hadeeth to you. In another narration of Muslim, he said, if it were not that I am dying, I would not narrate to you this hadeeth. Agreed Upon, collected by Al-Bukhaaree 7150 and Muslim [364] 228-and [366].

Muhammad Al-Wallaawee, may Allah preserve him, said mentioning the benefits of this hadeeth: "From among them, the clarification of the prohibition of deception and cheating, and that it negates faith (eemaan). From among the benefits is the clarification that the one in charge, who cheats his congregation, enters the fire for his treachery and deception. From among the benefits is the clarification of the warning from deceiving and cheating the Muslims for the one whom Allah has placed over their affairs and made him in charge of them and placed him there for the benefit of their religion and their worldly affairs. From among the benefits is the clarification that deception is from the major destructive sins that keeps one away from Paradise." Al-Bahr Al-Muheet Ath-Thajjaaj 4/86.

