

Hadith 35 of Imam Nawawi

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: لَا تَحَاسَدُوا وَلَا تَنَاجَشُوا وَلَا تَبَاغَضُوا وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا وَلَا يَبِعْ بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَيْعِ بَعْضٍ وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا، الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ لَا يَظْلِمُهُ وَلَا يَخْذُلُهُ وَلَا يَكْذِبُهُ وَلَا يَحْقِرُهُ. التَّقْوَى هُنَا، وَيُشِيرُ إِلَى صَدْرِهِ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ. بِحَسْبِ أَمْرٍ مِنَ الشَّرِّ أَنْ يَحْقِرَ أَخَاهُ الْمُسْلِمَ، كُلُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ حَرَامٌ دَمُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَعَرَضُهُ - رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ.

Translation: Abu Hurairah, *radiyallahu 'anhu*, reported that the Messenger of Allah, *sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam*, said:

"Do not be envious of one another; do not artificially inflate prices against one another; do not hate one another; do not shun one another; and do not undercut one another in business transactions; and be as fellow-brothers and servants of Allah.

A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim. He neither oppresses him nor humiliates him nor looks down upon him. Piety is here - and he pointed to his chest three times. It is evil enough for a Muslim to hold his brother Muslim in contempt. All things of a Muslim are inviolable for another Muslim: his blood, his property and his honour."

Lesson 1: Envy: This hadith specifically tells us to stay away from envy. As we have discussed before, envy is something that can destroy you and your deen. We need to understand how to control this so that we don't fall into the group of people who are always envious of our brothers. To do this, we first need to realize whatever they get is from the will of Allah, so if we contest that then we contest Allah, and therefore commit shirk. Also, we need to realize that we should be happy with whatever our brothers get, as the prophet said that you have to love for your brother what you love for yourself. If we keep these things in mind, insha'Allah we can prevent ourselves from being envious and hateful to our brothers.

Lesson 2: Brotherhood: Brotherhood is something that makes muslims unique. Allah has told us in the quran that all the believers are brothers and sisters, and that we need to honor each other. This means we need to make sure that we look out for our brothers, and help them in any way we can. This also comes along with trying our best to unify the ummah. Obviously we cant unify with those in the distant areas, but within our community, we need to make the effort to tie the bonds between each other, and hold strong to this for the sake of Allah.