

Right n. 45: The Right of Him Who Asks from You

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وَأَمَّا حَقُّ السَّائِلِ فَأَعْطَاؤُهُ إِذَا تَيَقَّنْتَ صِدْقَهُ وَقَدَّرْتَ عَلَى سَدِّ حَاجَتِهِ، وَالِدُعَاءُ لَهُ فِيمَا نَزَلَ بِهِ، وَالْمُعَاوَنَةُ لَهُ عَلَى طَلِبَتِهِ، وَإِنْ شَكَّكَتَ فِي صِدْقِهِ وَسَبَقَتْ إِلَيْهِ التُّهْمَةُ لَهُ وَلَمْ تَعَزِّمْ عَلَى ذَلِكَ لَمْ تَأْمَنْ أَنْ يَكُونَ مِنْ كَيْدِ الشَّيْطَانِ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَصُدِّكَ عَنْ حَظِّكَ وَيَحُولَ بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَ التَّقَرُّبِ إِلَى رَبِّكَ فَتَرَكْتَهُ بِسِتْرِهِ وَرَدَدْتَهُ رَدًّا جَمِيلًا. وَإِنْ غَلَبَتْ نَفْسُكَ فِي أَمْرِهِ وَأَعْطَيْتَهُ عَلَى مَا عَرَضَ فِي نَفْسِكَ مِنْهُ، فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ.

And the right of him who asks from you¹ is that you should grant him (his request) if you are certain that he is honest and you are able to fulfill his need. You should also pray to God to relieve him from what has befallen upon him, and help fulfill his needs.

But if you doubt his honesty and he has already been accused of dishonesty, but you are not convinced about this, you will not be sure whether this is one of the plots of Satan who is trying to deprive you of your fortune and cause a blockage between you and your approach to your Lord.

Then you should leave him and overlook² and should turn him down gently. But if you can overcome yourself in this respect and grant him what he has asked for despite what is presented to you regarding him, then this is due to your resolution in the conduct of affairs.

This topic is discussed along with the rights of him from whom you beg in the next chapter.

¹. In the other version it continues: “is that you give to him in the measure of his need.”

². His dishonesty.

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