

## **The Story of Hazrat Anas Bin Maalik (Radhiallahoh Anho)**

**O**nce some guests came to visit Hazrat Anas Bin Maalik (Radhiallahoh Anho) . He entertained them with a meal. The tablecloth became dirty and discolored, due to some curry having fallen upon it. Hazrat Anas instructed the

maidservant to cast it into the burning furnace. The servant did as she was commanded. The guests were astonished at this command. When the tablecloth was thrown into the burning furnace, they awaited the appearance of smoke to indicate that the tablecloth was burning. But, instead when the tablecloth was removed from the fire, it was not only intact but also clean. They questioned: "O Companion of Rasul, why did this tablecloth not burn in the fire? And instead of burning, has become perfectly clean. Hazrat Anas (Radhiallahoh Anho) replied: "The reason is that on numerous occasions, Rasulullah (Sallellahoh Alaihe Wasallam) cleansed his hands and lips with this cloth".

Now, Maulana Rumi (Rahmatullah Alaihe) says: "O you who have become frightened of the fire and punishment of Jahannam, it is most advisable that you draw near to such blessed hands and lips, by following the Sunnah. When a lifeless material has been granted such honor by the lips of Rasulullah (Sallellahoh Alaihe Wasallam), you can imagine what honor he must have granted to His true Lovers"

### **Lesson**

When a tablecloth was granted such honor by simply wiping of his blessed hands, one can just imagine what honor and nearness to Allah Ta'ala will be granted in both the worlds to those who follow the Sunnah diligently, the way to Divine proximity. May Allah Ta'ala grant us all the ability to follow the Sunnah and make us anxious to attain that great bounty from Him. Ameen!