

SUMMER IMMERSION HADITH MASTERS



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SESSION 1

Imam Al-Zuhri

- Birth: 58 AH
- Death: 124 AH
- You will find the name of Shihab Al-Zuhri in many authentic ahadith
- He spent time with Urwa ibn Zubayr
- Afterwards, he studied with Ubaydullah ibn Abdullah ibn Utbah ibn Masud
 - He was the nephew of Abdullah ibn Masud
 - He was among the seven great fuqahaa of Medina
 - When there was an issue in the courts, one of the seven great fuqaha would be referred to
- He had many teachers - he never was stagnant in his seeking of knowledge
 - He did whatever it took to gain knowledge
 - He was compared to a hunter who didn't stop until he got the prey
 - He would seek knowledge from female scholars too
- He was like a servant with his teachers
 - He would take care of their chores and fetch pure water for wudu
- He had a particular style of learning

- He had a very good memory
- Something that helped him memorize was that he would write ahadith as his teachers narrated them
- He never made mistakes in writing and narrating ahadith
- Imam Malik was one of his students
 - Al-Zuhri once got angry because Imam Malik asked for him to repeat a hadith
- He traveled to places such as Sham and Egypt
- Both his seniors and contemporaries agreed that there was no one more knowledgeable than him at the time
 - Most of the sahaba had passed away
- He was both a muhaddith and faqih
- He would spend on other people so much that he would fall into immense debt
 - He always fed people wherever he went
- Although he was close to the khulafa of the time, he never violated Islamic principles of justice
- Imam Zuhri played a big role in preserving hadith at the state level
 - He was given the task of collecting many hadith compilations
 - He said he needed help from scribes
 - One of them was Shuayb ibn Abi Hamza, who became one of his close students
 - It was kept in the capital
- Although Al-Zuhri didn't like writing ahadith, his students wrote many ahadith
- He was very diligent about teaching knowledge in steps
 - One of his students was Sufyan ibn Uyaynah, who wanted to learn hadith from him
 - He first asked Sufyan - have you learned Quran? Have you learned the language? Have you learned faraa'idh? When Sufyan replied in the affirmative for all of them, Al-Zuhri tested him. Then, he decided he was ready for ahadith.

- It's important to retain knowledge and not jump too far ahead
- We have to spend a lot of time with the knowledge we have already learned
- We should also take notes in a way that benefits us
 - It's different for everyone
 - Go over what you have written
 - Test each other as students

