

SUMMER IMMERSION

THE VIRTUES OF KNOWLEDGE



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SESSION 1

Introduction

- The chapter on knowledge focuses on the importance and virtues of seeking beneficial knowledge

Hadith 1

- Abdallah b. 'Amr reported God's messenger as saying, "Pass on information from me, even if it is only a verse of the Qur'an; and relate traditions from the Bani Isra'il, for there is no restriction; but let him who deliberately lies against me come to his abode in hell."
 - This hadith conveys passing on knowledge of whatever we have to someone else
 - This includes the verses of the Quran and the hadiths of the prophet SWS.
 - Hadiths were not preserved like the Quran was perceived they were preserved in a different fashion
 - Referring to Bani Isreal scripture in this hadith is allowed to be interrupted as long as the following 3 are not happening:
 - 1. As long as it is not conflicted about what the Quran Says or what the prophet sws has
 - 2. They are not indicative of a concept of belief that collides with the beliefs of islam
 - 3. We never turn to Jewish scripture as the primary source of knowledge
 - If a person who deliberately states what I have not stated and says that I have stated it they will be amongst the ones who will be in hell.

- Lessons from Hadith 1:
 - Be prepared to share knowledge once you have attained it and encourage ppl to do good things
 - Being cautious in transmitting anything that has come in the previous scripture
 - Being very diligent on passing something that the prophet sws said making sure those sunnahs and hadiths are verified.

Hadith 2

- Samura b. Jundub and al-Mughira b. Shu'ba reported God's messenger as saying, "If anyone relates a tradition from me thinking that it is false, he is one of the liars."
 - Anyone who transmits a hadith from the prophet says that is not true, you are committing a big sin if there is doubt make sure it is authenticated

Hadith 3

- Mu'awiya reported God's messenger as saying, "When God wishes good for anyone He instructs him in the religion. I am only a distributor; God gives.
 - This hadith is not applying to the knowledge of fiqh it refers to the understanding of deen
 - This profound understanding of deen enables ppl to live a life that is pleasing to Allah
 - It also helps fight getting snared into evil and avoiding sins and protecting yourself from those things
 - When Allah wants what is best for someone he gives the understanding of deen to them
 - It is Allah who will give the understanding to a person from the knowledge that a person is saying
 - This type of understanding is seen as a gift from Allah swt.
 - The understanding of deen is the most significant in this world and it shows that Allah wants well for someone

Hadith 4

- Abu Huraira reported God's messenger as saying, "The people are mines like mines of gold and silver; the best among them in the pre-Islamic period are the best among them in Islam when they are versed in the religion.
 - People are mines and the prophet sws compared them to the mines of gold and silver
 - Mines go through a thorough process of becoming purified and this hadith indicates that ppl have great riches buried within them great valuables just like gold and silver mines do
 - The best of them before Islam will be the best in Islam provided that they become well versed in the deen
 - People have various characteristics some that they are born with and some that are acquired.
 - There are varying degrees of those characteristics for example: someone that is giving but to this extent and others being giving without any extent
- Hadith teaches us the individual value of each person it does not write you off what you see on a superficial level

Hadith 5

- Ibn Mas'ud reported God's messenger as saying, "Two people only may be envied: a man to whom God has given wealth, empowering him to dispose of it on what is right; and a man to whom God has given wisdom who acts according to it and teaches it."
 - There is no jealousy except for these 2 qualities
 - 1. A person to whom Allah swt has bestowed significant wealth and Allah swt empowered him to expend it in matters of righteousness and manners of good
 - Expenditures that are fardh on a person
 - Spending on good causes that are not fardh
 - 2. A person who Allah has bestowed knowledge
 - Beneficial knowledge
 - They know how to use and apply and when to apply the knowledge that they have acquired

- They make their decisions based on that wisdom and teach it to others.
- This hadith points us to having the right kind of role models
- Keeping the right role models in front of us inspires us and motivates us

