

MIFTAAH SEMINAR

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Hadith: Those Who Will Be Under Allah's Shade

وعنه قال: قال رسول الله ، صلى الله عليه وسلم: "سبعة يظلهم الله في ظله يوم لا ظل إلا ظله: إمام عادل، وشاب نشأ في عبادة الله ، ورجل قلبه معلق في المساجد، ورجلان تحابا في الله، اجتمعا عليه، وتفرقا عليه، ورجل دعته امرأة ذات منصب وجمال، فقال: إني أخاف الله، ورجل تصدق بصدقة فأخفاها حتى لا تعلم شماله ما تنفق يمينه، ورجل ذكر الله خالياً ففاضت عيناه" ((متفق عليه)).

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Seven people Allah will give them His Shade on the Day when there would be no shade but the Shade of His Throne (i.e., on the Day of Resurrection): And they are: a just ruler; a youth who grew up with the worship of Allah; a person whose heart is attached to the mosques, two men who love and meet each other and depart from each other for the sake of Allah; a man whom an extremely beautiful woman seduces (for illicit relation), but he (rejects this offer and) says: 'I fear Allah'; a man who gives in charity and conceals it (to such an extent) that the left hand does not know what the right has given; and a man who remembers Allah in solitude and his eyes become tearful".

Introduction

- Ibn Abdul Barr stated, "There is no hadith which is better in virtue and authenticity than the hadith of '7 under the shade of Allah SWT'.
- This hadith gives us guidelines from the Prophet SAW on how to live a good life.
- Although this hadith mentions man and not woman, it includes both men and woman.
 - Similarly in the Quran, any time man is mentioned, the principle is automatically applied to women as well unless there is something to show otherwise.

The Day of Judgement

- This hadith is only valuable to those who understand what the Day of Judgement will be like.
- Imam Muslim stated that the Prophet SAW said that on the Day of Judgement, the sun will be as close as a 'meel'.
 - A meel can mean multiple things including:
 - A mile
 - The tool used to apply kohl
 - Overall we can understand that the sun will be at the closest proximity that it has ever been.
- The Prophet SAW continued by saying, "Some people will be drowning in sweat to their ankles, some to their knees, some to their waists, and some to their necks."

- This is based on the level of sin which they committed along with the lack of repentance which they had.
- This day will last for 50,000 years.
- On this day, the only shade will be the shade under the throne of Allah SWT.
 - By reflecting on both of these ahadith, one is able to maintain the perfect balance of hope and fear.
 - We are hopeful that we will be under the shade of Allah SWT and we are fearful of the punishment on that day.

Who Else Will Be Shaded on that Day?

- There are other narrations about other categories of people who will be shaded on the Day of Judgement.
- Imam Al-Sakhaawi and Imam Al-Sayuti have compiled books about all of those individuals who will be shaded by Allah SWT.
- The Prophet SAW stated, "Whoever gives respite to the one who is indebted to him, will have the shade of Allah SWT on the Day of Judgement."
 - This is one example of another narration which includes a different category of people who will be under Allah's SWT shade.
 - Those who forgive anyone who is indebted to them will be under His shade.
- Scholars place more focus on this hadith because it mentions a list of people whereas other narrations mention one category at a time.

The Number Seven

- The number seven in the Arabic language is often mentioned in the Quran and Sunnah.
 - Most of the times when this number is mentioned, it is not meant to indicate the number seven literally, but it is meant to indicate a general number around that.
 - If seven is mentioned, it can mean anywhere between 5-10.
 - If 70 is mentioned it can mean anywhere between 50-100.
 - If 700 is mentioned it can mean anything up to 1000.
- Since this hadith mentions the number seven and then goes on to list the seven categories, we understand that it was literally referring to seven different categories.
 - When the specific items are not mentioned, we know that the number is being used less strictly.

His SWT Shade

- In the other narrations of this hadith, we find that it is the shade of the 'Arsh (throne) of Allah SWT.
- The 'Arsh of Allah SWT is the most magnificent of the inanimate creations.
- This throne will be creating the shade which the people will be under.

The Just Ruler - إمام عادل

- This category refers to anyone who is in charge of a group of people
 - If this person is just, they will be under the shade of Allah SWT.
- The term Imam refers to someone who is followed.
 - It is someone who is an example for others.
- To be just means that they place everything in its proper place and they are not oppressive to anyone.
- This can include a person who is in charge of a travel group, their household, etc.
- In another hadith, the Prophet SAW speaks about judges and he states that two out of three judges will be in the Hellfire.
 - This is purely because they were unable to be just/fair to the people.
- The Prophet SAW generally advised us not to chase positions of leadership.
 - The exception to this rule is if you are an individual who fears Allah SWT, there is a position which needs to be filled, and you are the most qualified person to fill it.
 - In this case, you should take that position.
 - We see this in the example of Abu Bakr RA after the passing of the Prophet SAW.

A Child Raised in the Worship of Allah

وشاب نشأ في عبادة الله

- For some individuals, Allah SWT has chosen them to grow up worshipping Him.
 - We see this in the story of Imam Al-Nawawi.
- For others, it is a combination of the tawfiq of Allah SWT and how parents invested in their children.
 - One of the most important aspects in raising a righteous child is to see the parents worship Allah SWT themselves.
 - From a young age, children want to be like their parents, so if they see their parents praying and doing good, they will want to do that as well.
 - Additionally, there should not be any contradictions in what the parents preach and how they act.
 - The dua of a parent for a child is one of the forms of duas which is considered accepted.
 - It can be accepted if it is good or evil.
 - Parents should strive to make double the amount of dua for their children's akhira as they do for their dunya.
 - Parents must invest in their children's akhira by ensuring that they are receiving the best Islamic education.

A Person Whose Heart is Attached to the Masjid

ورجل قلبه معلق في المساجد

- This applies to both the men and the women.
 - At the time of the Prophet SAW, there was a woman who took care of the masjid. One day, the Prophet SAW did not see her so he inquired about her. The companions mentioned that she passed away at night and they did not want to disturb him so they prayed upon her and buried her. The Prophet SAW became upset at this, and he went to her grave and prayed for her.
 - This is one example of a woman whose heart was attached to the masjid.
- There is consensus amongst the scholars that if an individual hears the live athan, without the use of a microphone, then it is mandatory for the men to attend the congregation in the masjid.
 - This is not the case for women.
 - The Prophet SAW stated, "The best salah of the woman is in her house."
 - A female gets the same reward for praying in her home as she would if she prayed in the masjid.
- Abdullah bin Umar RA reported that the Prophet SAW stated, "Do not prevent the female slaves of Allah from attending the masjid."

- How can one attach their heart to the masjid?
 - One way is to learn about the virtues of the masjid.
 - The Prophet SAW said, "The most beloved places to Allah are the masajid and the most detested places to Allah are the marketplaces."
 - Masajid are the most beloved because they are the places in which Allah SWT is remembered and only good is done here.
 - It is also a place where the angels gather.
 - The Prophet SAW said, "There is no group of people that gather together in one of the houses of Allah SWT and they remember Allah except that the angels descend upon them."
 - The salah in the masjid is multiplied in reward.
 - The salah is multiplied because of the gathering of the believers and the angels and the other good deeds taking place.
 - The house of Allah SWT brings serenity.
 - In a world which can be chaotic, humans desire peace and serenity.
 - Entering the house of Allah will bring this peace and allow for love for the masjid to grow.
 - Doing something in the masjid habitually which you enjoy will also increase your love for the masjid.

Individuals Who United and Departed for Allah's Sake ورجلان تحابا في الله، اجتمعا عليه، وتفرقا عليه

- To establish a relationship for the sake of Allah SWT is to have a bond which stems from striving to get each other into Jannah and keeping each other away from the hellfire.
- This starts off with yourself first.
 - In order to establish a relationship for the sake of Allah, one must be an individual who strives for Jannah and avoids Jahannam.
 - Once you have established this within yourself, you will naturally attract similar people because your lifestyle will be dictated by these principles.
- Once you meet a person who has these principles, you must ensure that you are fulfilling their rights as a human.
- The Prophet SAW mentioned that there are 5 rights of a believer over another believer.
 - When they give you salam, you respond to that salam.
 - When they are sick, you visit them.
 - When they pass away, you pray their janazah
 - When they invite you, you answer that invitation
 - When they sneeze and say 'Alhamdulillah' you respond with 'Yarhamukum Allah'
 - Imam Muslim recorded a 6th right which is when they seek sincere advice from you, you give it to them.

- In addition to these rights, there is much more that must be done to establish a relationship for the sake of Allah.
 - Appreciate people for what they do
 - Apologize even when you are not wrong
 - Keep open lines of communication
 - Make dua for that person in their absence
 - If you take time out of your day to make dua for another person, Allah SWT will strengthen that relationship.
 - Always protect their secrets
 - When you are unsure if something is a secret, always treat it like it is until it is clear that it is not.
 - Be dependable
 - Find a way to worship Allah together and encourage each other to do more good deeds

An Individual Who Has Been Called to Commit an Illicit Act with A Woman

ورجل دعته امرأة ذات منصب وجمال، فقال: إني أخاف الله

- This can apply to both a man who is called upon by a woman or a woman who is called upon by a man.
- Zina is one of the major sins that a person can commit.
- Scholars mention that zina brings about poverty.
 - This includes poverty of the soul and financial poverty.

- There are many dangers of zina including:
 - Diseases
 - Children that are not raised in families
 - Haram becomes pleasurable and halal becomes less desirable
- A person who is able to protect themselves from this act will be granted the shade of Allah SWT.
 - This shows us the virtue of remaining chaste in a time where zina is occurring very frequently.
- A person can protect themselves from zina by:
 - Understanding that zina does not happen as an act, it happens as a process.
 - It can begin with just looking and speaking to another person.
 - A person should stick to the appropriate guidelines when interacting with the opposite gender.
 - For those who are not married, try your best to get married.
 - If you are unable to get married, then it is recommended that you fast to reduce the desire.
 - One should be mindful about how they use their social media and what they look at online.
- The company that a person keeps is very important when it comes to maintaining halal relationships.
 - Males and females can not be friends.
 - In this friendship, a person will always either commit haram physically or emotionally.

- The friends that you keep should be of a similar mindset when it comes to protecting themselves from zina.
- Parents must speak to their children about what it means to have a halal or a haram relationship.

An Individual Who Gives Charity so Secretly That Their Left Hand Does Not Know What the Right Gave

ورجل تصدق بصدقة فأخفاها حتى لا تعلم شماله ما تنفق يمينه

- A person should try to keep their good deeds as private as possible.
 - There are exceptions to this including:
 - Obligatory prayers
 - Charity should be given directly to the poor person by the donor when possible
 - Breaking the fast should be done with others
 - Hajj/Umrah
 - However, acts like sunnah prayers, extra fasts, etc, which can be done privately, should be kept private.
- When a person is able to make their private worship at a higher level than their public worship, they will be successful with Allah SWT.
- There are several virtues of giving charity, including:
 - It is a form of shade on the Day of Judgement
 - It is a form of earning forgiveness from Allah SWT
 - It will wipe out sins

- It takes away stinginess from the heart
- It protects against hypocrisy
- Charity is a proof of one's Iman.
 - A believer will spend their money in the path of Allah SWT while a hypocrite will be stingy.
- Tips for giving charity:
 - Automate your charity
 - Find an organization which you can sign up to automatically give a certain amount of charity every month.
 - Charity should be given consistently even if it is a small amount.
 - One should occasionally place their trust in Allah SWT and push themselves to give more than they think they can.
 - This is how we will see the barakah of Allah SWT in our lives.

An Individual Who Remembers Allah in Solitude and Their Eyes Flood with Tears

ورجل ذكر الله خالياً ففاضت عيناه

- Solitude does not mean that a person must avoid socializing with people.
 - It means that we must take time in our lives to sit with no distractions and reflect upon Allah SWT.

- Things that will bring tears to our eyes when we reflect on them include:
 - The sins we committed
 - Abdullah bin Masood RA stated that for the believer, their sins are like a mountain, but for a hypocrite they are like a fly which comes to your nose and you simply wave it off.
 - The favors of Allah SWT
 - Allah SWT has provided us with clean water and safety which are blessings that many people do not have.
 - The qadr of Allah SWT in our lives
 - We should reflect upon how many times in our lives bad things could have happened, but Allah SWT saved us from them.
 - Reflect on Allah's names and who He is
 - Think about how Allah SWT is the source of all mercy, all knowledge, etc.
- Not all people are able to cry, but we can all strive for softness of the heart.
 - One of the signs of a soft heart is that the eyes will cry.
 - One should strive to have a desire to be close to Allah SWT.
- We should strive to have as many of the seven qualities as possible.