MIFTAAH SEMINAR

THE BRIDEGROOM'S CROWN: PART 2

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SESSION 5

True Affiliation: The Nisbah of Obedience

- Ibn Ata' Allah explains that **true affiliation (nisbah)** is based on **obedience** rather than lineage. If one is obedient to the Prophet ﷺ, they are considered **"of him."**
- An example of this is found in the hadith of **Salman al-Farisi (RA)**, a Persian who was not Arab, yet due to his **devotion to Islam and the Prophet ﷺ**, the Prophet ﷺ declared: **"Salman is from us, Salman is of us."**
- Ibn Ata' Allah clarifies that while **not everyone is from Ahlul Bayt by lineage, one can be spiritually affiliated** through obedience to the Prophet ﷺ. Respect for the Prophet's descendants is an extension of love for him, but it does not mean that every descendant is inherently superior in merit, deeds, or faith. True nasb (affiliation) is the nasb of obedience—one's devotion and adherence to the Prophet's teachings.

Forgiveness vs. Forgetting

- Forgiveness in Islam does not mean forgetting or erasing emotional pain. A key example is **Wahshi (RA)**, who assassinated **Hamza (RA)**. When Wahshi accepted Islam, the Prophet ﷺ forgave him and instructed others to do the same. However, the Prophet ﷺ admitted that **seeing Wahshi reminded him of Hamza's loss**, showing that while he forgave, he still carried an emotional response.

- As Muslims, **forgiveness** means:
  - **Not wishing for Allah to hold someone accountable on the Day of Judgment** for the wrong they did to us.
  - **Deriving no satisfaction or joy** from the idea of their punishment.
- This mindset is rooted in our own **need for Allah's forgiveness** on the Day of Judgment. We will stand before Allah with our limited good deeds, hoping for His mercy and praying that no one comes forward with a claim against us.
- Forgiveness does not require an immediate change in feelings—betrayal and abuse cause deep pain. However, one can aspire toward a forgiveness where one no longer desires divine retribution upon those who've wronged them, even if healing takes time.