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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

«قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحِبِّكُمْ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ»

“Say, (O Muhammed), ‘If you should love Allah, then follow me, (so) Allah will love you and forgive your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful’*.”

OUR PROPHET’S PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LEARN AND TEACH HADITHS

عَنْ ابْنِ مَسْعُودٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ:

«نَصَرَ اللَّهُ إِمْرًا سَمِعَ مِنَّا شَيْئًا،
فَبَلَّغَهُ كَمَا سَمِعَهُ فَرُبَّ مُبَلِّغٍ أَوْعَى مِنْ سَامِعٍ»

(Abdullah) Ibn Mas’ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (SAV) saying,

“May Allah freshen the affairs of a person who hears something from us and communicates it to others exactly as he/she has heard it, for it may be that the recipient of knowledge understands it better than the one who has heard it.”**

* Surah Al-i Imran, 31st.Verse

** Riyazū’s Salihin, Hadith No:1392 (Tirmizi, Knowledge 7. Also See: Ebu Davud, Knowledge 10; Ibni Mace, Mukaddime 18; Menasik 76)



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STATEMENT AND THANKING

Life Criteria From Our Prophet: Fourty Hadiths Booklet is prepared for “Life Criteria From Our Prophet: Activities and Competitions On Fourty Hadiths” -in which our volunteer students will take part -in order to make our students, who study at Anatolian Imam Hatip High Schools and Imam Hatip Secondary Schools, understand the importance of hadiths and sunnahs which are among basic sources of Islam; help them interpret the hadiths correctly in the light of current events by building the skills of reading and understanding the hadith texts; make them acquire the moral values and notice the role of hadiths in developing these values; make them gain self-confidence by contributing the improvement of their vocational knowledge, skills and abilities; and in order to systematize the similar studies further and bring application synergy at our schools.

The Booklet contains gotten texts (by making some abridgments and additions) – of the chosen hadiths, their meanings and ‘what we’ve learnt from the hadith’ sections – from the work called “Riyazü’s Salihin: Life Criteria From Our Prophet” (Translation and Annotation, İstanbul;2001) that is published by Erkam Publications in 8 volumes. We thank precious editors and publishers for their kind attitudes very much.



1st. HADITH

SINCERITY AND GOOD DEED

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى أَجْسَامِكُمْ، وَلَا إِلَى صُورِكُمْ، وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ
إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“Allah doesn’t look at your bodies or your faces, rather Allah looks at your deeds and your hearts”.¹

What We’ve Learnt From Hadith

1. God shows regard to the degree of sincerity, truthfulness and good intention while evaluating the worships and good behaviours.
2. Heart is a centre which God appreciates, controls and searches regularly. So, it is necessary to purify it from bad emotions and make it get good manners and behaviours that are recommended by the religion.
3. Heart is the thing that makes the worships acceptable and valuable. Therefore, to make the heart free from moral and social infections such as hatred and grudge and bring it to perfection are required.

2nd. HADITH

REPENTANCE

عَنِ الْأَعْرَبِ بْنِ يَسَارِ الْمُرَزِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَإِنِّي أَتُوبُ فِي الْيَوْمِ
مِائَةَ مَرَّةٍ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Al-Agharr bin Yasar Al-Muzani (May Allah be pleased with him),
narrated that Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
**“Turn you people in repentance to Allah and beg pardon of
Allah. I turn to Allah in repentance a hundred times a day”²**

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. We must appeal for mercy to God because of our faults and mistakes.
2. Our Prophet (His serene highness) –even He had never committed any sins- begged pardon of Allah every day.
3. Apologizing (praying for forgiveness) is an important worship.
4. There is no certain number for repentance. The numbers of 'seventy' and 'a hundred' have been said to indicate that perpetual repentance is required.

² Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No: 14 (Buqhari, Daavat 3. See Also: Tirmizi, Tefsiru Surah (47), Ibni Mace, Adab 57)



3rd. HADITH

AUSTERITY

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ وَأَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ :
« لَوْ أَنَّ لِابْنِ آدَمَ وَادِيًا مِنْ ذَهَبٍ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُ وَادِيَانِ ،
وَلَنْ يَمْلَأَ فَاهُ إِلَّا التُّرَابُ ، وَيُثَوِّبَ اللَّهُ عَلَى مَنْ تَابَ »

English Meaning of Hadith

Ibn 'Abbas and Anas b. Malik (May Allah be pleased with them), narrated that Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“If there were a valley of gold for human, he/she would long for another one. Nothing can fill his/her mouth except the earth (of the grave). Allah turns with mercy to him/her who turns to Allah in repentance”³

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Being content with what one has, doing with what Allah SWT has given is a good manner.
2. Greed both hassles the human in the world and ruins his/her hereafter because it heads one towards injustice.
3. The sole remedy for getting rid of the trouble of greed is firstly praising God to rescue him/her from this trouble and heading towards God to be forgiven for the sins committed because of greed.
4. Allah SWT returns to the servant who repents because of his/her bad habits.

3 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No: 24 (Buqhari, Rikak 10; Muslim, Zakat 116-119. See Also: Tirmizi, Zuhd 27, Menakib 32,64; Ilni Mace, Zuhd 27)

4th. HADITH

PATIENCE AND GRATITUDE

عَنْ أَبِي يَحْيَىٰ صُهَيْبِ بْنِ سِنَانَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

«عَجَبًا لِأَمْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِنَّ أَمْرَهُ كُلَّهُ لَهُ خَيْرٌ، وَلَيْسَ ذَالِكَ لِأَحَدٍ إِلَّا لِلْمُؤْمِنِ، إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ سَرَاءٌ شَكَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ، وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ صَرَاءٌ صَبَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Yahya Suhaib bin Sinan (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said, **“How wonderful is the case of a believer; there is good for him/her in everything and this applies only to a believer. If prosperity attends him/her, he/she expresses gratitude to Allah and that is good for him/her; and if adversity befalls him/her, he/she endures it patiently and that is better for him/her”**.⁴

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Allah may test the believer servants with troubles and calamities.
2. By being patient, a trouble can be transformed into a blessing.
3. Gratitude for a blessing can enhance it; moreover, patience for a trouble can lead to its transformation into the good.



5th. HADITH

KEEPING PATIENT ON CALAMITIES

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ وَأَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«مَا يُصِيبُ الْمُسْلِمَ مِنْ نَصَبٍ، وَلَا وَصَبٍ، وَلَا حَزَنِ، وَلَا أَدَى، وَلَا غَمٍّ، حَتَّى الشُّوْكَةُ يُشَاكِهَا إِلَّا كَفَّرَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ خَطَايَاهُ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Sa'ïd and Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with them), narrated that Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“No fatigue, nor disease, nor sorrow, nor sadness, nor hurt, nor distress befalls a Muslim, even if it were the prick he/she receives from a thorn, but that Allah expiates some of his/her sins for that”⁵

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Troubles and calamities are not always punishments; they are sometimes benedictions.
2. For a believer, troubles are atonement for his/her sins. This is also a blessing, too.

6th. HADITH

THREE GOOD ADVICE FROM OUR PROPHET

عَنْ أَبِي ذَرٍّ وَ مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«اتَّقِ اللَّهَ حَيْثُمَا كُنْتَ وَأَتِّعِ السَّيِّئَةَ الْحَسَنَةَ تَمْحُهَا، وَخَالِقِ
النَّاسَ بِخُلُقٍ حَسَنٍ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Zer and Muaz Ibni Cebel (May Allah be pleased with them), narrated that Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“Be conscious of Allah wherever you are. Follow the bad deed with a good one to erase it, and engage others with beautiful character”.⁶

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Good deeds erase bad deeds by means of either completely sweeping or transforming them into goodness.
2. Getting along with people means behaving in a friendly manner, not harming, making effort for dissemination of goodnesses and not treating people the way you don't want to be treated.
3. Piousness (taqwa, being respectful to God) is a superior virtue that can protect the Muslim from all kinds of evil.
4. Being respectful to Allah in everywhere and under all conditions is the indicator of the awareness of murakabe (supervision, that God always observes us).

⁶ Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No: 62 (Tirmizi, Birr 55)



7th. HADITH

WISE ONE

عَنْ أَبِي يَعْلَى شَدَّادِ بْنِ أَوْسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:

«الْكَيْسُ مَنْ دَانَ نَفْسَهُ، وَعَمِلَ لِمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ، وَالْعَاجِزُ مَنْ أَتْبَعَ نَفْسَهُ هَوَاهَا، وَتَمَتَّى عَلَى اللَّهِ الْأَمَانِيَّ»⁷

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Ya'la Shaddad bin Aws (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said, **“The wise one is the one who takes account of himself/herself and strives for that which is after death. And the helpless one is the one who follows his/her own whims then indulges in wishful thinking about Allah ”**⁷

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Wisdom and foresight are represented by the behaviours.
2. In order to take advantage of 'God's mercy that surpasses God's wrath', it is required to do our part with the awareness of servitude. Indeed, “The mercy of Allah is near to the doers of good.” (Surah Al-A'raf [7], 56th.Verse)
3. It's always required to control nafs (desire) and bring it to book.
4. God gives merit for actions in good purpose, not for empty wishes.
5. Wise one is the one who prepares the equipage of the hereafter in this world.

8th. HADITH

BEING MOSQUE-FRIENDLY

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«مَنْ عَدَا إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ أَوْ رَاحَ، أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ نَزْلًا
كُلَّمَا عَدَا أَوْ رَاحَ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“He who goes to the mosque in the morning or in the evening, Allah prepares for him a place in Jannah (Heaven) whenever he goes to the mosque in the morning and returns from it in the evening”.⁸

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Going to the mosques and masjids for worshipping, invocation and knowledge is a good and beneficent deed in itself.
2. One who establishes his prayer with congregation deserves to be hosted in Heaven.



9th. HADITH

FRIDAY (JUMUAH) PRAYER AND KHUTBAH

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«مَنْ تَوَضَّأَ فَأَحْسَنَ الْوُضُوءَ، ثُمَّ أَتَى الْجُمُعَةَ، فَاسْتَمَعَ وَأَنْصَتَ،
غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجُمُعَةِ...»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“If anyone performs wudu properly, then comes to the Friday prayer, listens to the Khutbah (religious talk) attentively and keeps silent, his (minor) sins between that Friday and the following Friday will be forgiven...”

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Having a bath on Friday is a virtue, a merit.
2. Performing ablution quite completely is mustahabb (encouraged in religion).
3. Listening to Khutbah without being busy with anything and without speaking is necessary.
4. Being busy with another thing during Khutbah is the reason for being deprived of the virtue and the merit of Jumuah prayer.
5. The ones who are so distant from the Rhetorician -that they can't hear him- or the ones who are out of the mosque must be quiet, they musn't speak.
6. Performing the worships properly and ideally is also a goodness and a benevolence.

10th. HADITH

FRIDAY (JUMUAH) PRAYER AND KHUTBAH

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«الْصَّلَوَاتُ الْخَمْسُ ، وَالْجُمُعَةُ إِلَى الْجُمُعَةِ، وَرَمَضَانُ
إِلَى رَمَضَانَ مُكَفِّرَاتٌ لِمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ إِذَا اجْتَنَبْتَ الْكَبَائِرَ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“The five (daily) salat (prayers), and from one Jumuah prayer to the (next) Jumuah prayer, and from Ramadan to Ramadan are expiations for the (sins) committed in between (their intervals); provided the major sins are avoided”.¹⁰

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. It is necessary to avoid major sins.
2. Worships are expiations for minor sins.
3. Prayers (salats) and fasting purifies the Muslims from their sins.



11th. HADITH

AVOIDING BID'AHs (INNOVATIONS)

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا قَالَتْ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«مَنْ أَحَدَّثَ فِي أَمْرِنَا هَذَا مَا لَيْسَ مِنْهُ فَهُوَ رَدٌّ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Aiše (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“Whoever innovates something in this matter of ours (Islam religion) that is not a part of it, will have it rejected”.¹¹

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. This hadith forms one of the top bases of Islam. This basis emphasizes that every subsequent belief, worship and practice in defiance of Quran and Sunnah- is unacceptable.
2. A number of subsequent inventions and needs aren't rated among condemned, disowned innovations (bid'ahs) if they aren't contrary to Quran and Sunnah.
3. Bid'ah (innovation) is divided into two as hasene (good) and seyyie (bad). The ones that aren't contrary to the core of Islam name as good, the contrary ones name as bad.

11 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:171 (Buqhari, Sulh 5; Muslim, Akdiye 17,18. See Also: Ibni Mace, Mukaddime 2)

12th. HADITH

SOLIDARITY OF MUSLIMS

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا»
وَشَبَّكَ بَيْنَ أَصَابِعِهِ

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Musa al-Ashari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“The believer is to the believer like parts of a building, each one of them supporting the other.”¹²

The Prophet then clasped his hands with the fingers interlaced (while saying that).

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Believers must support each other financially and spiritually, they must team up like locked stones and bricks of a building.
2. It is not possible to realize and sustain Islam alone, as an individual. Individuals can't resist the external pressures. Unity and solidarity are essentials in resisting the pressure and violence.
3. The societies that have lost their unity can't remain standing.

¹² Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:224 (Buqhari, Salat 88, Mezalim 5; Muslim, Birr 65. See Also: Tirmizi, Birr 18; Nesai, Zakat 67)



13th. HADITH

A MUSLIM IS A BROTHER/SISTER OF ANOTHER MUSLIM

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ لَا يُخُونُهُ وَلَا يَكْذِبُهُ وَلَا يَخْذُلُهُ، كُلُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ حَرَامٌ عِرْضُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَدَمُهُ، التَّقْوَى هَهُنَا، بِحَسَبِ امْرِي مِنَ الشَّرِّ أَنْ يَحْقِرَ أَخَاهُ الْمُسْلِمَ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“A Muslim is a brother/sister to a Muslim. He/She should neither deceive him/her nor lie to him/her, nor leave him/her without assistance. Everything belonging to a Muslim is inviolable for a Muslim; his/her honour, his/her blood and property. Piety is here. It is sufficient evil for one to look down on his/her Muslim brother/sister”.¹³

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Muslims are religious fellows of each one.
2. It is unacceptable for a Muslim to quit helping another Muslim.
3. A Muslim's life, property and chastity are illicit for another Muslim.
4. The place of piousness (taqwa) [obeying the orders and prohibitions of God properly] is heart. Its signs are our practices that are appropriate for Islam.
5. Despising and looking down on a Muslim are among major sins.

14th. HADITH

PROTECTING ORPHANS

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«كَافِلُ الْيَتِيمِ لَهُ أَوْ لِغَيْرِهِ. أَنَا وَهُوَ كَهَاتَيْنِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ»
وَأَشَارَ الرَّاَوِي بِالسَّبَّابَةِ وَالْوُسْطَى، وَفَرَّحَ بَيْنَهُمَا

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“I and the one who looks after an orphan will be like this in Paradise”, showing his middle and index fingers and separating them”.¹⁴

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. The top position in Heaven is being able to become neighbours with Our Prophet (His Holiness).
2. One way of gaining this top position is protecting the orphans.
3. The ones who protect their orphans or other orphan children satisfy Allah SWT (Subhanahu wa ta'ala).



15th. HADITH

TREATING THE GUEST WITH RESPECT AND HONOUR

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
« مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، فَلَا يُؤْذِ جَارَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ
يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، فَلْيُكْرِمْ صَبِيغَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لَيْسْكَتْ »

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“He /She who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him/her show hospitality to his/her guest; and he/she who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him/her maintain good relation with kins; and he/she who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him/her speak good or remain silent”¹⁵

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Some behaviours like treating the guest with respect and honour and saying good words show that one has a perfect faith.
2. Not harming the neighbour, even better, doing good to the neighbour are behaviours that are shown by the believers.
3. Treating the guest with respect and honour as best as one can is the same, too.
4. A Muslim should pay attention to say good and eloquent words.

15 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:310 (Bughari, Marriage 80, Adab 31,85, Rikak 23; Muslim, Faith 74,75. See Also: Ebu Davud, Adab 123; Tirmizi, Doomsday 50; Ibni Mace, Adab 4)

16th. HADITH

RESPECT TO ELDERS, LOVE TO MINORS

عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ شُعَيْبٍ وَعَنْ أَبِيهِ وَعَنْ جَدِّهِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ،
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ :
«لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا، وَيَعْرِفْ شَرَفَ كَبِيرِنَا»

English Meaning of Hadith

Amr İbni Şuayb –via his father- narrated from his grandfather (May Allah be pleased with him), that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Those who aren’t merciful to the little ones and don’t respect the old ones, aren’t from us”¹⁶

What We’ve Learnt From Hadith

1. Respecting to honour and rights of Muslim elders is every Muslim’s duty.
2. Showing mercy and affection to the minors is among the beauties of Islam.
3. The ones who neglect those move away from the beauties of Islam, by not behaving according to the Islamic manner.



17th. HADITH

SHOWING RESPECT TO OLDSTERS

عَنْ أَنَسِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«مَا أَكْرَمَ شَابٌّ شَيْخًا لِسِنِّهِ إِلَّا قَيَّضَ اللَّهُ لَهُ مَنْ يُكْرِمُهُ
عِنْدَ سِنِّهِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Enes Ibni Malik (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“If a young man honors an elderly on account of his age, Allah appoints someone to honor him/her in his/her old age”.¹⁷

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Respect to elders and old ones is moral duty for youngs.
2. The reward of the respect to be shown to the old ones is being respected and being hosted in the old age.
3. Social peace can be simply provided through straightening the relationships among individuals and generations.
4. The ones who don't show respect to elders can't be respected and hosted by their minors.
5. Every behaviour definitely has positive-negative results and price.

18th. HADITH

THE DOOR OF REPENTANCE

عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى، يَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ لِيُثُوبَ مُسِيئِ النَّهَارِ،
وَيَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِالنَّهَارِ لِيُثُوبَ مُسِيئِ اللَّيْلِ حَتَّى تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ
مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا»

English Meaning of Hadith

Ebu Musa (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Allah, The Exalted, stretches Allah’s Own Hand during the night so that those who commit sins by day may repent, and Allah stretches Allah’s Own Hand in the day so that those who commit sins by night may repent. Allah keeps doing so until the sun rises from the West”.¹⁸

What We’ve Learnt From Hadith

1. God’s mercy and grace is limitless. Allah loves forgiving the sins and accepting the repentance.
2. The door of repentance is open until the sun rises from the West.
3. It is required to take care the repentance which means the major purification.



19th. HADITH

OUR DEEDS FOLLOW ABOUT US

عَنْ أَنَسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«يَتَّبَعُ الْمَيِّتَ ثَلَاثَةٌ: أَهْلُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَعَمَلُهُ: فَيَرْجِعُ اثْنَانِ ،
وَيَبْقَى وَاحِدٌ: يَرْجِعُ أَهْلُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَيَبْقَى عَمَلُهُ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Anas (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Three things follow a dead person: members of his/her family, his/her property and his/her deeds. Two of them return; and one remaining with him/her. The people and his/her wealth return; his/her deeds remain with him/her”.¹⁹

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. After the death of a human, his/her family, relatives and property are left in this world. If they are beneficent, they can conduce to his/her good deeds' continuation.
2. The deeds of decedent, in other words, his/her good and bad behaviours follow about him/her to the grave. Those cause his/her happiness or punishment in hereafter.

20th. HADITH

HELP

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: أَنْفِقْ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ يُنْفِقُ عَلَيْكَ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“Spend (for Allah), O son of Adam, you will also be spent upon”.²⁰

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Good deeds are never unreciprocated.
2. Allah (SWT) reciprocates more to one who helps (spends) for God's sake.
3. The generous one is never devoided of benevolence (honouring and favour).

20 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:550 (Bughari, Tefsiru Surah (11) 2; Nefekat 1; Tawhid 35; Muslim, Zakat 36,37. See Also: Ibni Mace, Keffarat 15)



21st. HADITH

CHARITY

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«مَا تَقَصَّتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ، وَمَا زَادَ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلَّا عِزًّا،
وَمَا تَوَاضَعَ أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ إِلَّا رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ عِزًّا وَجَلًّا»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Sadaqah (charity-alm) doesn't decrease property and Allah increases the honour of him/her who forgives and no one will humble himself/herself for Allah's sake except that Allah raises his/her status”.²¹

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Sadaqah (charity-alm), given for God's sake, never decreases the property. The benediction of sadaqah is reflected in our lives certainly.
2. One who wants to increase his/her property in this world and merits in hereafter must give sadaqah.
3. One who wants to increase his/her honour and dignity must be humble and forgiving to the people.

22nd. HADITH

EASINESS

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«إِنَّ الرَّفْقَ لَا يَكُونُ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا زَانَهُ، وَلَا يُنْزَعُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ
إِلَّا شَانَهُ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Aisha (May Allah be pleased with her), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Kindness is not to be found in anything but it adds to its beauty and it is not withdrawn from anything but it makes it defective”²²

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Allah SWT is gracious to the servants. Therefore, Allah is pleased when they make things easier for each other and when they behave politely and tolerantly towards each one.
2. Rifk (gentless) – which means making things easier for people and being tolerant – is the most gracious gesture. So, Allah (SWT) will give those people more rewards than the other people who have good behaviours, either.
3. The ones who make things easier for others seem nice both to Allah and to the servants. The ones who make things more difficult for others seem ugly both to Allah and to the servants.

²² Riyazū's-Salihin, Hadith No:636 (Muslim, Birr 78. See Also; Ebu Davud, Adab 10)



23rd. HADITH

BRAVE ONE

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«لَيْسَ الشَّدِيدُ بِالصُّرْعَةِ، إِنَّمَا الشَّدِيدُ الَّذِي يَمْلِكُ نَفْسَهُ
عِنْدَ الْغَضَبِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“The strong man is not one who is good at wrestling, but the strong man is one who controls himself in a fit of rage”²³

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Being strong is desirable for our religion. But controlling oneself in a fit of anger is more desirable.
2. Not dealing with/getting angry with the ignorant ones is the finest characteristic of a good Muslim.
3. Struggle with nafs (desires) and self-control is more difficult than doing jihad with the enemy.
4. Trying not to get angry by considering its individual and social damages is required.

24th. HADITH

MATURITY OF FAITH

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«الْإِيمَانُ بِضْعٌ وَسَبْعُونَ، أَوْ بِضْعٌ وَسِتُّونَ شُعْبَةً، فَأَفْضَلُهَا قَوْلُ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَأَدْنَاهَا إِمَاطَةُ الْأَذَى عَنِ الطَّرِيقِ، وَالْحَيَاءُ شُعْبَةٌ
مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ».

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Faith has sixty- some or seventy parts, the least of which is to remove a harmful thing from the road and the greatest of which is to say ‘La, ilahe illallah (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah)’. And modesty is a branch of faith”.²⁴

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. All of the behaviours that a believer must show are related to faith directly.
2. Because of the fact that all the duties that God has imposed upon us are related to faith, it is not possible to distinguish religious affairs from the worldly affairs.
3. Bashfulness (sense of shame, shyness) is not a weakness of personality, it is an essential feature that canonizes and matures the faith.

24 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:684 (Buqhari, Faith 3; Muslim, Faith 58. See Also: Ebu Davud, Sunnah 14; Tirmizi, Birr 80; Nesai, Faith 16; İbni Mace, Mukaddime 9)



25th. HADITH

BEING STRAIGHTFORWARD

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«آيَةُ الْمُنَافِقِ ثَلَاثٌ: إِذَا حَدَّثَ كَذِبًا، وَإِذَا وَعَدَ أَخْلَفَ،
وَإِذَا أُؤْتِمِنَ خَانَ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“The signs of the hypocrite are three: When he/she speaks, he/she lies; when he/she makes a promise he/she breaks it; and when he/she is entrusted with something, he/she betrays (that trust)”.²⁵

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Telling lies, breaking a promise or backing out, misappropriating, encroaching by saying bad words or being unfair when becoming hostile towards one are the most distinct features of a hypocrite.
2. The one who has these habits is like a hypocrite with his/her behaviours despite he/she looks like a Muslim with his/her worships (prayer, fasting).
3. A Muslim must strongly avoid these habits. If he/she has done one of these behaviours accidentally, he /she must take care not to do it again.

25 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:690 (Buḡhari, Faith 24; Şehadat 28, Vesaya 8, Adab 69; Muslim, Faith 107-108. See Also: Tirmizi, Faith 14; Nesai, Faith 20)

26th. HADITH

ETIQUETTE: THE PROPRIETIES

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«لَا تَشْرَبُوا وَاحِدًا كَشَرْبِ الْبَعِيرِ، وَلَكِنْ اشْرَبُوا مَثْنَى وَثُلَاثَ،
وَسَمُّوا إِذَا أَنْتُمْ شَرِبْتُمْ، وَاحْمَدُوا إِذَا أَنْتُمْ رَفَعْتُمْ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Ibni Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Do not drink in one gulp like a camel, but in two or three (gulps). Mention the Name of Allah (i.e., say Bismillah) when you start drinking and praise Allah (i.e., say Al-hamdu lillah) after you have finished (drinking).”²⁶

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. We must start to eat and drink with Basmala. The one who drinks in three gulps slakes his/her thirst, so he/she quenches.
2. Drinking in three gulps is healthier, it is better for stomach.
3. Our Prophet (His Serene Highness) never drank a beverage in one gulp, He took breath twice in the meantime.
4. We must say “Elhamdulillah” (thank Allah) after eating and drinking.



27th. HADITH

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MUSLIM TO ANOTHER MUSLIM

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«حَقُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ خَمْسٌ: رَدُّ السَّلَامِ، وَعِيَادَةُ الْمَرِيضِ،
وَإِتِّبَاعُ الْجَنَائِزِ، وَإِجَابَةُ الدَّعْوَةِ، وَتَشْمِيتُ الْعَاطِسِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“The rights of one Muslim over another are five: returning the greeting of salaam, visiting the sick, attending funerals, accepting invitations and saying ‘Yarhamuk Allah’ (May Allah have mercy on you) to one who sneezes.”²⁷

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Our Prophet (His Holiness) encouraged visiting the sick and attending funerals.
2. Visiting the sick and organizing farewell ceremony for one who passes on into eternal life are the responsibilities –originating from the religious fellowship - of a Muslim towards another Muslim.
3. Returning the greeting of salam, accepting the invitations, saying “Yerhamukallah” (May Allah mercy on you) to one who sneezes and says “Elhamdulillah” (thank Allah), not breaking one’s oath, helping to one who gets a raw deal are Our Prophet’s (His Holiness) advices on human relations.

28th. HADITH

THE MOST PRECIOUS DEEDS

عَنِ ابْنِ مَسْعُودٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ:
سَأَلْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «أَيُّ الْأَعْمَالِ أَفْضَلُ؟»
قَالَ: «الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى وَفْتِهَا»
قُلْتُ: «تُمَّ أَيُّ؟» قَالَ: «بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ»
قُلْتُ: «تُمَّ أَيُّ؟» قَالَ: «الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Ibni Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that:

“I asked the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) which action is the most beloved to Allah? He said: ‘Establishing prayer on time, honoring one’s parents and Jihad in the course of Allah’ ”.²⁸

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Actions in our religion are ranked according to their virtues and merits.
2. The most virtuous action coming after faith and the most important obligatory is establishing praying on time.
3. Not establishing the prayer on time-without any excuse- is among big sins.
4. The ones who deserve respect and reverence most among the servants are parents.
5. The supreme self-sacrifice is jihad in Allah's cause.

²⁸ Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:1074 (Buqhari, Adhan 9, 32; Muslim, Salat 129. See Also: Tirmizi, Mevakit 52; Nesai, Mevakit 22, Adhan 31)



29th. HADITH

SAYING SALAVAT TO OUR PROPHET

عَنْ أَوْسِ بْنِ أَوْسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«إِنَّ مِنْ أَفْضَلِ أَيَّامِكُمْ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ، فَكَثِّرُوا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ
فِيهِ، فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَيَّ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Aws Bin Aws (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that:
“Among the most excellent of your days is Friday; so invoke many blessings on me on that day, for your blessing will be submitted to me.”²⁹

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. The invoked blessings (salavats) are submitted to Our Prophet's soul. He receives them.
2. Because of the fact that Friday is a virtuous day, the invoked blessings submitted to Our Prophet on this sacred day are more precious than the blessings invoked on the other days; they bring in much more merits.

30th. HADITH

MERIT OF RAMADAN MONTH

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا، عُفِّرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Whosoever performs fasting during the month of Ramadan, with faith and in the hope of receiving Allah’s reward, will have his/her past sins forgiven”.³⁰

What We’ve Learnt From Hadith

1. Fasting in Ramadan month faithfully and hopefully (hoping to get its merit from God) conduces to be forgiven (the old sins).
2. Having faith in God and hoping to get its merit (reward) from only God (ihtisab) are precision and acceptance conditions for a worship.

30 Riyazü’s-Salihin, Hadith No:1222 (Buqhari, Faith 28, Savm 6; Muslim, Siyam 203, Musafirin 175. See Also: Ebu Davud, Ramadan 1, Savm 57; Tirmizi, Savm 1, Jannah 4; Nesai, Siyam 39; Ibni Mace, Ikamet 173, Siyam 2, 33)



31st. HADITH

LAYLAT AL-QADR

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا، غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Whoever spends the night of Lailat Al-Qadr in prayer with faith and in the hope of reward, his/her previous sins will be forgiven.”³¹

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Laylat Al-Qadr is a night that is highly valuable and precious.
2. Whoever spends the night of Lailat Al-Qadr in prayer with faith and in the hope of reward, his/her previous sins will be forgiven.
3. A behaviour has no spiritual value without any faith and sincerity (undisguised belief).

31 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:1192 (Buqhari, Faith 25,27,28,35 Savm 6, Tarawih 1, Leyletü'l-kadr 1; Muslim, Musafirin 173-176. See Also: Ebu Davud, Ramadan 1; Tirmizi, Savm 1; Nesai, Kiyamü'l-leyl 3, Sıyam 39-40; İbni Mace, İkamet 173, Sıyam 2, 39)

32nd. HADITH

THE PRAY FOR LAYLAT AL-QADR

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا،
قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ عَلِمْتُ أَيَّ لَيْلَةٍ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ مَا أَقُولُ فِيهَا؟
قَالَ: «قُولِي: اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي»

English Meaning of Hadith

It was narrated from Aishah (May Allah be pleased with her), that she said:

“ O Messenger of Allah, what do you think I should say in my supplication, if I come upon Laylatul-Qadr?’ He said: ‘Say, O Allah, You are Forgiving and love forgiveness, so forgive me.’ ”³²

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. The Muslim who is aware of Laylatul-Qadr (Qadr Night) must pray for being forgiven.
2. At Qadr Night, it is sunnah to pray as: “O Allah, You are Forgiving and love forgiveness, so forgive me”.
3. The sacred nights must be reclaimed by praying, worshipping, reciting Quran and contemplating.



33rd. HADITH

DIGNITY OF RAMADAN MONTH

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«إِذَا جَاءَ رَمَضَانُ، فَتُبْحَثُ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ، وَغُلِّقَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ،
وَصُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“When the month of Ramadan starts, the gates of Heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained”.³³

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Ramadan is an exceptional (priveleged) month and time period in which forgiveness, mercy and merits are increased; effects and perversions of devil are decreased; accordingly the gates of Hell are closed.
2. We must take care increasing our worships during the months and days of mercy and benediction.

34th. HADITH

SPENDING ON ALLAH'S WAY

عَنْ أَبِي يَحْيَى رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
« مَنْ أَنْفَقَ نَفَقَةً فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كُتِبَ لَهُ سَبْعِمِائَةَ ضِعْفٍ »

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Yahya (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“Whoever spends in the cause of Allah, it will be recorded for him/her seven hundred fold.”³⁴

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. Spending in the cause of Allah is among the greatest benevolences.
2. Helping (spending in the cause of Allah) is an important jihad.
3. Allah will record seven hundred or more fold on the day of judgement for one who spends in the cause of Allah.

³⁴ Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:1341 (Tirmizi Fezailü'l-jihad 4. See Also: Nesai, Jihad 45)



35th. HADITH

THE ETHICS OF TRADE

عَنْ جَابِرِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«رَحِمَ اللَّهُ رَجُلًا سَمَحًا إِذَا بَاعَ، وَإِذَا اشْتَرَى، وَإِذَا افْتَضَى»

English Meaning of Hadith

Jabir (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“Allah’s mercy be on him/her who is lenient in his/her buying, selling and in demanding back his/her money”.³⁵

What We’ve Learnt From Hadith

1. Religion of Islam grounds on leniency and this principle must be prioritized in dealings with other people.
2. Commerce and loaning are types of relationships that concern almost every individual in the society and preferring the way of convenience in this matter is a virtuous behaviour.
3. One must choose the way of convenience in demanding the things on which he/she has right.

36th. HADITH

BLESSED SCIENCE JOURNEY

عَنْ أَنَسِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
«مَنْ خَرَجَ فِي طَلَبِ الْعِلْمِ، فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ حَتَّى يَرْجِعَ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Anas (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“Whoever goes out seeking knowledge, then he/she is in Allah’s cause until he/she returns”.³⁶

What We’ve Learnt From Hadith

1. Acquiring knowledge is a type of jihad in Allah’s cause. A knowledge learner gets merit like the one who strives in Allah’s cause.
2. The responsibility shown to the mujahid (combatant) who strives in Allah’s cause is shown in exactly the same way to one who learns knowledge for God’s sake.



37th. HADITH

GETTING CLOSER TO ALLAH THROUGH PROSTRATIONS

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«أَقْرَبُ مَا يَكُونُ الْعَبْدُ مِنْ رَبِّهِ وَهُوَ سَاجِدٌ، فَأَكْثِرُوا الدُّعَاءَ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“The closest that a person can be to his/her Lord, The Mighty and Sublime, is when he/she is prostrating, so increase in supplication then”.³⁷

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. The moment of prostration is the time when the servant is closer to Supreme Being and it is more possible to gain God's mercy and grace. Therefore, the prays and invocations performed during the prostration have much more possibility to be accepted.
2. We must declare our loyalty to God and try to get God's mercy by performing the prays and invocations that are taught us by Our Prophet while bowing and prostrating.

38th. HADITH

OUR PROPHET'S PRAYS

عَنْ أَنَسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ:
«اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْهَرَمِ
وَالْبُخْلِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ
الْمَحْيَا وَالْمَمَاتِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Anas (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,

“O Allah! I seek refuge with You from helplessness, laziness, cowardice and feeble old age; I seek refuge with You from afflictions of life and death and seek refuge with You from the punishment in the grave”³⁸

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. We must either seek refuge with God from those things that Our Honorable Prophet sought with God.
2. Love and fear of God must dominate our hearts, we must learn more and actualize what we've learnt.
3. When God's Name and Commandments are mentioned, our hearts must be affected and get excited; we must redouble our efforts to be good Muslims.

38 Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:1477 (Muslim, Invocation 50. See Also: Ebu Davud, Vitr 32; Nesai, Istiaze 7)



39th. HADITH

SUBHANALLAH [(ALL) PRAISE BE TO GOD]

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا،
كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَكْتُمُ أَنْ يَقُولَ قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ:
«سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ، أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

It was narrated from Aishah (May Allah be pleased with her), that she said:

“Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) frequently recited these words just before He passed away: ‘ O Allah, You are free from every imperfection our Rubb and all praise is for You; I seek forgiveness of Allah and turn to Allah in repentance’ ”.³⁹

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. We must either recite these words much more like Our Prophet (His Serene Highness).
2. Our Prophet (His Serene Highness) is the unique example for us. We must follow His lead, we must try to do exactly what He did.

40th. HADITH

FORESIGHT OF A MUSLIM

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ:
«لَا يُلْدَعُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ جُحْرٍ مَرَّتَيْنِ»

English Meaning of Hadith

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), narrated that the Messenger of Allah (May Peace be Upon Him) said,
“A believer is not stung twice from the same hole”.⁴⁰

What We've Learnt From Hadith

1. A Muslim must be cautious and conscious in every respect. He/ She mustn't be wronged by the ones who want to deceive him/ her.
2. Even if he/she is mistaken, wronged, deceived once; he/she mustn't be fall into the same trap for the second time.

⁴⁰ Riyazü's-Salihin, Hadith No:1838 (Buhari, Adab 83; Muslim, Zuhd 63. See Also: Ebu Davud, Adab 29; Ibn-i Mace, Fiten 13)



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