

'ILM AND DHIKR KNOWLEDGE AND REMEMBRANCE OF ALLĀH TA'ĀLĀ

'ILM KNOWLEDGE

In order to benefit directly from Allāh Ta'ālā by fulfilling His Commandments, in the manner prescribed by Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam, to acquire the knowledge revealed by Allāh Ta'ālā, that is to precisely ascertain what Allāh Ta'ālā wants of me, in each and every situation

VERSES OF QUR'ĀN

Allāh Subḥānahū wa Ta'ālā says:

(Just as We completed Our Favour upon you by ascertaining the direction of your *Qiblah*) similarly, We have sent to you a Messenger from amongst you, who recites to you Our revelations and purifies

قال الله تعالى:

كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنكُمْ
يَتْلُوا عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَيُزَكِّيكُمْ
وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ

you, and teaches you the Book (Al-Qur'ān) and wisdom (the Prophet's Sunnah), and teaches you (beneficial things) that which you knew not. Al-Baqarah 2: 151

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā said to His Prophet Sallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam:

Allāh reveals to you the Book (Al-Qur'ān) and the wisdom, and teaches you that which you knew not. The grace of Allāh towards you has been infinite. An-Nisā 4: 113

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā said to His Prophet Sallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam:

And say: My Rabb! Enhance my knowledge. Tā Hā 20: 114

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā says:

And We, verily gave knowledge to Dāwūd and Sulaimān, and (upon this) they said: Praise be to Allāh, Who has preferred us above many of His believing slaves!

An-Naml 27: 15

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā says:

And these examples We put forward for mankind, but none will understand them except those who have knowledge (of Allāh and His Signs). Al-Ankabūt 29: 43

وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا

تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ [البقرة: ٥١]

وقال تعالى:

وَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ

وَعَلَّمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُن تَعْلَمُ وَكَانَ

فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا ﴿١١٣﴾

[النساء: ١١٣]

وقال تعالى:

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ﴿١١٤﴾ [طه: ١١٤]

وقال تعالى:

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ عِلْمًا وَقَالَا

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي فَضَّلَنَا عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِّنْ

عِبَادِهِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٥﴾ [النمل: ١٥]

وقال تعالى:

وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَلُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ وَمَا

يَعْقِلُهَا إِلَّا الْعَالِمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

[العنكبوت: ٤٣]

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā says:

Only the 'Ulamā (scholars with knowledge of Allāh's greatness) amongst His slaves truly fear Allāh. Fāṭir 35: 28

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā said to His Prophet Sallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam:

Say (to them): Can those who have knowledge (of Deen) and those who do not have knowledge (of Deen) be equal? Az-Zumar 39: 9

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā says:

O you, who believe! When you are told to make room in the assemblies, (spread out and) make room. Allāh will give you (ample) room (in Paradise from His Mercy). And when (for some reason) you are told to get up, then get up, Allāh will (because of your accepting this order and other orders) exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge (of Deen). And Allāh is Well-Aware of what you do. Al-Mujādilah 58: 11

Allāh Subhānahū wa Ta'ālā says:

And mix not Truth with falsehood, nor knowingly conceal the Truth (the Commandments of Allāh). Al-Baqarah 2: 42

وقال تعالى:

إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ

الْعُلَمَاءُ ﴿٢٨﴾ [فاطر: ٢٨]

وقال تعالى:

قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩﴾ [الزمر: ٩]

وقال تعالى:

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ

تَفَسَّحُوا فِي الْمَجَالِسِ فَافْسَحُوا يَفْسَحِ

اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَإِذَا قِيلَ انشُرُوا فَانشُرُوا

يَرْفَعِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ

أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾ [المجادلة: ١١]

وقال تعالى:

وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْفُرُوا

الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ [البقرة: ٤٢]

Allāh Subḥānahū wa Ta‘ālā says:

Do you enjoin righteousness upon mankind, and you yourselves forget (to practise it), while you are reciters of the Book? Will you not then use your reason?

Al-Baqarah 2: 44

Allāh Subḥānahū wa Ta‘ālā says:

(Shu‘aib ‘Alaihisalām told his people): (And just as I practice what I enjoin you to do) I do not want myself to do those things which I forbid you to do. Hūd 11: 88

وقال تعالى:
أَتَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبِرِّ وَتَنْسَوْنَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ
وَأَنْتُمْ تَتْلُونَ الْكِتَابَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾
[البقرة: ٤٤]

وقال تعالى:
وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَمْلِكَكُمْ إِلَىٰ مَا
أَنْهَيْتُكُمْ عَنْهُ [هود: ٨٨]

AḤĀDĪTH

١ - عَنْ أَبِي مُوسَى رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: مَثَلُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللَّهُ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْعِلْمِ كَمَثَلِ الْغَيْثِ الْكَثِيرِ أَصَابَ أَرْضًا، فَكَانَ مِنْهَا نَقِيَّةٌ قَبِلَتِ الْمَاءَ فَأَنْبَتَتِ الْكَلَّاءَ وَالْعُشْبَ الْكَثِيرَ، وَكَانَتْ مِنْهَا أَجَادِبٌ أَمْسَكَتِ الْمَاءَ فَفَنَعَ اللَّهُ بِهَا النَّاسَ فَشَرَبُوا وَسَقَوْا وَرَزَعُوا، وَأَصَابَ مِنْهَا طَائِفَةٌ أُخْرَى، إِنَّمَا هِيَ قَيْعَانٌ لَا تُمْسِكُ مَاءً وَلَا تُنْبِتُ كَلًّا، فَذَلِكَ مَثَلُ مَنْ فَقَهُ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ وَنَفَعَهُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللَّهُ بِهِ فَعَلِمَ وَعَلَّمَ، وَمَثَلُ مَنْ لَمْ يَرْفَعْ بِذَلِكَ رَأْسًا وَلَمْ يَقْبَلْ هُدَى اللَّهِ الَّذِي أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ. رواه البخاري، باب فضل من علم وعلم، رقم: ٧٩

1. Abu Mūsā Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Nabī Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: The guidance and knowledge with which Allāh sent me is like abundant rain that falls on land (which has three different terrains). A part of the land was fertile, it absorbed the water, and sprouted lush plantation and pasture. Another part was barren, it held up the water, and Allāh made it beneficial for people who drank from it, and gave (cattle) to drink from it, and irrigated from it. The rain fell on the third part which was a hard plain, it neither held the water nor sprouted grass. (Likewise there are three types of persons). For

example: The one who acquires understanding of Deen of Allāh, and benefits from what Allāh has sent me with, and he learns, and teaches; (and the other who did not benefit himself but others were benefited through him); and the third, who does not show regard to that and does not accept Allāh’s guidance with which I have been sent. (Bukhārī)

٢ - عَنْ عُثْمَانَ بْنِ عَفَانَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ.

رواه الترمذى وقال: هذا حديث حسن صحيح، باب ماجاء في تعليم القرآن، رقم: ٢٩٠٧

2. ‘Uthmān ibne-‘Affān Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: The best among you is he who learns the Qur’ān and teaches it. (Bukhārī)

٣ - عَنْ بُرَيْدَةَ الْأَسْلَمِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ وَتَعَلَّمَهُ وَعَمِلَ

بِهِ أَلَيْسَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ تَاجًا مِنْ نُورٍ صَوُّوهُ مِثْلَ صَوِّهِ الشَّمْسِ، وَيُكْسَى وَالِدَيْهِ حُلَّتَانِ لَا يَقُومُ بِهِمَا الدُّنْيَا، فَيَقُولَانِ بِمَا كَسَيْنَا هَذَا؟ فَيَقَالُ بِأَخْذٍ وَلَدِكُمَا الْقُرْآنَ. رواه الحاكم وقال: هذا حديث صحيح

على شرط مسلم ولم يخرجاه ووافقه الذهبي ٥٦٨/١

3. Buraidah Al-Aslamī Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: He who recites the Qur’ān and learns it, and then acts upon it, he will be made to wear on the Day of Resurrection a crown of Nūr (light), which will be as radiant as the sun. And his parents will be dressed with two suits, which the whole world cannot match. So they will ask: For what have we been dressed like this? It will be said: This is the reward of your son’s acquiring Qur’ān. (Mustadrak Ḥākim)

٤ - عَنْ مُعَاذِ الْجُهَنِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ، وَعَمِلَ بِمَا فِيهِ،

أَلَيْسَ وَالِدَاهُ تَاجًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، صَوُّهُ أَحْسَنُ مِنْ صَوِّهِ الشَّمْسِ فِي بُيُوتِ الدُّنْيَا، لَوْ كَانَتْ فِيكُمْ، فَمَا ظَنُّكُمْ بِالَّذِي عَمِلَ بِهِذَا. رواه أبو داود، باب في ثواب قراءة القرآن، رقم: ١٤٥٣

4. Mu‘ādh Al-Juhanī Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: He who recites the Qur’ān and acts upon it, his parents will be made to wear a crown on the Day of Resurrection, whose light will be better than the light of the sun; if it rises amongst you in your worldly houses, what do you think about the person who himself acts upon it? (Abu Dāwūd)

٥- عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ الْعَاصِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ فَقَدِ اسْتَدْرَجَ النُّبُوَّةَ بَيْنَ جَنْبَيْهِ غَيْرَ أَنَّهُ لَا يُوحَى إِلَيْهِ، لَا يَنْبَغِي لِصَاحِبِ الْقُرْآنِ أَنْ يَجِدَ مَعَ مَنْ وَجَدَ، وَلَا يَجْهَلَ مَعَ مَنْ جَهَلَ، وَفِي جَوْفِهِ كَلَامُ اللَّهِ. رواه الحاكم وقال: صحيح الإسناد، الترغيب ٢/٣٥٢

5. ‘Abdullāh ibne-‘Amr ibnil-‘Āṣ Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhuma narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: He who recites the Qur’ān, indeed secures the knowledge of prophethood within his ribs, though Divine Revelation is not sent upon him. It does not befit one endowed with the Qur’ān that he gets annoyed with those who are in anger, nor should he indulge in any act of ignorance with those who are ignorant, while he has the Book of Allāh inside his heart. (Mustadrak Ḥākim, Targhib)

٦- عَنْ جَابِرِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: الْعِلْمُ عِلْمَانِ: عِلْمٌ فِي الْقَلْبِ فَذَاكَ الْعِلْمُ النَّافِعُ، وَعِلْمٌ عَلَى اللِّسَانِ فَذَاكَ حُجَّةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى ابْنِ آدَمَ. رواه الحافظ أبو بكر الخطيب في تاريخه بإسناد حسن، الترغيب ١/١٠٣

6. Jābir Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Knowledge is of two types: 1. Knowledge that penetrates into the heart; this knowledge is beneficial. 2. Knowledge, that is merely on the tongue; this will be Allāh’s evidence against the son of Ādam. (Targhib)

Note: Knowledge on the tongue refers to the knowledge without practice and sincerity.

٧- عَنْ عُقْبَةَ بْنِ عَامِرٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: خَرَجَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَنَحْنُ فِي الصَّفَةِ فَقَالَ: أَيُّكُمْ يُحِبُّ أَنْ يَغْدُوَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ إِلَى بَطْحَانَ أَوْ إِلَى الْعَقِيقِ فَيَأْتِي مِنْهُ بِنَاقَتَيْنِ كَوْمَاوَيْنِ، فِي غَيْرِ إِنْهُمْ وَلَا قَطْعَ رَحِمٍ؟ فَقُلْنَا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! نَحِبُّ ذَلِكَ، قَالَ: أَفَلَا يَغْدُو أَحَدُكُمْ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ فَيَعْلَمُ أَوْ يَقْرَأُ آيَتَيْنِ مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ خَيْرٌ لَهُ مِنْ نَاقَتَيْنِ، وَثَلَاثَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ مِنْ ثَلَاثِ، وَأَرْبَعٌ خَيْرٌ لَهُ مِنْ أَرْبَعٍ، وَمِنْ أَعْدَادِهِنَّ مِنَ الْإِبِلِ؟ رواه مسلم، باب فضل قراءة القرآن ٠٠٠٠٠، رقم: ١٨٧٣

7. ‘Uqbah ibne-‘Āmir Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam came out to us when we were in *Ṣuffah* and asked: Who amongst you would like to go out every morning to Buḥān or Al-‘Aqīq (the markets of Madīna Munawwarah) and bring

two large humped she-camels, without being guilty of sin or severing the ties of relationship? We replied: O Rasūlallāh! We would all like that. He said: Your going to the masjid every morning to learn or recite two verses of the Book of Allāh, The Almighty and Magnificent, is better for you than two she-camels. And three verses are better than three she-camels and four verses better than four she-camels, and an equal number of camels. (Muslim)

Note: This ḥadīth explains that the number of verses are better than the collective number of camels, male and female; for example, a single verse is better than a single male and a female camel.

٨- عَنْ مُعَاوِيَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ يَقُولُ: سَمِعْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ يَقُولُ: مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُفَقِّهُهُ فِي الدِّينِ، وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا قَاسِمٌ وَاللَّهُ يُعْطِي. (الحدِيث) رواه البخارى، باب من يرد الله به خيرا ٠٠٠٠٠، رقم: ٧١

8. Mu‘āwiyah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates: I heard Nabī Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam saying: The one for whom Allāh intends good, He guides him towards the understanding of Deen. Indeed I am only a distributor and Allāh is the One Who grants. (Bukhārī)

Note: The second sentence of the ḥadīth means that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam came as a distributor of knowledge and Allāh is the Bestower of understanding of this knowledge and helps in acting upon it. (Mirqāt)

٩- عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: ضَمَّنِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَقَالَ: اللَّهُمَّ عَلِّمَهُ الْكِتَابَ. رواه البخارى، باب قول النبي ﷺ اللهم علمه الكتاب، رقم: ٧٥

9. ‘Abdullāh ibne-‘Abbās Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhuma narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam embraced me and supplicated: O Allāh! Grant him knowledge of the Book. (Bukhārī)

١٠- عَنْ أَنَسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِنَّ مِنْ أَسْرَاطِ السَّاعَةِ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ الْعِلْمُ، وَيَثْبُتَ الْجَهْلُ، وَيُشْرَبَ الْخَمْرُ، وَيَظْهَرَ الزُّنَا. رواه البخارى، باب رفع العلم وظهور الجهل، رقم: ٨٠

10. Anas Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Indeed, among the signs of the Last Hour (the Day of Resurrection) is that knowledge will be lifted, ignorance (of Deen) will take root, liquor will be drunk, and adultery will prevail. (Bukhārī)

١١- عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: بَيْنَا أَنَا نَائِمٌ أُتِيتُ بِقَدَحٍ لَبَنٍ، فَشَرِبْتُ مِنْهُ حَتَّى إِنِّي لَأَرَى الرَّيَّ يَخْرُجُ فِي أَطَافِيرِي، ثُمَّ أُعْطِيتُ فَضْلِي يَعْنِي عُمَرَ قَالُوا: فَمَا أَوْلَتْهُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: الْعِلْمُ. رواه البخاري، باب اللين، رقم: ٧٠٠٦

11. 'Abdullāh ibne 'Umar Raḍiyallāhu 'anhuma narrates: I heard Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam saying: While I was asleep, I was given a bowl of milk. So I drank from it to my fill, until I felt its freshness reaching my nails. Then I gave the rest of it to 'Umar. The Ṣaḥabah Raḍiyallāhu 'anhum asked: So, what is your interpretation about the dream, O Rasūlallāh? He said: Knowledge, (It means 'Umar Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu will receive an ample portion of the knowledge of Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam). (Bukhārī)

١٢- عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: لَنْ يَشْبَعَ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَسْمَعُهُ حَتَّى يَكُونَ مُنْتَهَاهُ الْجَنَّةُ. رواه الترمذی وقال: هذا حديث حسن غريب، باب ما جاء في فضل الفقه على العبادة، رقم: ٢٦٨٦

12. Abu Sa'īd Al-Khudrī Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: A believer's thirst for knowledge is never quenched. He continues to hear and learn until he enters Paradise. (Tirmidhī)

١٣- عَنْ أَبِي ذَرٍّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: يَا أَبَا ذَرٍّ! لَنْ تَعْدُو فَتَعْلَمَ آيَةَ مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنْ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ مِائَةَ رَكْعَةٍ، وَلَأَنْ تَعْدُو فَتَعْلَمَ بَابًا مِنَ الْعِلْمِ، عَمِلَ بِهِ أَوْ لَمْ يُعْمَلْ، خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ أَلْفَ رَكْعَةٍ. رواه ابن ماجه، باب فضل من تعلم القرآن وعلمه، رقم: ٢١٩

13. Abu Dhar Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam told me: O Abu Dhar! If you go in the morning and learn a verse from the Book of Allāh, it is better for you than performing one hundred *Rak'āt* of Ṣalāt. And if you go in the morning and learn a chapter of knowledge, which may or may not be applicable at that time (for example learning the method of Tayyammum), it is better for you than performing a thousand *Rak'āt* of *Nafl* Ṣalāt. (Ibne-Mājah)

١٤- عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: مَنْ جَاءَ مَسْجِدِي

هَذَا، لَمْ يَأْتِهِ إِلَّا لِخَيْرٍ يَتَعَلَّمُهُ أَوْ يُعَلِّمُهُ، فَهُوَ بِمَنْزِلَةِ الْمُجَاهِدِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَمَنْ جَاءَ لِغَيْرِ ذَلِكَ فَهُوَ بِمَنْزِلَةِ الرَّجُلِ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى مَتَاعٍ غَيْرِهِ. رواه ابن ماجه، باب فضل العلماء، رقم: ٢٢٧

14. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates: I heard Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam saying: He who comes to my Masjid (Masjid-un-Nabī) with no other intention but to learn or teach a good deed is like a Mujāhid in the path of Allāh. And, he who comes with some other intention is like one who has come to look at the belongings of others (and this looking is of no benefit to him). (Ibne-Mājah)

Note: The excellence mentioned in this ḥadīth is valid for all masjids, as all masjids are subsidiaries of Masjid-un-Nabī. (Injāh-ul-Hāja)

١٥- عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ يَقُولُ: سَمِعْتُ أَبَا الْقَاسِمِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: خَيْرُكُمْ أَحَابِسُكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا إِذَا فَفَهُوا. رواه ابن حبان، قال المحقق: إسناده صحيح على شرط مسلم ٢٩٤/١

15. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates: I heard Abul Qāsim Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam saying: The best amongst you are those who are best in conduct provided they have an understanding of Deen. (Ibne-Ḥibbān)

١٦- عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: النَّاسُ مَعَادِنٌ كَمَعَادِنِ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ، فَخِيَارُهُمْ فِي الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ خِيَارُهُمْ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ إِذَا فَفَهُوا. (الحديث) رواه أحمد ٥٣٩/٢

16. Jābir ibne-'Abdullāh Raḍiyallāhu 'anhumā narrates that Nabī Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: People are like mines just as there are mines of gold and silver. Those who were better in the days of ignorance (prior to embracing Islām) are also better after accepting Islām provided they have understanding of Deen (Islām). (Musnad Aḥmad)

Note: In this ḥadīth men have been compared with mines. Various mines contain different minerals. Some of which are more valuable, like gold and silver; while others are less valuable, like coal and lime. Similarly, different men have different qualities and habits, because of which some have higher rank and some have lower. Again, so long as gold and silver remain unexplored, these do not have the value but these acquire value only after being taken out of the mines. In the same manner, as long as a man remains hidden in

the darkness of infidelity, though he may have any measure of generosity or bravery, he does not bear that value which he would gain once he has embraced Islam and acquires the knowledge of Deen. (Mazāhir-e-Ḥaque)

١٧ - عَنْ أَبِي أَمَامَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: مَنْ غَدَا إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ لَا يُرِيدُ إِلَّا أَنْ يَتَعَلَّمَ خَيْرًا، أَوْ يُعَلِّمَهُ، كَانَ لَهُ كَأَجْرِ حَاجٍ تَامًا حَجَّتَهُ. رواه الطبراني في الكبير ورجاله موثقون كلهم، مجمع

الرواند ٣٢٩/١

17. Abu Umāmah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhū narrates that Nabī Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: He who goes to the masjid, not desiring anything other than learning or teaching something good, his reward is like that of a Ḥajjī who performs a complete Ḥajj. (Ṭabarānī, Majma-‘uz-Zawāid)

١٨ - عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: عَلِّمُوا وَيَسِّرُوا وَلَا تَعَسَرُوا.

(الحديث) رواه أحمد ٢٨٣/١

18. Ibne-‘Abbās Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhūma narrates that Nabī Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Teach people (Deen), and be lenient with them and do not be stern with them. (Musnad Aḥmad)

١٩ - عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّهُ مَرَّ بِسُوقِ الْمَدِينَةِ فَوَقَفَ عَلَيْهَا قَالَ: يَا أَهْلَ السُّوقِ مَا

أَعْجَزَكُمْ؟ قَالُوا: وَمَا ذَاكَ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ؟ قَالَ: ذَاكَ مِيرَاثُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ يُقَسَّمُ، وَأَنْتُمْ هَهُنَا، أَلَا تَذْهَبُونَ فَتَأْخُذُونَ نَصِيبَكُمْ مِنْهُ؟ قَالُوا: وَأَيْنَ هُوَ؟ قَالَ: فِي الْمَسْجِدِ، فَخَرَجُوا سِرَاعًا، وَوَقَفَ

أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ لَهُمْ حَتَّى رَجَعُوا، فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: مَا لَكُمْ؟ قَالُوا: يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ! فَقَدْ أَتَيْنَا الْمَسْجِدَ فَدَخَلْنَا فَلَمْ نَرِ فِيهِ شَيْئًا يُقَسَّمُ! فَقَالَ لَهُمْ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ: وَمَا رَأَيْتُمْ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ أَحَدًا؟ قَالُوا: بَلَى! رَأَيْنَا

قَوْمًا يَصَلُّونَ، وَقَوْمًا يَقْرَأُونَ الْقُرْآنَ، وَقَوْمًا يَتَذَكَّرُونَ الْحَلَالَ وَالْحَرَامَ، فَقَالَ لَهُمْ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ:

وَيَحْكُمُ فَذَلِكَ مِيرَاثُ مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ. رواه الطبراني في الأوسط وإسناده حسن، مجمع الزوائد ٣٣١/١

19. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhū while passing by a market of Madīnah stopped and asked: O People of the market; what has disabled you? They asked: What is the matter, O Abu Hurairah? He said: The inheritance of Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam is being distributed and you are sitting here. Why do you not go there and take your share of it? They asked: Where is it being distributed?

He replied: In the masjid. So they rushed towards the masjid. Abu Hurairah stood there till they returned. And he asked: What happened? They said: O Abu Hurairah! We went to the masjid, entered it, and saw nothing being distributed. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhū asked: Did you not see anyone in the masjid? They replied: Yes! verily We saw some people performing Ṣalāt, and some reciting the Qur’ān and some were discussing what is permissible and what is forbidden. Abu Hurairah said: Woe unto you, that is the inheritance of Muḥammad Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam. (Ṭabarānī, Majma-‘uz-Zawāid)

٢٠ - عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ يَعْنِي ابْنَ مَسْعُودٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ

خَيْرًا فَفَقَّهَهُ فِي الدِّينِ، وَاللَّهْمَهُ رُشِدَهُ. رواه البرازي والطبراني في الكبير ورجاله موثقون، مجمع الزوائد ٣٢٧/١

20. ‘Abdullāh ibne-Mas‘ūd Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhū narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: When Allāh intends to endow His slave a good, He gives him understanding of Deen and inspires him with proper guidance. (Bazzār, Ṭabarānī, Majma-‘uz-Zawāid)

٢١ - عَنْ أَبِي وَقِيدٍ اللَّيْثِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ بَيْنَمَا هُوَ جَالِسٌ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ وَالنَّاسُ

مَعَهُ إِذْ أَقْبَلَ ثَلَاثَةٌ نَفَرٍ، فَأَقْبَلَ اثْنَانِ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ وَذَهَبَ وَاحِدٌ، قَالَ: فَوَقَفَا عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَأَمَّا أَحَدُهُمَا فَرَأَى فُرْجَةَ فِي الْحَلْقَةِ فَجَلَسَ فِيهَا، وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُ فَجَلَسَ خَلْفَهُمْ، وَأَمَّا

الثَّالِثُ فَادْبَرَ ذَاهِبًا فَلَمَّا فَرَّغَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: أَلَا أُخْبِرُكُمْ عَلَى التَّفَرُّقِ الثَّلَاثَةِ؟ أَمَّا أَحَدُهُمْ فَأَوَى إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى فَأَوَاهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ، وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُ فَاسْتَحْيَا فَاسْتَحْيَا اللَّهُ مِنْهُ، وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُ فَأَعْرَضَ

فَأَعْرَضَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. رواه البخاري، باب من قعد حيث ينتهي به المجلس ٠٠٠٠، رقم: ٦٦

21. Abu Wāqid Al-Laithī Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhū narrates that once Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam was sitting in the masjid, and other people were also present. Three men came, two of them turned their attention towards Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam, and one amongst them left. These two men stood near Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam; one of them found some room in the circle, so he sat there, the other one sat behind them and the third one (as mentioned above) turned his back and left. At the end of the gathering, Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Should I not inform you about these three persons? One of them came closer to

Allāh by sitting in the circle and so Allāh covered him with His Mercy. And the other one felt shy (to sit in the circle), so Allāh regarded his shyness and did not deprive him of His Mercy and the last one turned away, so Allāh turned away from him. (Bukhārī)

٢٢- عَنْ أَبِي هَارُونَ الْعَبْدِيِّ رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: يَا تَبْنُكُمْ رِجَالٌ مِنْ قِبَلِ الْمَشْرِقِ يَتَعَلَّمُونَ، فَإِذَا جَاؤُوكُمْ فَاسْتَوْصُوا بِهِمْ خَيْرًا، قَالَ: فَكَانَ أَبُو سَعِيدٍ إِذَا رَأَانَا قَالَ: مَرَحِبًا بِوَصِيَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ. رواه الترمذی، باب ما جاء في الإستهزاء، ٠٠٠٠٠، رقم: ٢٦٥١

22. Abu Hārūn Al-'Abdī Raḥimahullāh reports from Abu Sa'īd Al-Khudrī Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu, who narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: People from the East will come to you to seek knowledge of Deen, and when they come to you, treat them well. Abu Hārūn 'Abdī, says: Whenever Abu Sa'īd would see us, he would say: Welcome to those about whom Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam advised us. (Tirmidhī)

٢٣- عَنْ وَائِلَةَ بْنِ الْأَسْفَعِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: مَنْ طَلَبَ عِلْمًا فَأَدْرَكَهُ كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ كِتَابَيْنِ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ، وَمَنْ طَلَبَ عِلْمًا فَلَمْ يُدْرِكْهُ كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ كِتَابًا مِنَ الْأَجْرِ. رواه الطبرانی في الكبير ورجاله موثقون، مجمع الزوائد ١/٣٣٠

23. Wāthilah ibnīl-Asqa' Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: He who seeks knowledge and attains it, Allāh writes for him a double reward, and he who seeks knowledge but does not attain it, Allāh writes for him a single reward. (Tabarānī, Majma-'uz-Zawāid)

٢٤- عَنْ صَفْوَانَ بْنِ عَسَّالِ الْمُرَادِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: أَتَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ وَهُوَ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ مُتَكِيٌّ عَلَى بُرْدٍ لَهُ أَحْمَرٌ، فَقُلْتُ لَهُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! إِنِّي جِئْتُ أَطْلُبُ الْعِلْمَ، فَقَالَ: مَرَحِبًا بِطَالِبِ الْعِلْمِ، إِنَّ طَالِبَ الْعِلْمِ لَتَحْفَهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ بِأَجْنِحَتِهَا، ثُمَّ يَرْكَبُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا حَتَّى يَبْلُغُوا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا مِنْ مَحَبَّتِهِمْ لِمَا يُطَلَّبُ. رواه الطبرانی في الكبير ورجاله رجال الصحيح، مجمع الزوائد ١/٣٤٣

24. Safwān ibne-'Assāl Al-Murādī Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates: I went to Nabī Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam, he was in the masjid, reclining on his red striped sheet. I said: O Rasūlallāh! I have come

to seek knowledge. He said: Welcome to the seeker of knowledge. Indeed, the angels cover the seeker of knowledge by their wings and they start gathering one upon another till they reach the sky, for the love of the knowledge which is being sought. (Tabarānī, Majma-'uz-Zawāid)

٢٥- عَنْ ثَعْلَبَةَ بْنِ الْحَكَمِ الصَّحَابِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: يَقُولُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لِلْعُلَمَاءِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِذَا قَعَدَ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّهِ لِفَضْلِ عِبَادِهِ: إِنِّي لَمْ أَجْعَلْ عِلْمِي وَجِلْمِي فِيكُمْ إِلَّا وَأَنَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ عَلَى مَا كَانَ فِيكُمْ وَلَا أَبَالِي. رواه الطبرانی في الكبير ورواه ثقات، الترغيب ١/١٠١

25. Tha'labah ibnīl-Ḥakam Aṣ-Ṣahābī Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: Allāh 'Azza wa Jall, when seated on His Chair to judge His slaves on the Day of Resurrection, will say to the 'Ulamā (Islāmic Scholars): I blessed you with My knowledge and My kind forbearance in order to pardon you despite your faults, and I care not, as to the magnitude of your sins, as forgiving you is of no consequence to Me. (Tabarānī, Targhīb)

٢٦- عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: إِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: مَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَطْلُبُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا سَلَكَ اللَّهُ بِهِ طَرِيقًا مِنْ طُرُقِ الْجَنَّةِ، وَإِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ لَتَنْصَعُ أَجْنِحَتِهَا رِضًا لَطَالِبِ الْعِلْمِ، وَإِنَّ الْعَالِمَ لَيَسْتَغْفِرُ لَهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَالْجِبْتَانِ فِي جُوفِ الْمَاءِ، وَإِنَّ فَضْلَ الْعَالِمِ عَلَى الْعَابِدِ كَفَضْلِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ عَلَى سَائِرِ الْكَوَاكِبِ، وَإِنَّ الْعُلَمَاءَ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَإِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَمْ يُورَثُوا دِينَارًا وَلَا دِرْهَمًا، وَرَثُوا الْعِلْمَ، فَمَنْ أَخَذَهُ أَخَذَ بِحِطِّ وَافِرٍ. رواه ابوداؤد، باب في فضل العلم، رقم: ٣٦٤١

26. Abu Dardā' Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates: I heard Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam saying: Whoever travels on a path in search of knowledge, Allāh will enable him to travel on one of the paths to Paradise. And verily, the angels spread their wings with pleasure for one who seeks knowledge. Indeed the inhabitants of the skies and the earth and the fish in the depths of the water, all supplicate forgiveness for the 'Ālim (Islāmic Scholar). Verily, the eminence of an 'Ālim over a devout worshipper is that of the full moon over the stars. And indeed, the 'Ulamā are heirs of the prophets. And verily, the prophets did not leave behind as

inheritance any Dinār or Dirham, rather they leave 'Ilm as inheritance. So, whoever acquired this, received an abundant portion. (Abu Dāwūd)

٢٧- عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: وَمَوْتُ (العالمِ) مُصِيبَةٌ لَا تُجِيرُ وَتُلْمَةُ لَا تُسَدُّ وَهُوَ نَجْمٌ طُمِسَ، مَوْتُ قَبِيلَةٍ أَيْسَرُ مِنْ مَوْتِ عَالِمٍ. (وهو بعض

الحدِيث) رواه البيهقي في شعب الإيمان ٢٦٤/٢

27. Abu Dardā' Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates: I heard Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam saying: The death of an 'Ālim is such a calamity that it can neither be made up nor compensated for; and he was a star (of guidance and due to his death) his light is lost. The death of a whole tribe is less significant than the death of an 'Ālim. (Baihaqī)

٢٨- عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: إِنَّ مَثَلَ الْعُلَمَاءِ كَمَثَلِ النُّجُومِ فِي السَّمَاءِ يَهْتَدَى بِهَا فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ، فَإِذَا انْطَمَسَتْ النُّجُومُ أَوَّشَكَ أَنْ تَصِلَ الْهَدَاةُ. رواه أحمد ١٥٧/٣

28. Anas ibne-Mālik Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: Indeed, the example of the 'Ulamā is like that of stars in the sky, by which guidance is obtained in the darkness of the land and water; when stars lose their radiance, it is likely that travellers will go astray. (Musnad Ahmad)
Note: This refers to the absence of 'Ulamā, which invariably leads to the straying of mankind from the straight path.

٢٩- عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ: فَقِيهٌ أَشَدُّ عَلَى الشَّيْطَانِ مِنْ أَلْفِ عَابِدٍ. رواه الترمذى وقال: هذا حديث غريب، باب ماجاء في فضل الفقه على العبادة، رقم: ٢٦٨١

29. Ibne-'Abbās Raḍiyallāhu 'anhuma narrates that Rasulallah Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: One Faqīh (learned man) has more power over Shaitān than a thousand devout worshippers. (Tirmidhī)
Note: This means that it is easier for a Shaitān to deceive a thousand 'Ābid (devout worshippers) than to deceive an 'Ālim who has a thorough knowledge of Deen.

٣٠- عَنْ أَبِي أَمَامَةَ الْبَاهِلِيِّ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: ذُكِرَ لِرَسُولِ اللهِ ﷺ رَجُلَانِ أَحَدُهُمَا: عَابِدٌ

وَالْآخَرَ عَالِمٌ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ: فَضْلُ الْعَالِمِ عَلَى الْعَابِدِ كَفَضْلِي عَلَى أَدْنَاكُمْ، ثُمَّ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ وَأَهْلَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِينَ حَتَّى النَّمْلَةَ فِي جُحْرِهَا وَحَتَّى الْحُوتَ لِيُصَلُّونَ عَلَى مُعَلِّمِ النَّاسِ الْخَيْرِ. رواه الترمذى وقال: هذا حديث حسن غريب صحيح، باب ماجاء في فضل الفقه على العبادة، رقم: ٢٦٨٥

30. Abu Umāmah Al-Bāhilī Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates that two men were mentioned to Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam, one of them learned and the other devout worshipper. Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: The superiority of an 'Ālim over an 'Ābid is like that of mine over the least amongst you. Then Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam said: Indeed, Allāh, His angels, the inhabitants of the skies and the earths, even the ants in their holes and even fish invoke mercy, grace and honour on him who teaches people good deeds. (Tirmidhī)

٣١- عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ يَقُولُ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: أَلَا إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا مَلْعُونَةٌ مَلْعُونٌ مَا فِيهَا إِلَّا ذِكْرُ اللهِ وَمَا وَالَاهُ وَعَالِمٌ أَوْ مُتَعَلِّمٌ. رواه الترمذى وقال: هذا حديث حسن غريب، باب منه حديث إن الدنيا ملعونة، رقم: ٢٣٢٢

31. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates: I heard Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam saying: Behold! Indeed, the world is accursed, and all that it contains is accursed except the Dhikr of Allāh, and that which brings one closer to Allāh, an 'Ālim or a seeker of knowledge of Deen. (Tirmidhī)

٣٢- عَنْ أَبِي بَكْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ يَقُولُ: اغْدُ عَالِمًا، أَوْ مُتَعَلِّمًا، أَوْ مُسْتَمِعًا، أَوْ مُجِبًّا، وَلَا تَكُنِ الْخَامِسَةَ فَتَهْلِكَ وَالْخَامِسَةُ أَنْ تُبْغِضَ الْعِلْمَ وَأَهْلَهُ. رواه الطبراني في

الثلاثة والزيارة ورجاله موثقون، مجمع الزوائد ٣٢٨/١

32. Abu Bakrah Raḍiyallāhu 'anhu narrates: I heard Nabī Ṣallallāhu 'alaihi wasallam saying: You should become either (1) an 'Ālim or (2) a seeker of knowledge of Deen, or (3) an attentive listener to the knowledge of Deen, or (4) a lover of knowledge of Deen and Ulamā. Do not be of the fifth kind, otherwise you will be ruined. The fifth kind is that you bear malice towards knowledge of Deen and those who possess it. (Tabrānī, Bazzār, Majma-'uz-Zawāid)

٣٣- عَنِ ابْنِ مَسْعُودٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ يَقُولُ: لَا حَسَدَ إِلَّا فِي اثْنَتَيْنِ: رَجُلٍ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا فَاسْلَطَهُ عَلَى هَلَكَتِهِ فِي الْحَقِّ، وَرَجُلٍ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةً فَهُوَ يَقْضِي بِهَا وَيُعَلِّمُهَا.

رواه البخارى، باب إنفاق المال فى حقه، رقم: ١٤٠٩

33. Ibne-Mas‘ūd Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates: I heard Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam saying: There are only two people worthy of envy: A person whom Allāh has given wealth, and empowers him to spend it in righteous causes; and the other, whom Allāh has given knowledge by means of which he makes sound judgements, and teaches it to others. (Bukhārī)

٣٤- عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: بَيْنَا نَحْنُ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ ذَاتَ يَوْمٍ، إِذْ طَلَعَ عَلَيْنَا رَجُلٌ شَدِيدُ بَيَاضِ الثِّيَابِ، شَدِيدُ سَوَادِ الشَّعْرِ، لَا يُرَى عَلَيْهِ أَثَرُ السَّفَرِ، وَلَا يَعْرِفُهُ مِنَّا أَحَدٌ، حَتَّى جَلَسَ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ، فَأَسْنَدَ رُكْبَتَيْهِ إِلَى رُكْبَتَيْهِ، وَوَضَعَ كَفَيْهِ عَلَى فَخْذَيْهِ، وَقَالَ: يَا مُحَمَّدُ! أَخْبِرْنِي عَنِ الْإِسْلَامِ؟ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: الْإِسْلَامُ أَنْ تَشْهَدَ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ، وَتَقِيمَ الصَّلَاةَ، وَتُؤْتِيَ الزَّكَاةَ، وَتَصُومَ رَمَضَانَ، وَتَحُجَّ الْبَيْتَ إِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا، قَالَ: صَدَقْتَ، قَالَ: فَعَجَبْنَا لَهُ، يَسْأَلُهُ وَيُصَدِّقُهُ، قَالَ: فَأَخْبِرْنِي عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ؟ قَالَ: أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ بِاللَّهِ، وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ، وَكُتُبِهِ، وَرُسُلِهِ، وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، وَتُؤْمِنَ بِالْقَدْرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ، قَالَ: صَدَقْتَ، قَالَ: فَأَخْبِرْنِي عَنِ الْإِحْسَانِ؟ قَالَ: أَنْ تُعْبُدَ اللَّهَ كَأَنَّكَ تَرَاهُ، فَإِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ تَرَاهُ، فَإِنَّهُ يَرَاكَ، قَالَ: فَأَخْبِرْنِي عَنِ السَّاعَةِ؟ قَالَ: مَا الْمَسْئُولُ عَنْهَا بِأَعْلَمَ مِنَ السَّائِلِ، قَالَ: فَأَخْبِرْنِي عَنِ أَمَارَاتِهَا؟ قَالَ: أَنْ تَلِدَ الْأُمَّةُ رَبَّتَهَا، وَأَنْ تَرَى الْخُفَاةَ الْعُرَاةَ، الْعَالَةَ، رِعَاءَ الشَّيْءِ، يَتَطَاوَلُونَ فِي الْبُلْيَانِ، قَالَ: ثُمَّ أَنْطَقَ، فَلَبِثْتُ مَلِيًّا، ثُمَّ قَالَ لِي: يَا عُمَرُ! أَتَدْرِي مِنَ السَّائِلِ؟ قُلْتُ: اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ، قَالَ: فَإِنَّهُ جِبْرَائِيلُ، أَتَاكُمْ يُعَلِّمُكُمْ دِينَكُمْ. رواه مسلم، باب بيان الإيمان

والإسلام، رقم: ٩٣

34. ‘Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that one day while we were sitting with Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam, a man with extremely white clothing and very black hair came to us. No signs of travel were visible on him and none of us recognised him. Sitting down close to Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam, resting his knees against his and placing his palms on his own thighs, he said: O Muhammad! Tell me about Islām. Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu

‘alaihi wasallam replied: Islām is to testify that none is worthy of worship but Allāh, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allāh, to establish Ṣalāt, to pay Zakāt, to fast in Ramaḍān, and to perform Ḥajj to Baitullāh provided you have resources for it. The man said: You have spoken the truth. ‘Umar Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu said: We were amazed at his asking the question and endorsing the answer. Then he said: Tell me about Īmān (faith)? Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Īmān is to believe in Allāh, His angels, His books, His Messengers, and the Last Day, and to believe in the Divine Destiny - both good and bad. He said: You have spoken the truth. And then asked: Tell me about Iḥsān? Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Iḥsān is to worship Allāh as though you are seeing Him; and even if you do not see Him, He certainly sees you. Then he said: Tell me about the Hour? Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam replied: The one who is asked about it knows no more than the one who is asking. He said: Then tell me about its signs. Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: That a slave-girl will give birth to her mistress; and you will see barefooted, naked and destitute shepherds competing with one another in constructing lofty buildings. ‘Umar Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu said: Then he went away and I stayed for a while. Then, Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam asked: O ‘Umar! Do you know who the questioner was? I said: Allāh and His Messenger know best. He said: He was Jibraīl, who came to teach you your Deen (Islam). (Muslim)

Note: In ḥadīth, amongst the signs of the Last Day is that a slave girl will give birth to her owner (mistress); which means that disobedience of parents will become rampant at the approach of the Last Day, so much so that girls, in whose nature obedience to their mother is more ingrained, would not only become disobedient, but dominate over their mothers, as a lady mistress orders her maid-servant. This is why Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam has described a slave-girl giving birth to her mistress. The second sign of the Last Day means, such people shall be in possession of wealth who would not be worthy of it. Their interest will be in constructing high buildings and they would compete with one another in it. (Ma‘āriful Ḥadīth)

٣٥- عَنِ الْحَسَنِ رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ قَالَ: سُئِلَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَنْ رَجُلَيْنِ كَانَا فِي بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ،

أَحَدُهُمَا كَانَ عَالِمًا يُصَلِّي الْمَكْتُوبَةَ ثُمَّ يَجْلِسُ فَيُعَلِّمُ النَّاسَ الْخَيْرَ، وَالْآخَرَ يَصُومُ النَّهَارَ وَيَقُومُ اللَّيْلَ، أَيُّهُمَا أَفْضَلُ؟ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: فَضْلُ هَذَا الْعَالِمِ الَّذِي يُصَلِّي الْمَكْتُوبَةَ ثُمَّ يَجْلِسُ فَيُعَلِّمُ النَّاسَ الْخَيْرَ عَلَى الْعَابِدِ الَّذِي يَصُومُ النَّهَارَ وَيَقُومُ اللَّيْلَ كَفَضْلِي عَلَى أَدْنَاكُمْ رَجُلًا. رواه

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35. Ḥasan Rahimahullāh narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam was asked about two men from the Banī Isrā’īl as to which of them was superior. One of them was an ‘Ālim, who observed the obligatory Ṣalāt, and then sat and taught the people good; the other one fasted by day, and worshipped during the night. Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam replied: The superiority of that ‘Ālim who observed the obligatory Ṣalāt then sat and taught good, over a devout worshipper who fasted by day and worshipped during the night, is like my superiority over the least amongst you. (Sunan-ud-dārmī)

٣٦- عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: تَعَلَّمُوا الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلِّمُوهُ النَّاسَ وَتَعَلَّمُوا الْعِلْمَ وَعَلِّمُوهُ النَّاسَ وَتَعَلَّمُوا الْفَرَائِضَ وَعَلِّمُوهَا النَّاسَ فَإِنِّي أَمْرٌ مَقْبُوضٌ وَإِنَّ الْعِلْمَ سَيَقْبُضُ حَتَّى يَخْتَلِفَ الرَّجُلَانِ فِي الْفَرِيضَةِ لَا يَجِدَانِ مَنْ يُخْبِرُهُمَا بِهَا. رواه البيهقي في شعب

الإيمان ٢٥٥/٢

36. ‘Abdullāh Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Learn the Qur’ān and teach it to people; acquire knowledge of Deen and teach it to people; learn the obligatory Commandments (of Allāh) and teach these to people: Indeed I would die and verily the knowledge will also be lifted soon, so much so that two people will disagree on an obligatory command, and there will be no one who could guide them correctly about it. (Baihaqī)

٣٧- عَنْ أَبِي أُمَامَةَ الْبَاهِلِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ! خُذُوا مِنَ الْعِلْمِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَقْبُضَ الْعِلْمُ وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ الْعِلْمُ. (الحديث) رواه أحمد ٢٦٦/٥

37. Abu Umāmah Al-Bāhīḥī Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: O people! Acquire knowledge, before knowledge is withdrawn, and before it is eliminated. (Musnad Aḥmad)

٣٨- عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِنَّ مِمَّا يَلْحَقُ الْمُؤْمِنَ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ وَحَسَنَاتِهِ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهِ، عِلْمًا عَلَّمَهُ وَنَشَرَهُ، وَوَلَدًا صَالِحًا تَرَكَهُ، وَمُصْحَفًا وَرَّثَهُ، أَوْ مَسْجِدًا بَنَاهُ أَوْ بَيْتًا لِابْنِ السَّبِيلِ بَنَاهُ، أَوْ نَهْرًا أَجْرَاهُ، أَوْ صَدَقَةً أَخْرَجَهَا مِنْ مَالِهِ فِي صِحَّتِهِ وَحَيَاتِهِ، يَلْحَقُهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهِ. رواه ابن ماجه، باب ثواب معلم الناس الخير، رقم: ٢٤٢

38. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Indeed, among the actions and good deeds for which a believer will continue to receive rewards even after his death are: (i) Knowledge which he taught and spread (ii) righteous children whom he left behind (iii) the Qur’ān which he left as an inheritance (iv) a masjid which he built (v) a rest house which he built for the travellers (vi) a stream which he caused to flow (vii) a charity that he gave from his wealth, while he was alive and healthy. For all these, he will continue to receive rewards after his death. (Ibne-Mājah)

٣٩- عَنْ أَنَسِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ أَنَّهُ كَانَ إِذَا تَكَلَّمَ بِكَلِمَةٍ أَعَادَهَا ثَلَاثًا حَتَّى تُفْهَمَ. (الحديث) رواه البخاري، باب من أعاد الحديث، رقم: ٩٥

39. Anas Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu says about Nabī Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam that (at times and according to the needs of the moment) whenever he said something, he would repeat it thrice so that the meaning would be fully understood. (Bukhārī)

٤٠- عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ الْعَاصِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ انْتِزَاعًا يَنْتَزِعُهُ مِنَ الْعِبَادِ، وَلَكِنْ يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ بِقَبْضِ الْعُلَمَاءِ حَتَّى إِذَا لَمْ يَبْقَ عَالِمٌ اتَّخَذَ النَّاسُ رُؤُوسًا جُهَالًا، فَسَبِلُوا فَافْتَوَى بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ فَضَلُّوا وَأَضَلُّوا. رواه البخاري، باب كيف يقبض العلم؟ رقم: ١٠٠

40. ‘Abdullāh ibne-‘Amr ibnil-‘Āṣ Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhuma narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Allāh will not take away knowledge of Deen from people at once, but will withdraw knowledge by the death of ‘Ulamā until no ‘Ālim will be left, people will take ignorant men as their leaders. They will be asked question relating to Deen and they will give verdict without knowledge. They being astray will lead others astray. (Bukhārī)

٤١ - عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبْعِضُ كُلَّ جَعْفَرِيٍّ جَوَاطِ سَحَابٍ بِالْأَسْوَاقِ، جِيْفَةً بِاللَّيْلِ، حِمَارٍ بِالنَّهَارِ، عَالِمٍ بِأَمْرِ الدُّنْيَا، جَاهِلٍ بِأَمْرِ الْآخِرَةِ. رواه ابن حبان، قال المحقق: إسناده صحيح على شرط مسلم ٢٧٤/١

41. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Allāh hates every harsh man, who eats excessively, shouts in the bāzār, sleeps at night like a corpse, passes the day like a donkey, and well aware of worldly matters but totally ignorant about matters of the Hereafter. (Ibne-Ḥibbān)

٤٢ - عَنْ يَزِيدَ بْنِ سَلَمَةَ الْجُعْفِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! إِنِّي قَدْ سَمِعْتُ مِنْكَ حَدِيثًا كَثِيرًا أَخَافُ أَنْ يَنْسِيَ أَوْلَاهُ آخِرُهُ فَحَدَّثْتَنِي بِكَلِمَةٍ تَكُونُ جَمَاعًا، قَالَ: اتَّقِ اللَّهَ فِيمَا تَعَلَّمُ. رواه الترمذى وقال: هذا حديث ليس إسناده بمتصل وهو عندي مرسل، باب ما جاء في فضل الفقه على العبادة، رقم: ٢٦٨٣

42. Yazīd ibne-Salama Al-Ju‘fī Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates: I said: O Rasūlullāh! I have heard many ahādīth from you; I fear that recent ahādīth may cause me to forget the earlier ones. So, tell me something comprehensive. He said: Fear and obey Allāh to the best of your knowledge. (Tirmidhī)

٤٣ - عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ: لَا تَعَلَّمُوا الْعِلْمَ لِتُبَاهُوا بِهِ الْعُلَمَاءَ وَلَا تُمَارُوا بِهِ السُّفَهَاءَ، وَلَا تَخَيَّرُوا بِهِ الْمَجَالِسَ فَمَنْ فَعَلَ ذَلِكَ، فَالْتَارُ النَّارُ. رواه ابن ماجه، باب الإنضاع بالعلم والعمل به، رقم: ٢٥٤

43. Jābir ibne-‘Abdullāh Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhuma narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Do not acquire knowledge of Deen for showing superiority over ‘Ulamā and do not use this knowledge to quarrel with the ignorant and do not use this knowledge to hold assemblies. He who has done like this (for him) there is Fire, and Fire. (Ibne-Mājah)
Note: Acquiring knowledge of Deen is not to be used for diverting the attention of people towards one’s self.

٤٤ - عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: مَنْ سِئِلَ عَنْ عِلْمٍ فَكَتَمَهُ أَلْجَمَهُ اللَّهُ بِلِحَامٍ مِنْ نَارِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ. رواه أبو داود، باب كراهية منع العلم، رقم: ٣٦٥٨

44. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: He who is asked something about knowledge (of Deen) and he conceals it, Allāh will put a bridle of fire on him on the Day of Resurrection. (Abu Dāwūd)

٤٥ - عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: مَثَلُ الَّذِي يَتَعَلَّمُ الْعِلْمَ ثُمَّ لَا يُحَدِّثُ بِهِ كَمَثَلِ الَّذِي يَكْتَنِزُ الْكَنْزَ ثُمَّ لَا يُنْفِقُ مِنْهُ. رواه الطبراني في الأوسط وفي إسناده ابن لهيعة، الترغيب ١٢٢/١

45. Abu Hurairah Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: The example of the person who acquires knowledge of Deen and then does not convey it to others, is like the one who has collected a treasure but does not spend (and benefit) from it. (Tabarānī Targhīb)

٤٦ - عَنْ زَيْدِ بْنِ أَرْقَمٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ كَانَ يَقُولُ: اللَّهُمَّ! إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ، وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ، وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَشْبَعُ، وَمِنْ دَعْوَةٍ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَهَا. (وهو قطعة من الحديث) رواه مسلم، باب في الأدعية، رقم: ٦٩٠٦

46. Zaid ibne-Arḡam Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam used to invoke:
اللَّهُمَّ! إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ، وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ، وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَشْبَعُ، وَمِنْ دَعْوَةٍ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَهَا.

O Allāh! I seek refuge in You from that knowledge which does not give benefit, and from that heart which does not fear You, and from that inner-self which does not get satisfied, and from that supplication which is not accepted.

(Muslim)

٤٧ - عَنْ أَبِي بَرزَةَ الْأَسْلَمِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: لَا تَرَوْهُ قَدَمًا عَبْدِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ عَمَلِهِ فِيمَا أَفْنَاهُ، وَعَنْ عِلْمِهِ فِيمَا فَعَلَ، وَعَنْ مَالِهِ مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ وَفِيمَا أَنْفَقَهُ وَعَنْ جَسَمِهِ فِيمَا أَبْلَاهُ. رواه الترمذى وقال: هذا حديث حسن صحيح، باب في القيامة، رقم: ٢٤١٧

47. Abu Barzah Aslamī Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: The feet of the slave of Allāh will not move from its place on the Day of Judgment until he is questioned about his life, how he spent it; about his knowledge of

Deen, whether he practiced it; about his wealth, from where he acquired it and where he spent it; and about his body (in which activities) did he age it. (Tirmidhī)

٤٨ - عَنْ جُنْدُبِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْأَزْدِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ صَاحِبِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: مَثَلُ الَّذِي يُعَلِّمُ النَّاسَ الْخَيْرَ وَيَنْسَى نَفْسَهُ كَمَثَلِ السَّرَاحِ يُضِيءُ لِلنَّاسِ وَيَحْرَقُ نَفْسَهُ. رواه الطبراني في الكبير وإسناده حسن إن شاء الله تعالى، الترغيب ١/١٢٦

48. Jundub ibne-‘Abdullāh Al-Azdī Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhū a saḥābi of Nabī Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: The example of the person who teaches people good and neglects himself (does not practice himself), is like a lamp which is a source of illumination for people and burns itself. (Tabarānī, Targhib)

٤٩ - عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: رُبَّ حَامِلٍ فَقَهُ غَيْرِ فِقْيِهِ، وَمَنْ لَمْ يَنْفَعُهُ عِلْمُهُ ضَرَّهُ جَهْلُهُ، أَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ مَا نَهَاكَ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْهَكَ فَلَسْتَ تَقْرَأُهُ. رواه الطبراني في الكبير وفيه شهر بن حوشب وهو ضعيف وقد وثق، مجمع الزوائد ١/٤٤٠

49. ‘Abdullāh ibne-‘Amr Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhūma narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Some people having knowledge of Deen, lack its understanding. And he whose knowledge does not benefit him, his ignorance will harm him. You will indeed be considered amongst those who recite the Qur’ān as long as it restrains you from the forbidden. If it does not restrain you, then you are not from those who recite the Qur’ān. (Tabarānī, Majma-‘uz-Zawāid)

٥٠ - عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَنَّهُ قَامَ لَيْلَةً بِمَكَّةَ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَقَالَ: اللَّهُمَّ هَلْ بَلَّغْتُ؟ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ، فَقَامَ عُمَرُ بْنُ الْخَطَّابِ، وَكَانَ أَوْأَهَا، فَقَالَ: اللَّهُمَّ نَعَمْ، وَحَرَّضْتَ وَجَهَدْتَ وَنَصَحْتَ، فَقَالَ: لِيُظْهَرَ الْإِيمَانُ حَتَّى يُرَدَّ الْكُفْرُ إِلَى مَوَاطِنِهِ، وَلِتَخَاصَنَّ الْبِحَارُ بِالإِسْلَامِ، وَلِيَأْتِيَنَّ عَلَى النَّاسِ زَمَانٌ يَتَعَلَّمُونَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنَ يَتَعَلَّمُونَهُ وَيَقْرَأُونَ وَنَهُ وَيَقُولُونَ: قَدْ قَرَأْنَا وَعَلِمْنَا، فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِنَّا؟ (ثُمَّ قَالَ لِأَصْحَابِهِ) فَهَلْ فِي أَوْلَيْكَ مِنْ خَيْرٍ؟ قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَوْلَيْكَ؟ قَالَ: أَوْلَيْكَ مِنْكُمْ وَأَوْلَيْكَ وَقَوْلُ النَّارِ. رواه الطبراني في الكبير ورجاله ثقات

إلا أن هند بنت الحارث الخثعمية التابعة لم أر من وقفها ولا جرحها، مجمع الزوائد ١/١٩١ طبع مؤسسة المعارف، بيروت. هند مقبولة، تقريب التهذيب

50. ‘Abdullāh Ibne-‘Abbās Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhūma that one night Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam stood in Makkah and said this three times: O Allāh! Have I conveyed (the Message)? ‘Umar Ibnil-Khaṭṭāb, who was most tender hearted, got up and said: Yes! O Allāh! I make you witness You (O Rasūlallāh) have strongly motivated, striven hard and sincerely advised. He said: Īmān will indeed prevail till infidelity will be pushed to its origins, and surely you will sail on high seas for spreading Islām. And a time will certainly come, when people will learn the Qur’ān; learning it and reciting it, and then saying: We have learnt it and know it. So, who is better than us? (Then Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam told his Ṣahāba): Can there be any good in them? The Ṣahāba asked: O Rasūlallāh! Who would be these people? He said: They are from amongst you and they are the fuel of Fire! (Tabarānī, Majma-‘uz-Zawāid)

٥١ - عَنْ أَنَسِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: كُنَّا جُلُوسًا عِنْدَ بَابِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ نَتَذَاكَرُ يَنْزِعُ هَذَا بَابِيَةً وَيَنْزِعُ هَذَا بَابِيَةً فَخَرَجَ عَلَيْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ كَأَنَّمَا يُفْقَأُ فِي وَجْهِهِ حَبُّ الرُّمَانِ فَقَالَ: يَا هَؤُلَاءِ يَهَذَا بُعِثْتُمْ أَمْ يَهَذَا أُمِرْتُمْ؟ لَا تَرْجِعُوا بَعْدِي كُفَّارًا يَضْرِبُ بَعْضُكُمْ رِقَابَ بَعْضٍ. رواه الطبراني في الأوسط ورجاله ثقات أثبات، مجمع الزوائد ١/٣٨٩

51. Anas Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhū narrates that we were sitting by the door of Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam, and were discussing. One man was arguing and quoting one verse of the Qur’ān, and the other quoting another verse. At this, Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam came out to us. His face was red (in anger), as if (the juice of) pomegranate was spread on his face and he said: O people! Have you been sent for this, or have you been ordered to do so? Do not return to infidelity after me by cutting one another’s necks! (Tabarānī, Majma-‘uz-Zawāid)

٥٢ - عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ: أَنَّ عِيْسَى بْنَ مَرْيَمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ قَالَ: إِنَّمَا الْأُمُورُ ثَلَاثَةٌ: أَمْرٌ تَبَيَّنَ لَكَ رُشْدُهُ فَاتَّبِعْهُ، وَأَمْرٌ تَبَيَّنَ لَكَ عَيْبُهُ فَاجْتَنِبْهُ، وَأَمْرٌ اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ فَرُدَّهُ إِلَى عَالِمِهِ. رواه الطبراني في الكبير ورجاله موثقون، مجمع الزوائد ١/٣٩٠

52. ‘Abdullāh ibne-‘Abbās Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhūma narrates from Nabī

Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam that ‘Īsā Ibne-Maryam ‘alaihi salam said: Indeed matters are of three kinds: A matter whose righteousness is evident to you, so follow it; a matter whose error is evident to you, so leave it; a matter which is disputable, so refer it to an ‘Ālim who is knowledgeable about it. (Tabarānī, Majma-‘uz-Zawāid)

٥٣- عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: اتَّقُوا الْحَدِيثَ عَنِّي إِلَّا مَا عَلِمْتُمْ، فَمَنْ كَذَبَ عَلَيَّ مُتَعَمِّدًا فَلْيَتَّبِعُوا مَقْعَدَهُ مِنَ النَّارِ، وَمَنْ قَالَ فِي الْقُرْآنِ بِرَأْيِهِ فَلْيَتَّبِعُوا مَقْعَدَهُ مِنَ النَّارِ. رواه الترمذی وقال: هذا حديث حسن، باب ما جاء في الذي يفسر القرآن برأيه، رقم: ٢٩٥١

53. Ibne-‘Abbās Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhuma narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: Avoid relating a ḥadīth from me, unless you know it for a certainty. He who deliberately narrates from me falsely, then let him prepare for himself an abode in the Hell-Fire. And he who interprets the Qur’ān according to his own opinion, then let him prepare for himself an abode in the Hell-Fire. (Tirmidhi)

٥٤- عَنْ جُنْدُبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: مَنْ قَالَ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ بِرَأْيِهِ فَأَصَابَ فَقَدْ أَخْطَأَ. رواه أبو داود، باب الكلام في كتاب الله بلا علم، رقم: ٣٦٥٢

54. Jundub Raḍiyallāhu ‘anhu narrates that Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam said: He who interprets the Qur’ān according to his opinion and that happens to be correct, even then he has erred. (Abu Dāwūd)

Note: This means, that if someone interprets the Qur’ān in the light of his own opinion and that interpretation incidentally turns out to be correct; even so he has erred, because he did not refer (for this commentary) to the Prophet’s Aḥādīth and nor to the ‘Ulamā of this Ummah. (Mazāhir-e-Ḥaqqe)

TO BE INSPIRED BY THE QUR’ĀN AND ḤADĪTH

VERSES OF QUR’ĀN

Allāh Subḥānahū wa Ta‘ālā said to His Prophet Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam:

When they listen to that which has been revealed to the Messenger; you see their eyes overflow with tears, because of their recognition of the Truth (in the Qur’ān).

Al-Mā’idah 5: 83

Allāh Subḥānahū wa Ta‘ālā says:

And when the Qur’ān is recited, give ear to it and pay heed, so that you may obtain Mercy.

Al-A‘rāf 7: 204

Allāh Subḥānahū wa Ta‘ālā says:

He (Allāh’s favoured bondsman) said (to Mūsa ‘Alaihis Salām): Then if you follow me (to acquire knowledge) ask me not about anything till I myself mention of it to you.

Al-Kahf 18: 70

Allāh Subḥānahū wa Ta‘ālā said to His Prophet Ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wasallam:

Therefore give glad tidings to (those of) my servants

وقال الله تعالى:

وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ تَرَىٰ أَعْيُنُهُمْ تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ مِمَّا عَرَفُوا مِنَّ الْحَقِّ ۗ [المائدة: ٨٣]

وقال تعالى:

وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٢٠٤﴾ [الأعراف: ٢٠٤]

وقال تعالى:

قَالَ فَإِنِ اتَّبَعْتَنِي فَلَا تَسْأَلْنِي عَنْ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ أُحَدِّثَ لَكَ مِنْهُ ذِكْرًا ﴿٧٠﴾ [الكهف: ٧٠]

وقال تعالى:

فَبَشِّرْ عِبَادَ ﴿٧٠﴾