TAS-HEELUL AHADEETH

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INTRODUCTION TO HADEETH

Allaah revealed the Quraan to Nabee Muhammad and instructed him to explain it to us. Nabee Muhammad accordingly explained and showed us the manner of acting upon the Quraan. His words and actions are termed as “AHAADEETH” (Single - Hadeeth). Allaah has ordered us in the Quraan to obey Rasoolullah. The only way to obey him is to know Ahaadeeth. Refusal to believe in, or act upon Ahaadeeth amounts to refusal to believe in, and act upon the Commands of Allaah and the words of Rasoolullah. This leads one out of the fold of Islaam.

Memorizing Ahaadeeth helps preserve the teachings of Rasoolullah. Nabee made the following dua for those who memorize his words:

"نصر الله إمرأ سمع منا شيئاً فبلغه كما سمعه"

Rasoolullah also said:

"من حفظ عليه أعتم أربعين حديثاً من سنتي أدخلته يوم القيامة في شفاعتي"

It is therefore a great honour to be able to memorize the very words spoken by our beloved Nabee. We should make an effort to practice every teaching of his as recorded in the Ahaadeeth.

Note: The key points are to enhance the lesson. Learners should not be made to memorize them.

KEYPOINTS:

Primary purpose of teaching Ahaadeeth from class one to seven is:

1. To memorise the Ahaadeeth.
2. To encourage practice.
3. To develop a desire to earn reward (Thawaab).
Hadeeth One

Control of the Tongue

من كان يؤمن بالله و أليوم الآخر فليقل خيراً أو ليصمت (منافق عليه)

“He who believes in Allaah and the Last Day, should utter good words or remain silent.”

(Bukhaaree & Muslim)

As Muslims, we believe that we will have to give an account for our deeds in the court of Allaah. We have to be mindful of the words we utter because they are recorded by the angels. The misuse of the tongue is one of the most common reasons for punishment in the hereafter. Swearing, backbiting and mocking are some examples of the misuse of the tongue. They create hatred, suspicion and disunity among people. If we do not have anything good to say, we should rather remain silent. One who remains silent is generally safe from trouble.
Hadeeth Two
Shaking Hands

"Shake hands with each other, it will remove hatred."

(Maalik)

Muslims are all brothers and sisters united by their belief in Allaah ﷻ. One sign of their brotherhood is that they make salaam to each other. They further express their love and respect for each other by shaking hands. When two Muslims shake hands, it removes hatred from their hearts and causes their sins to be forgiven. It also creates love between them. It is important to know that we do not shake hands with people who are not our mahaarim (those with whom marriage is permissible).
Hadeeth Three

Breaking Ties

لا يحل للمسلم أن يهجر أخاه فوق ثلاث ليال

"It is not permissible for a Muslim to stop speaking to his brother (a fellow Muslim) for more than three days."

(Bukhaaree & Muslim)

Any action that causes disunity and hatred among the family of believers is disliked by Allaah ﷻ. If an argument or fight causes people to break relations, it should not be for more than three days. The better and nobler person is the one who is first to apologise and join ties. Nabee ﷺ has urged us to join ties even if the other side cuts ties with us. It is not permissible to stop speaking to our fellow Muslims for more than three days.
Hadeeth Four
Reward for Reciting Quraan

من قرأ حرفًا من كتاب الله فله به حسنة و الحسنة بعشر أمثالها

"Whosoever reads one letter of the Book of Allaah is credited with one blessing and one blessing is multiplied tenfold the like thereof in its reward."

(Tirmizee)

The Noble Quraan is the speech of Allaah that is sent as a blessing and guidance for mankind. We have an obligation to recite the Quraan daily, understand its meaning, practice upon its laws and spread its message. When we recite the Quraan, we are actually repeating the very words of Allaah. Every letter that we recite carries a great reward. For example in “alif laam meem”, Nabee has said that “alif” is one letter, “laam” is one letter and “meem” is one letter. Therefore the reward of reciting “alif laam meem” equals to thirty rewards.
The angels do not enter such a house wherein there is a dog or pictures (of humans or animals) are displayed."

(Bukhaaree & Muslim)
Hadeeth Six

Intoxicants

"Every intoxicant is haram (forbidden)."

(Muslim)

Every substance that causes a person to lose his senses is regarded as an intoxicant. Drugs, 'dagga' and alcohol are some types of intoxicants. When a person consumes an intoxicant, he loses the power to differentiate between right and wrong, between halal and haram and between cleanliness and impurity. He lowers himself and behaves worse than an animal. Intoxicants are forbidden, because they are harmful to our self-respect, our intelligence and our health.
Hadeeth Seven

Beginning with the Right

كان رسول الله إذا لبس قميصاً بدأ بمياممه (الترمذي)

"When Rasoolullah ﷺ wore his kurta (shirt), he began from the right side."
(Tirmizee)

We express our appreciation to Allaah ﷻ either through words or actions. One way of expressing our appreciation is to use our right hand, since it is associated with all things that are good. We therefore eat with the right hand and put on our clothes from the right side. If we do any act with the intention of following the sunnah of Nabee ﷺ it becomes an act of worship, for which we will be rewarded.
Hadeeth Eight

Useless Activities

من حسن إسلام المرء تركه ما لا يعنيه

(تirmizee)

"Part of the beauty of a person’s Islaam, is to abstain from all acts that do not concern him."

(Tirmizee)

Nabee ﷺ was sent to perfect and beautify the character of man. A Muslim’s character must therefore shine with the beautiful teachings of Nabee ﷺ. Part of this beauty is to stay away from all activities that are futile and useless. Futile activities are such actions that have neither worldly benefit nor any benefit for the hereafter. They include backbiting, fault-finding, spreading rumours and secretly listening to the conversation of others. Futile activities do not only ruin our future, they are also a cause of hatred and conflict.
"Indeed from those among you who are dearest to me, are those of you who have the best character."
(Bukhaaree)
"Recite Surah Ikhlaas, Surah Falaq and Surah Naas in the evening and morning three times, it will suffice for you in all conditions."

(Aboo Dawood & Tirmizee)
"He who carries tales, shall not enter Jannah."

(Bukharaee & Muslim)

When a person spreads rumours and carries tales from one person to another, he is called a "Naazmaam". When we spread rumours and carry tales, we cause hatred and suspicion among people. This leads to disunity and
No human being can understand the physical Being of Allaah ﷻ. Allaah ﷻ has no form or shape. He is beyond our imagination. However, the creation of the heavens and the earth and that which is contained therein, bear witness to His existence. His attributes enable us to understand His power and His glory. This entire creation reflects the attributes of Allaah ﷻ at work. We recognise Allaah ﷻ by reflecting on His beautiful names and we attract His mercy by calling unto Him through them.