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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

Hadith 1



Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ

Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim.

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 224, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 2



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

وَمَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِهِ طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ وَمَا اجْتَمَعَ قَوْمٌ فِي بَيْتٍ مِنْ بُيُوتِ اللَّهِ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَيَتَدَارَسُونَهُ بَيْنَهُمْ إِلَّا نَزَلَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّكِينَةُ وَعَشِيَتْهُمْ الرَّحْمَةُ وَحَفَّتْهُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَذَكَرَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِيمَنْ عِنْدَهُ

Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise. People do not gather in the houses of Allah, reciting the book of Allah and studying it together, but that tranquility will descend upon them, mercy will cover them, angels will surround them, and Allah will mention them to those near him.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2699, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 3



Abu Darda reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

وَأَنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ لَتَضَعُ أجنحتَهَا رِضًا لِطَالِبِ الْعِلْمِ وَإِنَّ الْعَالَمَ لَيَسْتَغْفِرُ لَهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ
وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَالْحَيَاتَانِ فِي جَوْفِ 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 أَحَدَهُ أَحَدٌ بِحِطَّةٍ وَافِرٍ

Verily, the angels lower their wings for the seeker of knowledge. The inhabitants of the heavens and earth, even the fish in the depths of the water, seek forgiveness for the scholar. The virtue of the scholar over the worshiper is like the superiority of the moon over the stars. The scholars are the inheritors of the Prophets. They do not leave behind gold or silver coins, but rather they leave behind knowledge. Whoever has taken hold of it has been given an abundant share.

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 3641, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 4



Abu Umamah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

فَضْلُ الْعَالِمِ عَلَى الْعَابِدِ كَفَضْلِي عَلَى أَدْنَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ وَأَهْلَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
حَتَّى النَّمْلَةَ فِي جُحْرِهَا وَحَتَّى الْحُوتَ لِيُصَلُّوا عَلَيَّ مُعَلِّمِ النَّاسِ الْحَيْرِ

The virtue of the scholar over the worshiper is like my virtue over the least of you. Verily, Allah, his angels, the inhabitants of the heavens and earth, even the ant in his hole and the fish, send blessings upon the one who teaches people what is good.

Fudayl ibn 'Iyad, may Allah have mercy on him, said:

عَالِمٌ غَامِلٌ مُعَلِّمٌ يُدْعَى كَبِيرًا فِي مَلَكَوتِ السَّمَوَاتِ

A scholar who works in teaching has a high status in the domain of the heavens.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2685, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 5



Mu'awiyah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُفَقِّهْهُ فِي الدِّينِ

If Allah intends goodness for someone, he gives him understanding of the religion.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 71, Grade: Muttafaquun Alayhi

In another narration, the Prophet said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ بِالتَّعَلُّمِ وَالْفِقْهُ بِالتَّفَقُّهِ وَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُفَقِّهْهُ فِي الدِّينِ وَإِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ

O people, knowledge only comes by learning and understanding only comes by seeking understanding. For whomever Allah intends good, he gives him understanding of the religion. Verily, only those with knowledge fear Allah among his servants. (35:28)

Source: al-Mu'jam al-Kabīr 929, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 6



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

خَيْرُكُمْ إِسْلَامًا أَحْسَنُكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا إِذَا فُفُّوا

The best of you in Islam are those with the best character, if they have religious understanding.

Source: Musnad Aḥmad 9880, Grade: Sahih

Malik ibn Anas, may Allah have mercy on him, said:

إِنَّ حَقًّا عَلَى مَنْ طَلَبَ الْعِلْمَ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُ وَقَارٌ وَسَكِينَةٌ وَخَشْيَةٌ وَأَنْ يَكُونَ مُتَّبِعًا لِأَثَارِ مَنْ
مَضَى قَبْلَهُ

Verily, it is the duty of a student of knowledge to behave with dignity, tranquility, and reverence, and to follow the way of those who came before him.

Source: Jāmi' Bayān al-'Ilm 619

Hadith 7



Abu Musa reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

إِنَّ مَثَلَ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللَّهُ بِهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْعِلْمِ كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَصَابَ أَرْضًا فَكَانَتْ مِنْهَا
طَائِفَةٌ طَيِّبَةٌ قَبِلَتْ الْمَاءَ فَأَنْبَتَتْ الْكَلَأَ وَالْعُشْبَ الْكَثِيرَ يَرْفَعُ وَكَانَ مِنْهَا أَجَادِبٌ أَمْسَكَتْ
الْمَاءَ فَتَفَعَّ اللَّهُ بِهَا النَّاسَ فَشَرِبُوا مِنْهَا وَسَقَمُوا وَرَعَوْا وَأَصَابَ طَائِفَةٌ مِنْهَا أُخْرَى إِذَا هِيَ
فَيَعَانُ لَا تُمْسِكُ مَاءً وَلَا تُنْبِتُ كَلَأً فَذَلِكَ مَثَلُ مَنْ فُفَّعَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ وَنَفَعَهُ بِمَا بَعَثَنِي اللَّهُ بِهِ
فَعَلِمَ وَعَلَّمَ وَمَثَلُ مَنْ لَمْ يَرْفَعْ بِذَلِكَ رَأْسًا وَلَمْ يَقْبَلْ هُدَى اللَّهِ الَّذِي أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ

Verily, the parable of the guidance and knowledge that Allah Almighty sent with me is the likeness of rain falling upon the earth. Among them is a good group which receives the water and thus there is abundant growth of herbage and grass. Among them is a barren land which retains the water and thus Allah benefits people from it;

they drink from it and graze their animals. And it falls upon another group which is only abysmal; it does not retain water, nor does herbage grow. Such is the parable of one who understands the religion of Allah and benefits from what Allah sent with me; he learns and he teaches. Such is the parable of one who does not raise his head and does not accept the guidance Allah sent with me.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 79, Grade: Muttafaquṅ Alayhi

Hadith 8



Abdullah ibn Mas'ud reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

لَا حَسَدَ إِلَّا فِي اثْنَتَيْنِ رَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا فَسَلَّطَ عَلَيْهِ هَلَكَتِهِ فِي الْحَقِّ وَرَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْحِكْمَةَ فَهُوَ يَقْضِي بِهَا وَيُعَلِّمُهَا

There is no envy but in two cases: a man whom Allah has given wealth and he spends it rightly, and a man whom Allah has given wisdom and he judges and teaches with it.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 73, Grade: Muttafaquṅ Alayhi

Hadith 9



Uthman bin Affan reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

حَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

The best of you are those who learn the Quran and teach it.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 4739, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 10



Sahl ibn Sa'd reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

وَاللَّهِ لَأَنْ يَهْدِيَ اللَّهُ بِكَ رَجُلًا حَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنْ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَكَ حُمْرُ النَّعَمِ

By Allah, that Allah guides a man through you is better for you than a herd of expensive red camels.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 2847, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Hadith 11



Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً وَحَدِّثُوا عَن بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَلَا حَرَجَ وَمَنْ كَذَبَ عَلَيَّ مُتَعَمِّدًا فَلْيَتَّبِعُوا
مَقْعَدَهُ مِنَ النَّارِ

Convey from me, even a single verse. Narrate from the children of Israel, for there is no blame in it. Whoever deliberately lies about me, let him take his seat in Hellfire.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 3274, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 12



Abdullah ibn Amr reported:

كَانَ نَبِيُّ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُحَدِّثُنَا عَن بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ حَتَّى يُصْبِحَ مَا يُقَوْمُ إِلَّا إِلَى
عُظْمِ صَلَاةٍ

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, would narrate stories from the children of Israel until the morning came. The Prophet would not stand but for the greatness of prayer.

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 3663, Grade: Sahih

Al-Shafi'i, may Allah have mercy on him, said:

مِنَ الْمَعْلُومِ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَا يُجِيزُ التَّحَدُّثَ بِالْكَذِبِ فَالْمَعْنَى حَدِّثُوا عَن
بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ بِمَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ كَذِبَهُ

It is known that the Prophet (ﷺ) did not approve of falsehood. Thus, the meaning is to narrate from the children of Israel what is known not to be false.

Source: Faṭḥ al-Bārī 3274

Hadith 13



Zayd ibn Thabit reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

نَصَّرَ اللَّهُ امْرَأً سَمِعَتْ مِنَّا حَدِيثًا فَحَفِظَتْهُ حَتَّى يُبَلِّغَهُ قُرْبًا حَامِلٍ فِيهِ إِلَى مَنْ هُوَ أَفْقَهُ مِنْهُ
وَرُبَّ حَامِلٍ فِيهِ لَيْسَ بِفَقِيهِ

May Allah brighten the face of a person who hears a tradition from us and he memorizes it until he can convey it to others. Perhaps he will convey it to one who understands better than him, and perhaps one who conveys knowledge does not understand it himself.

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 3660, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 14



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ دَعَا إِلَى هُدًى كَانَ لَهُ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ مِثْلُ أُجُورٍ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ لَا يَنْقُصُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أُجُورِهِمْ شَيْئًا
وَمَنْ دَعَا إِلَى ضَلَالَةٍ كَانَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْإِثْمِ مِثْلُ آثَامِ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ لَا يَنْقُصُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ آثَامِهِمْ شَيْئًا

Whoever calls to guidance will have a reward similar to those who follow him, without detracting from their rewards at all. Whoever calls to misguidance will have sin upon him similar to those who follow him, without detracting from their sins at all.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2674, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 15



‘Amr ibn ‘Awf reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

اعْلَمُ إِنَّهُ مَنْ أَحْيَا سُنَّةً مِنْ سُنَّتِي قَدْ أُمِيتَتْ بَعْدِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ مِثْلَ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا مِنْ
غَيْرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ مِنْ أُجُورِهِمْ شَيْئًا وَمَنْ ابْتَدَعَ بِدْعَةً ضَلَالَةً لَا تُرْضِي اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ كَانَ عَلَيْهِ
مِثْلُ آثَامِ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا لَا يَنْقُصُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أَوْزَارِ النَّاسِ شَيْئًا

Know that whoever revives a tradition from my Sunnah if it has died out after me, he will have a reward like those who act upon it without diminishing any of their rewards. Whoever innovates a misguided heresy not pleasing to Allah and his messenger, he will have a sin like those who act upon it without diminishing any of the people’s burdens.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2677, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 16



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

إِذَا مَاتَ الْإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ إِلَّا مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ

When the human being dies, his deeds end except for three: ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child who prays for him.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 1631, Grade: Sahih

In another narration, the Prophet said:

إِنَّ مِمَّا يَلْحَقُ الْمُؤْمِنَ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ وَحَسَنَاتِهِ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهِ عِلْمًا عَلَّمَهُ وَنَشَرَهُ وَوَلَدًا صَالِحًا تَرَكَهُ
وَمُصْحَفًا وَرَنَّهُ أَوْ مَسْجِدًا بَنَاهُ أَوْ بَيْتًا لِابْنِ السَّبِيلِ بَنَاهُ أَوْ هَضْرًا أَوْ صَدَقَةً أَخْرَجَهَا
مِنْ مَالِهِ فِي صِحَّتِهِ وَحَيَاتِهِ يَلْحَقُهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهِ

Verily, among the good deeds that will join a believer after his death are these: knowledge which he taught and spread, a righteous child he leaves behind, a copy of the Quran he leaves for inheritance, a mosque he has built, a house he built for travelers, a well he has dug, and charity distributed from his wealth while he was alive and well. These deeds will join him after his death.

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 242, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 17



Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ خَرَجَ فِي طَلَبِ الْعِلْمِ كَانَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ حَتَّى يَرْجِعَ

Whoever goes out seeking knowledge is in the way of Allah until he returns.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2647, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 18



Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

لَنْ يَشْبَعَ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَسْمَعُهُ حَتَّى يَكُونَ مُنْتَهَاهُ الْجَنَّةُ

The believer is never satisfied from learning good until he arrives in Paradise.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2686, Grade: Sahih

Malik ibn Anas, may Allah have mercy on him, said:

لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ يَكُونُ عِنْدَهُ الْعِلْمُ أَنْ يَتْرَكَ التَّعَلَّمَ

It is not befitting for anyone with knowledge to give up learning.

Source: Jāmi' Bayān al-'Ilm 423

Hadith 19



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

أَلَا إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا مَلْعُونَةٌ مَلْعُونٌ مَا فِيهَا إِلَّا ذِكْرُ اللَّهِ وَمَا وَالَاهُ وَعَالِمٌ أَوْ مُتَعَلِّمٌ

Is not the world cursed and everything in it? Except for the remembrance of Allah and what facilitates it, the scholar or the student.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2322, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 20



Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ انْتِرَاعًا يَنْتَرَعُهُ مِنَ الْعِبَادِ وَلَكِنْ يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ بِقَبْضِ الْعُلَمَاءِ حَتَّى إِذَا لَمْ يَبْقَ عَالِمًا اتَّخَذَ النَّاسُ رُءُوسًا جُهَالًا فَسُئِلُوا فَأَفْتَوْا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ فَضَلُّوا وَأَضَلُّوا

Verily, Allah does not withhold knowledge by snatching it away from his servants, but rather he withholds knowledge by taking the souls scholars, until no scholar remains and people follow ignorant leaders. They are asked and they issue judgments without knowledge. Thus, they are astray and lead others astray.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 100, Grade: Muttafaqun Alayhi

Hadith 21



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ دَخَلَ مَسْجِدَنَا هَذَا لِيَتَعَلَّمَ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيُعَلِّمَهُ كَانَ كَالْمُجَاهِدِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ دَخَلَهُ لِعَيْرِ ذَلِكَ كَانَ كَالنَّاظِرِ إِلَى مَا لَيْسَ لَهُ

Whoever enters our mosque in order to teach godness, or to learn it himself, he is striving in jihad in the way of Allah. Whoever enters it for another reason, he is viewing what does not belong to him.

Source: Musnad Aḥmad 8396, Grade: Hasan

Abu Bakr ibn Abdur Rahman, may Allah have mercy on him, said:

مَنْ غَدَا أَوْ رَاحَ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ لَا يُرِيدُ عَيْرَهُ لِيَتَعَلَّمَ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيُعَلِّمَهُ ثُمَّ رَجَعَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ كَانَ كَالْمُجَاهِدِ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ رَجَعًا غَائِبًا

Whoever departs to the mosque in the morning, intending to go nowhere else and to teach godness, or to learn it himself, and then

he returns to his house, he is like one who strives in jihad in the way of Allah and returns with spoils.

Source: al-Muwaṭṭaʿ 384

Hadith 22



Abdullah ibn Masʿud reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْهُمَا لَا يَشْبَعَانِ طَالِبُهُمَا طَالِبٌ عِلْمٍ وَطَالِبُ الدُّنْيَا

The seekers of two concerns are never satisfied: the seeker of knowledge and the seeker of the world.

Source: al-Muʿjam al-Kabīr 10239, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 23



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

قَالَ مُوسَى فَأَيُّ عِبَادِكَ أَعْلَمُ قَالَ اللَّهُ عَالِمٌ لَا يَشْبَعُ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ يَجْمَعُ عِلْمَ النَّاسِ إِلَى عِلْمِهِ

Moses said: Who are the most knowledgeable of your servants? Allah said: A scholar who is unsatisfied with his knowledge and adds the knowledge of people to his own.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Ibn Ḥibbān 6352, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 24



Safwan ibn ‘Assal reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَا مِنْ حَارِجٍ خَرَجَ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ فِي طَلَبِ الْعِلْمِ إِلَّا وَضَعَتْ لَهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَجْنِحَتَهَا رِضًا بِمَا يَصْنَعُ

No one leaves their house in search of knowledge but that angels will lower their wings in approval of what he is doing.

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 226, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 25



Ka’b ibn Malik reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ طَلَبَ الْعِلْمَ لِيُجَارِيَ بِهِ الْعُلَمَاءَ أَوْ لِيُمَارِيَ بِهِ السُّفَهَاءَ أَوْ يَصْرِفَ بِهِ وُجُوهَ النَّاسِ إِلَيْهِ أَدْخَلَهُ اللَّهُ النَّارَ

Whoever seeks knowledge to impress the scholars, to argue with the foolish, or to attract the attention of people, Allah will admit him into Hellfire.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2654, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 26



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ عِلْمًا مِمَّا يُبْتَغَى بِهِ وَجْهُ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَا يَتَعَلَّمُهُ إِلَّا لِيُصِيبَ بِهِ عَرَضًا مِنَ الدُّنْيَا أَمْ
يَجِدُ عَرَفَ الْجَنَّةِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Whoever seeks knowledge that should be sought for the sake of Allah Almighty, but only to gain some worldly benefit, he will never know the fragrance Paradise on the Day of Resurrection.

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 3664, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 27



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ سُئِلَ عَنْ عِلْمٍ عَلِمَهُ ثُمَّ كَتَمَهُ أُلْجِمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِلِحَامٍ مِنْ نَارٍ

Whoever is asked for knowledge and he conceals it, Allah will clothe him with a bridle of fire on the Day of Resurrection.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2649, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 28



Jabir reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

سَلُوا اللَّهَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا وَتَعَوَّدُوا بِاللَّهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ

Ask Allah for beneficial knowledge and seek refuge in Allah from knowledge without benefit.

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 3843, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 29



Ibn Abbas reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ قَالَ فِي الْقُرْآنِ بِعَيْرِ عِلْمٍ فَلْيَتَبَوَّأْ مَقْعَدَهُ مِنَ النَّارِ

Whoever speaks on the Quran without knowledge, let him take his seat in Hellfire.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2950, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 30



Ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَجْمَعُ أُمَّتِي عَلَى ضَلَالَةٍ وَيَدُ اللَّهِ مَعَ الْجَمَاعَةِ

Verily, Allah will not let my nation agree upon misguidance. The hand of Allah is over the united community.

Al-Tirmidhi commented on this tradition, saying:

الْجَمَاعَةُ عِنْدَ أَهْلِ الْعِلْمِ هُمْ أَهْلُ الْفِقْهِ وَالْعِلْمِ وَالْحَدِيثِ

The interpretation of the united community, according to the scholars, are the people of Fiqh, knowledge, and Hadith.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2167, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 31



Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqas reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

فَضْلُ الْعِلْمِ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ فَضْلِ الْعِبَادَةِ وَحَيْرُ دِينِكُمْ الْوَرَعُ

The virtue of knowledge is more beloved to me than the virtue of worship, and the best of your religion is piety.

Source: al-Ādāb lil-Bayhaqī 818, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 32



Ziyad ibn Labid reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

ذَآكَ عِنْدَ أَوَانٍ ذَهَابِ الْعِلْمِ

There will be a time when knowledge disappears.

Ziyad said, “O Messenger of Allah, how can knowledge disappear when we read the Quran and will teach it to our children until the Day of Resurrection?” The Prophet said:

تَكَلَّتْكَ أُمَّكَ زِيَادُ إِنَّ كُنْتُ لَأَرَاكَ مِنْ أَفْقِهِ رَجُلٍ بِالْمَدِينَةِ أَوْلَيْسَ هَذِهِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى
يَقْرَأُونَ التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ لَا يَعْمَلُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِمَّا فِيهِمَا

May your mother be bereft of you, Ziyad! I thought you were the wisest man in Medina. Do not these Jews and Christians read the Torah and the Gospel, but they do not act upon what is in them?

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 4048, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 33



Jabir reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

إِنَّمَا شِفَاءُ الْعِيِّ السُّؤَالُ

Verily, the only cure for ignorance is to ask questions.

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 336, Grade: Sahih

Ibn al-Qayyim commented on this tradition, writing:

وَقَدْ جَعَلَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْجُهْلَ دَاءً وَجَعَلَ دَوَاءَهُ سُؤَالَ الْعُلَمَاءِ

The Prophet (ﷺ) designated ignorance as a disease and he designated the cure as asking the scholars.

Source: al-Jawāb al-Kāfī 1/8

Hadith 34



Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ تَطَبَّبَ وَمَنْ يُعْلَمُ مِنْهُ طِبٌّ قَبِلَ ذَلِكَ فَهُوَ ضَامِرٌ

Whoever practices medicine without any prior knowledge of medicine will be held liable.

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 3466, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 35



Zayd ibn Arqam reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَشْبَعُ وَمِنْ دَعْوَةٍ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَهَا

O Allah, I seek refuge in you from knowledge that does not benefit, from a heart that is not reverent, from a soul that is not content, and from a supplication that is not answered.

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2722, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 36



Ibn Abbas reported: It was said, “O Messenger of Allah, which gathering is best?” The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ ذَكَرَكُمْ اللَّهُ رُؤَيْتُهُ وَزَادَ فِي عِلْمِكُمْ مَنْطِقُهُ وَذَكَرَكُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ عَمَلُهُ

A gathering of those who inspire you to remember Allah when you see them, whose discourse increases your knowledge, and whose good deeds inspire you to remember the Hereafter.

Source: Musnad Abī Ya'lá 2408, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 37



Abu Barzah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

لَا تَزُولُ قَدَمَا عَبْدٍ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ عُمُرِهِ فِيمَا أَفْنَاهُ وَعَنْ عِلْمِهِ فِيمَا فَعَلَ وَعَنْ مَالِهِ مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ وَفِيمَا أَنْفَقَهُ وَعَنْ جِسْمِهِ فِيمَا أَبْلَاهُ

The feet of a servant will not move on the Day of Resurrection until he is asked about his lifetime and how he used it, his knowledge and how he acted upon it, his wealth and from where he acquired it and how he spent it, and his body and how he exhausted it.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2417, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 38



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْفَعْنِي بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنِي وَعَلِّمْنِي مَا يَنْفَعُنِي وَزِدْنِي عِلْمًا

O Allah, benefit me with what you have taught me, teach me what will benefit me, and increase my knowledge.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 3599, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 39



Jundub ibn Abdullah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَثَلُ الْعَالِمِ الَّذِي يُعَلِّمُ النَّاسَ الْخَيْرَ وَيَنْسَى نَفْسَهُ كَمَثَلِ السِّرَاجِ يُضِيءُ لِلنَّاسِ وَيَحْرِقُ نَفْسَهُ

The parable of the scholar who teaches people virtue but forgets himself, is that of a lamp giving people light while it burns itself.

Source: al-Mu'jam al-Kabīr, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 40



Aisha reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

إِنَّ أَبْعَضَ الرِّجَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْأَلْدُّ الْحَصِيمُ

Verily, the most hated man to Allah is the one who is 'fiercest in argument.' (2:204)

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2668, Grade: Sahih

Hadith 41



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ أُفْتِيَ بِعَيْرِ عِلْمٍ كَانَ إِثْمُهُ عَلَى مَنْ أَفْتَاهُ وَمَنْ أَشَارَ عَلَى أَخِيهِ بِأَمْرٍ يَعْْلَمُ أَنَّ الرُّشْدَ فِي غَيْرِهِ فَقَدْ خَانَهُ

Whoever is given an opinion not based on knowledge, his sin falls upon the one who gave him the opinion. Whoever directs his brother to a matter of which he knows good lies elsewhere, he has betrayed him.

Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd 3657, Grade: Hasan

Hadith 42



Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

الْكَلِمَةُ الْحَكِيمَةُ ضَالَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ فَحَيْثُ وَجَدَهَا فَهُوَ أَحَقُّ بِهَا

The word of wisdom is the lost property of the believer. Wherever he finds it, he is most deserving of it.

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2687, Grade: Hasan

Success comes from Allah, and Allah knows best.

وَعَلَيْنَا أَنْتَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَيْكُمْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَالرَّسُولُ الْكَرِيمُ

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