Lesson 28

The Prophetic Household and Companions

"We endorse the Wiping on the **Khuffs**, in journey and [in] residence, as has appeared in narration." **[76]**

"We love the Companions of the Messenger of Allāh (), but we do not go exaggerate in loving any one of them, nor do we disown any one of them. We hate those who hate them, or who mentions them in [any] way other then well, and we speak only well of them. Loving them is religion, faith and excellence, while hatred of them is unbelief, hypocrisy and rebelliousness." [93]

"We affirm the Caliphate, after the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) first for Abū Bakr aṣ-Ṣiddīq (ﷺ), distinguishing him and giving him precedence over the whole Ummah; then to 'Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb (ﷺ); then to 'Uthmān ibn 'Affān (ﷺ), then to 'Ali ibn Abī Ṭālib (ﷺ); and they are the Rightly-Guided Caliphs (al-Khulafā ar-Rāshidūn) and the well-guided leaders." [94]

"We testify that the **Ten** (al-Asharah al-Mubash-sharah), whom the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) named and to whom he gave glad tidings of [their entry into] of Heaven, will be in Heaven, as the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) testified regarding them, for his word is true.. They are: Abū Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthmān, 'Ali, Ṭalḥa, al-Zubayr, Sa'd, Sa'īd, 'Abdur-Raḥmān ibn 'Awf and Abū 'Ubaydah ibn al-Jarrāh, who is the trustworthy one of this Ummah. May Allah be pleased with them all." **[95]**

"Whoever speaks well of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (﴿), his wives - who are pure from all pollution, his offspring - who are sanctified from all filth, is clear of hypocrisy." [96]

The Prophetic Household (Ahlu'l-Bayt)

"Allah wants only to remove uncleanness from you, O *People Of The Household*, and to purify you." Qur'ān [33:33]

The Household (Ahlu'l-Bayt) includes :

- The wives of Rasūlullāh (ﷺ).
- 'Ali, Fātimah, al-Ḥasan, al-Ḥusayn (May Allāh be pleased with them all.).

"O Allāh! These are the People of my Household, so remove uncleanness from them and purify them." [Tirmidhī, Bazzār]

• Those who are prohibited from accepting charity after him :

The descendants of 'Ali, 'Aqīl, Ja'far and 'Abbās. [Muslim]

During the expedition of Banu'l-Mustaliq, some hypocrites slandered 'Ā'ishah (may Allāh be pleased with her). Allāh defended her in Sūrah al-Nūr, and so whoever accuses her of adultery after this is a disbeliever.

The Companions (Şaḥābah)

 A Companion (Ṣaḥābī) is someone who met the Prophet (ﷺ) as a believer, and died as a believer.

"Muḥammad, the Messenger of Allāh, and those who are with him, are severe against the disbelievers, compassionate amongst themselves; you see them bowing, prostrating, desiring bounty from Allāh and [His] pleasure. Their marks are on their faces, from the trace of prostration; that is their likeness in the Torah. And their likeness in the Injīl is like a seed which sends forth its shoot, strengthens it then rises firm on its stalk, delighting the sowers, in order that the disbelievers may be filled with rage thereby." Qur'ān [48:29]

"Do not abuse my Companions." [Bukhārī]

The 10 Promised Paradise:

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Abū Bakr [aṣ-Ṣiddīq] (﴿),

'Umar [ibn al-Khaṭṭāb] (﴿),

'Uthmān [ibn 'Affān](﴿),

'Ali [ibn Abū Ṭālib] (﴿),

Ṭalḥa [ibn 'Ubaydullāh] (﴿),

al-Zubayr [ibn al-'Awwām] (﴿),

Sa'd [ibn Abī Waqqās] (﴿),

Sa'īd [ibn Zayd] (﴿),

'Abdu'r-Raḥmān [ibn 'Awf] (﴿),
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Abū 'Ubaydah [ibn al-Jarrāh] (﴿) the Trustworthy One of this Ummah. [Tirmidhī and others]

Ranks among the Sahabah:

- 1. The four Rightly-Guided Caliphs (al-Khulafā ar-Rāshidūn)
- 2. The remainder of the 10 promised Paradise. ('Asharah al-Mubash-sharah)
- **3**. The people of **Badr**.
- **4**. The remainder of the people of **Uhud**.
- 5. The remainder of the people of **Bay'ah al-Ridwān** at Hudaybiyah.
- **6**. The remainder.

The Caliphate:

Abū Bakr (﴿), 'Umar (﴿), 'Uthmān (﴿) and 'Ali (﴿) are the first four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. All four were pious and knowledgeable **mujtahids**.

". . . . you must follow **my Sunnah**, and the **Sunnah of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs**." [Tirmidhī]

• Temporary Marriage (Mut'ah)

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) forbade temporary marriage, and he said, "It is forbidden for you from this day until the Day of Arising. And whoever had given anything should not take it [back]." [Muslim]

- Tarawīḥ
- Second Adhān for Jumu'ah
- Pulpit higher than three steps
- The conflict between 'Ali and Mu'āwiyah (may Allāh be pleased with them both)

It was a matter of **ijtihād**. We do not criticize either of them. Both were distinguished and knowledgeable **mujtahids**. 'Ali was correct, and gets two rewards. Mu'āwiyah was mistaken and gets a single reward.

Wiping on the Khuffs

- Imām Ḥasan al-Baṣrī said, "Seventy of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) told me that he (ﷺ) wiped on his **Khuffs**."
- Imām Abū Ḥanīfah was asked about the distinguishing features of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah, and he replied that it is, "that one prefer the Two Shaykhs (Abū Bakr (﴿)) and 'Umar (﴿)) and love the Two Sons-In-Laws ('Uthmān (﴿)) and 'Ali (﴿)) and believe in wiping on the **Khuffs**."
- Imām Aḥmad said, "I have no [hesitation] in my heart about wiping on the **Khuffs**. There are forty aḥādīth about it from the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (﴿)."

Conditions for validity of wiping on the Khuffs

Strength and useability

"None should wear Khuffs [as a pilgrim] except he who cannot find shoes, and [in that case] he should cut them until they are below the ankle." [Bukhari, Muslim]

- Foot coverage
- Purity
- Worn in state of wudū'

"Leave them, for I put [my feet] in when they were pure." [Bukhārī, Muslim]

Non-removal

"The Messenger of Allah () ordered us not to remove or take off our **Khuffs** from defecation or urination, but only from sexual defilement (janābah)." [Ibn Ḥibbān, Nasā'ī, Tirmidhī and Ibn Khuzayma authenticated it; Dāraqutnī, al-Ḥākim (authentic)]

Time Limit: 24 hrs (or 72 hrs on journey)

'Ali (ﷺ) said, "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) appointed three days and nights for the traveller, and a day and a night for the resident - i.e. for wiping on the Khuffs." [Muslim, Abū Dāwūd]

Conclusion

"Allāh's religion, in the heavens and the earth, is one, and it is the religion of Islām. Allāh, the Exalted has said, "Indeed, the religion before Allah is Islām." (Qur'ān [3:19]), and He, the Exalted, says, "And I have approved for you Islām as a religion." [103]

"It [lies] between excessiveness and negligence; between anthropomorphism and denial [of Divine Attributes]; between fatalism and [denial of] destiny, and between impunity and despair." [104]

"This, then, is our religion and doctrine, outwardly and inwardly, and we are renunciant before Allah of every [individual] who dissents from that which we have mentioned and explained." [105]

"We ask Allah to fortify us upon faith, to seal our [lives] with it, and to safeguard us from the variant caprices, scattered opinions and abominable schools of thought, such as the Anthropomorphists, the Mu'tazilah, the Jahmiyyah, the Fatalists, the Destiny-Deniers, and others of those who have dissented from the Sunnah and the Jamā'ah, and allied themselves with deviation. We are renunciant of them, and they are, before us, astray and depraved. And with Allāh lies preservation and success."

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