

The Distinctive Issues of Ahlul-Hadeeth

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Introduction

All Praise is due to Allaah, we praise Him, and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah, Most High, from the evils of our own selves and from our wicked deeds. Whomsoever has been guided by Allaah, none can misguide him, and whomsoever has been misguided by Allaah, none can guide him. I bear witness that there is no true god worthy of being worshipped except Allaah, alone, without partner or associate. I further bear witness that Muhammad is His true slave and Messenger. May Allaah, the Exalted, bestow His peace and blessings on the final Prophet Muhammad, upon his good and pure family, and upon all of his noble companions.

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ
يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ
وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٦٤﴾

“Allaah did confer a great favour on the believers when He sent among them an apostle from among themselves, rehearsing unto them the Signs of Allaah, sanctifying them, and instructing them in Scripture and Wisdom, while, before that, they had been in manifest error.” (Soorah Aal Imraan 3:164)

Dear listeners, man is compromised of 2 parts, a soul and a body

الَّذِي أَحْسَنَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقَهُ وَبَدَأَ خَلْقَ الْإِنْسَانِ
مِن طِينٍ ﴿٧﴾ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ نَسْلَهُ مِن سُلَالَةٍ مِّن مَّاءٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿٨﴾

ثُمَّ سَوَّاهُ وَنَفَخَ فِيهِ مِن رُّوحِهِ ۗ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ
وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

“Who made everything He has created good, and He began the creation of man from clay. Then He made his offspring from semen of worthless water (male and female sexual discharge). Then He fashioned him in due proportion, and breathed into him the soul and He gave you hearing (ears), sight (eyes) and hearts. Little is the thanks you give! (Soorah as-Sajdah 32:7-9)

The affair of both aspects is that they need a source of energy or sustenance for preservation from weakness and defects, so it is necessary to enquire that forms of sustenance or energy are required for these 2 aspects? As for the first part then its sustenance or energy is compromised of 3 things, one is the recitation of the Quraan, and acting upon it hence Allaah said,

وَنُنزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَا يَزِيدُ الظَّالِمِينَ
إِلَّا خَسَارًا ﴿٨٢﴾

“And We send down from the Quraan that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe and it increases the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers) nothing but loss.” (Soorah al-Israa 17:82)

and he also said,

يَهْدِي بِهِ اللَّهُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانَهُ سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ وَيُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ
إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَيَهْدِيهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٦﴾

Where with Allaah guides all those who seek His Good Pleasure to ways of peace, and He brings them out of darkness by His Will unto light and guides them to a Straight Way (Soorah al-Ma'idah 5:16)

He also said

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَّتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ
آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٢﴾

The believers are only those who, when Allaah is mentioned, feel a fear in their hearts and when His Verses are recited unto them, they (i.e. the Verses) increase their Faith; and they put their trust in their Lord (Alone) (Soorah al-Anfaal 8:2)

Similarly the following hadeeth indicates, which has been transmitted in the following words in Imaam Baihaquee's *Shu'bal Eemaan* (2/353 no 2014),

“There hearts have become rusted just as metal rusts when water makes contact with it and it was said, oh Messenger of Allaah how can it be removed he said, “to remember death a lot and by the recitation of the Quraan”

and this second hadeeth also indicates this which has been transmitted in Tirmidhee in the following words,

“Whoever recited a letter from the book of Allaah then for him is one good deed and that one deed is like (equal to) 10 deeds and I do not say Alif Laam Meem is one letter but Alif is a letter and Laam is a letter and so is Meem one letter.”(Jaam'e Tirmidhee no.2910)

And the virtue concerning this hadeeth is,

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ
الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

“And whoever seeks a religion other than Islaam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers” (Soorah Aal Imraan 3:85)

Similarly a hadeeth transmitted mentions, “All of them (sects) will be in the fire except one” (Tirmidhee no.2641) meaning from the 73 sects all of them will enter hell except one and the set condition of, “What I (Muhammad) and my companions are upon today” cannot be found in any madhab except the Ahlul Hadeeth and this is indicated in another hadeeth transmitted in Tirmidhee in the following words,

“The religion started as something strange and it will return to being strange so Tooba is for the strangers and it is they who will rectify the troubles of mankind in regards of my Sunnah after me.” (Tirmidhee no.2630)

And those who possess this characteristic are none other than our Ahlul Hadeeth brothers and no one else. As for those who turn and have objections about the madhab of Ahlul Hadeeth then they have not tasted its fruits and if they had then they would have certainly refrained from hurling allegations at them and would have themselves dived in its shore less ocean.

It is necessary for these brothers to come to the flowered park and to indulge in the trees of fruit so they know with certainty that those who sit with these people (ie the Ahlul Hadeeth) are not non-men.

It is for this reason that I wish to mention some distinctive signs of Ahlul Hadeeth so the people know generally that if there is a truth then it is with the Ahlul Hadeeth and not with anyone else.

(some Persian couplets have been omitted as not able to translate)

and also especially for my Ahlul Hadeeth brothers so they come to know what we have gained in regards to virtues by being in this nice smelling and flowered park and by following the patron of this park, Muhammad (Sallallahu Alayhee Wasalam)

So let it be known there are many distinctive issues but we will only mention some of the important issues that are constantly being discussed in this time and era.