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This book is specially dedicated to my beloved wife,

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my dear children,

MUHAMMAD HAFIZ, NOOR HAZWANI, ABDUL HAKIM, NOOR HIDAYAH, NOR AQILA and **NOR ATIQAH**;

and my sons- and daughters-in-law,

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This twelfth book of Heroes of Islam tells the story of Mu'adh ibn Jabal رضى الله عنه: the young man of the Ansar who pledged allegiance at 'Aqabah, beloved of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, a teacher of the Qur'an, a caller and judge in Yemen, the authority in fiqh in the time of the caliphs, and a martyr in the plague of 'Amwas. May this knowledge be 'ilmun yuntafa'u bih — knowledge that brings benefit.

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This eBook's cover does not depict any human being or animal. It shows ***a stone mountain road*** at dawn, winding toward ***the highlands of Yemen***, with mud-brick tower houses on a distant ridge. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ sent Mu'adh ibn Jabal to Yemen as a teacher, judge and caller, and walked beside him giving counsel as he set out.

Beside the road stands ***a wooden book stand with an open book***, together with ***an inkpot and a reed pen*** — symbols of the knowledge Mu'adh carried, the Companion most learned in halal and haram (Jami' at-Tirmidhi 3791).

The dawn light upon the road symbolises the prayer taught in the Qur'an: "My Lord, increase me in knowledge" (Ta Ha 20:114).

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MU'ADH IBN JABAL

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ once took the hand of a young man of the Ansar and said: ***"O Mu'adh, by Allah, I love you"*** (Sunan Abi Dawud 1522). That young man was ***Mu'adh ibn Jabal*** رضى الله عنه, the Companion whom the Prophet ﷺ named ***the most knowledgeable of his ummah about halal and haram***.

Mu'adh embraced Islam as a youth, pledged allegiance on the night of ***'Aqabah***, and fought at ***Badr*** and in every battle with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ sent him to ***Yemen*** as a teacher and caller. He died a martyr in the plague of ***'Amwas*** in Sham, when he was only in his early thirties.

This eBook is the twelfth in the ***Heroes of Islam*** series. As in the earlier books, his story is gathered first from the Qur'an and authentic Hadith, and then from the books of sirah and history. The source of every report is given, and famous reports with weak chains are explained honestly.

The story of Mu'adh is the story of a hero of knowledge: his sword was the Qur'an and understanding of the religion, and his battlefield was the circles of learning from Madinah to Yemen and Sham.

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WHO WAS MU'ADH IBN JABAL?

His full name was ***Mu'adh ibn Jabal ibn 'Amr ibn Aws*** al-Ansari al-Khazraji, of Banu Salimah in Madinah. His kunyah was ***Abu 'Abd ar-Rahman***. The biographies describe him as a handsome young man with a radiant face, generous and modest.

He embraced Islam in Madinah through the da'wah of Mus'ab ibn 'Umayr (see Series 6), at about eighteen years of age. After the hijrah, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ joined him in brotherhood with 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud.

NAME AND TITLES

NAME OR TITLE	EXPLANATION
Mu'adh ibn Jabal	His real name
Abu 'Abd ar-Rahman	His kunyah
Al-Ansari al-Khazraji	From Banu Salimah of Khazraj
Most learned in halal and haram	Praise of the Messenger ﷺ (Jami' at-Tirmidhi 3791)
Teacher of the Qur'an	One of the four from whom we were told to learn the Qur'an (Sahih al-Bukhari 3758)

LESSONS

Youth is no barrier to scholarship. Mu'adh became the Companions' reference in rulings while still young.

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FROM 'AQABAH TO BADR

HISTORICAL NOTE: A YOUNG MAN ON THE NIGHT OF 'AQABAH

Ibn Ishaq lists Mu'adh ibn Jabal among the seventy-odd Ansar who pledged allegiance to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ on the night of the Second 'Aqabah. He then fought at ***Badr***, Uhud, al-Khandaq and every battle with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. Before that, together with some young men of Banu Salimah, he broke the idols of their people until 'Amr ibn al-Jamuh, one of the leaders of Banu Salimah, finally embraced Islam.

Status of the report: Well known in the books of sirah; the lists of the people of 'Aqabah and Badr are recorded by Ibn Ishaq.

REFERENCES:

Ibn Hisham, as-Sirah an-Nabawiyyah (narrated from Ibn Ishaq); Ibn Sa'd, at-Tabaqat al-Kubra.

LESSONS

A believing young man can change his people. The zeal of Mu'adh and his friends became the means of guidance for a leader of their tribe.

RIDING BEHIND THE MESSENGER ﷺ

Mu'adh was often close to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. One day he rode behind him on a donkey, and the Prophet ﷺ taught him a great lesson in tawhid:

HADITH — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI, NO. 2856

حَدَّثَنِي إِسْحَاقُ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، سَمِعَ يَحْيَى بْنَ آدَمَ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الأَحْوَصِ، عَنْ أَبِي إِسْحَاقَ، عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ مَيْمُونٍ، عَنْ مُعَاذٍ ـ رضى الله عنه ـ قَالَ كُنْتُ رِدْفَ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم عَلَى حِمَارٍ يُقَالُ لَهُ عُفَيْرٌ، فَقَالَ " يَا مُعَاذُ، هَلْ تَدْرِي حَقَّ اللَّهِ عَلَى عِبَادِهِ وَمَا حَقُّ الْعِبَادِ عَلَى اللَّهِ ". قُلْتُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ. قَالَ " فَإِنَّ حَقَّ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْعِبَادِ أَنْ يَعْبُدُوهُ وَلاَ يُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَحَقَّ الْعِبَادِ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ لاَ يُعَذِّبَ مَنْ لاَ يُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا ". فَقُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَفَلاَ أُبَشِّرُ بِهِ النَّاسَ قَالَ " لاَ تُبَشِّرْهُمْ فَيَتَّكِلُوا ".

TRANSLATION:

Mu'adh said: I was riding behind the Prophet ﷺ on a donkey called 'Ufayr. He said: ***"O Mu'adh, do you know what is the right of Allah upon His servants and what is the right of the servants upon Allah?"*** I said: "Allah and His Messenger know best." He said: ***"The right of Allah upon the servants is that they worship Him and associate nothing with Him; and the right of the servants upon Allah is that He does not punish whoever associates nothing with Him."*** I said: "O Messenger of Allah, shall I not give this good news to the people?" He said: "Do not tell them, lest they rely on it (and abandon deeds)."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari: from Ishaq ibn Ibrahim, from Yahya ibn Adam, from Abu al-Ahwas, from Abu Ishaq as-Sabi'i, from 'Amr ibn Maymun, from Mu'adh ibn Jabal رضى الله عنه.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of Jihad and Expeditions, Hadith No. 2856.

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih al-Bukhari, the most authentic book of Hadith after the Qur'an by consensus of the Hadith scholars.

Source: sunnah.com/bukhari:2856

The scholars mention that Mu'adh related this hadith shortly before his death, fearing the sin of concealing knowledge, having understood that the prohibition was so that people would not abandon deeds.

LESSONS

Tawhid is the foremost right of Allah. The Messenger ﷺ also taught wisdom in conveying knowledge: every piece of knowledge has its proper time and manner.

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"MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT HALAL AND HARAM"

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ mentioned the distinctions of some of his Companions, and Mu'adh was named for his knowledge of fiqh:

HADITH — JAMI' AT-TIRMIDHI, NO. 3791

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ بَشَّارٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْوَهَّابِ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْمَجِيدِ الثَّقَفِيُّ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا خَالِدٌ الْحَذَّاءُ، عَنْ أَبِي قِلاَبَةَ، عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " أَرْحَمُ أُمَّتِي بِأُمَّتِي أَبُو بَكْرٍ وَأَشَدُّهُمْ فِي أَمْرِ اللَّهِ عُمَرُ وَأَصْدَقُهُمْ حَيَاءً عُثْمَانُ وَأَقْرَؤُهُمْ لِكِتَابِ اللَّهِ أُبَىُّ بْنُ كَعْبٍ وَأَفْرَضُهُمْ زَيْدُ بْنُ ثَابِتٍ وَأَعْلَمُهُمْ بِالْحَلاَلِ وَالْحَرَامِ مُعَاذُ بْنُ جَبَلٍ أَلاَ وَإِنَّ لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ أَمِينًا وَإِنَّ أَمِينَ هَذِهِ الأُمَّةِ أَبُو عُبَيْدَةَ بْنُ الْجَرَّاحِ " .

TRANSLATION:

Anas ibn Malik narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "The most merciful of my ummah towards my ummah is Abu Bakr; the firmest in the command of Allah is 'Umar; the most truly modest is 'Uthman; the best reciter of the Book of Allah is Ubayy ibn Ka'b; the most knowledgeable of inheritance is Zayd ibn Thabit; ***and the most knowledgeable about halal and haram is Mu'adh ibn Jabal.*** Every ummah has a trustworthy one, and the trustworthy one of this ummah is Abu 'Ubaydah ibn al-Jarrah."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam at-Tirmidhi: from Muhammad ibn Bashshar, from 'Abd al-Wahhab ath-Thaqafi, from Khalid al-Hadhdha', from Abu Qilabah, from Anas ibn Malik رضى الله عنه.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam at-Tirmidhi in Jami' at-Tirmidhi, Book of Virtues, Hadith No. 3791.

GRADE: SAHIH — graded authentic by Darussalam; at-Tirmidhi said: hasan sahih.

Source: sunnah.com/tirmidhi:3791

Allah raises in rank those who believe and those given knowledge:

SURAH AL-MUJADILAH 58:11

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوٓاْ إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمۡ تَفَسَّحُواْ فِي ٱلۡمَجَٰلِسِ فَٱفۡسَحُواْ يَفۡسَحِ ٱللَّهُ لَكُمۡۖ وَإِذَا قِيلَ ٱنشُزُواْ فَٱنشُزُواْ يَرۡفَعِ ٱللَّهُ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ مِنكُمۡ وَٱلَّذِينَ أُوتُواْ ٱلۡعِلۡمَ دَرَجَٰتٖۚ وَٱللَّهُ بِمَا تَعۡمَلُونَ خَبِيرٞ ١١

O you who have believed, when you are told, "Space yourselves" in assemblies, then make space; Allāh will make space for you. And when you are told, "Arise," then arise; Allāh will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees. And Allāh is Aware of what you do.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/58:11

LESSONS

Each Companion had his own distinction. Mu'adh's was fiqh — the knowledge that guards the ummah from falling into what is forbidden.

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TEACHER OF THE QUR'AN

Mu'adh was one of the four Companions from whom the Messenger of Allah ﷺ told the ummah to learn the Qur'an:

HADITH — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI, NO. 3758

حَدَّثَنَا سُلَيْمَانُ بْنُ حَرْبٍ، حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ، عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ مُرَّةَ، عَنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، عَنْ مَسْرُوقٍ، قَالَ ذُكِرَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ عِنْدَ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو، فَقَالَ ذَاكَ رَجُلٌ لاَ أَزَالُ أُحِبُّهُ بَعْدَ مَا سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم يَقُولُ " اسْتَقْرِئُوا الْقُرْآنَ مِنْ أَرْبَعَةٍ مِنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ، فَبَدَأَ بِهِ، وَسَالِمٍ مَوْلَى أَبِي حُذَيْفَةَ، وَأُبَيِّ بْنِ كَعْبٍ، وَمُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ ". قَالَ لاَ أَدْرِي بَدَأَ بِأُبَيٍّ أَوْ بِمُعَاذٍ.

TRANSLATION:

Masruq said: 'Abdullah (ibn Mas'ud) was mentioned before 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr, and he said: "That is a man I have never ceased to love since I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ say: ***'Learn the recitation of the Qur'an from four: from 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud*** — he began with him — ***Salim the freedman of Abu Hudhayfah, Ubayy ibn Ka'b and Mu'adh ibn Jabal.'***" He said: "I do not know whether he mentioned Ubayy first or Mu'adh."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari: from Sulayman ibn Harb, from Shu'bah ibn al-Hajjaj, from 'Amr ibn Murrah, from Ibrahim an-Nakha'i, from Masruq, from 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr رضى الله عنهما.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of the Virtues of the Companions, Hadith No. 3758.

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih al-Bukhari, the most authentic book of Hadith after the Qur'an by consensus of the Hadith scholars.

Source: sunnah.com/bukhari:3758

SURAH AZ-ZUMAR 39:9

أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَٰنِتٌ ءَانَآءَ ٱلَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَآئِمًا يَحْذَرُ ٱلْءَاخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُوا۟ رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِۦ ۗ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِى ٱلَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَٱلَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۗ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُو۟لُوا۟ ٱلْأَلْبَٰبِ

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Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer], fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, [like one who does not]? Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/39:9

LESSONS

The Qur'an must be learned from trustworthy teachers with a chain. Mu'adh is among the first links in the chain of Qur'an recitation of this ummah.

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"BY ALLAH, I LOVE YOU"

Among the most beautiful moments of Mu'adh's life was when the Messenger of Allah ﷺ declared his love for him and then bequeathed him a supplication:

HADITH — SUNAN ABI DAWUD, NO. 1522

حَدَّثَنَا عُبَيْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ عُمَرَ بْنِ مَيْسَرَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ يَزِيدَ الْمُقْرِئُ، حَدَّثَنَا حَيْوَةُ بْنُ شُرَيْحٍ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ عُقْبَةَ بْنَ مُسْلِمٍ، يَقُولُ حَدَّثَنِي أَبُو عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ الْحُبُلِيُّ، عَنِ الصُّنَابِحِيِّ، عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم أَخَذَ بِيَدِهِ وَقَالَ " يَا مُعَاذُ وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لأُحِبُّكَ وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لأُحِبُّكَ " . فَقَالَ " أُوصِيكَ يَا مُعَاذُ لاَ تَدَعَنَّ فِي دُبُرِ كُلِّ صَلاَةٍ تَقُولُ اللَّهُمَّ أَعِنِّي عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ وَشُكْرِكَ وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ " . وَأَوْصَى بِذَلِكَ مُعَاذٌ الصُّنَابِحِيَّ وَأَوْصَى بِهِ الصُّنَابِحِيُّ أَبَا عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ .

TRANSLATION:

Mu'adh ibn Jabal narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ took his hand and said: ***"O Mu'adh, by Allah, I love you; by Allah, I love you."*** Then he said: "I counsel you, O Mu'adh, never to leave saying at the end of every prayer: ***'O Allah, help me to remember You, to thank You, and to worship You well."*** Mu'adh passed this counsel on to as-Sunabihi, and as-Sunabihi passed it on to Abu 'Abd ar-Rahman.

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Abu Dawud: from 'Ubaydullah ibn 'Umar ibn Maysarah, from 'Abdullah ibn Yazid al-Muqri', from Haywah ibn Shurayh, from 'Uqbah ibn Muslim, from Abu 'Abd ar-Rahman al-Hubuli, from As-Sunabihi, from Mu'adh ibn Jabal رضى الله عنه.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam Abu Dawud in Sunan Abi Dawud, Book of Witr, Chapter: Seeking Forgiveness, Hadith No. 1522.

GRADE: SAHIH — graded authentic by al-Albani in Sahih Sunan Abi Dawud.

Source: sunnah.com/abudawud:1522

This supplication has been handed down from teacher to student with the same counsel until today — a chain of love that began with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.

LESSONS

Declaring love for the sake of Allah is a sunnah. The best gift of a teacher who loves his student is a lasting supplication and counsel.

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THE GATES OF GOOD AND THE DANGER OF THE TONGUE

Mu'adh was always asking about deeds that lead to Paradise. On one journey he received an answer that became one of the most important hadith about the religion:

HADITH — JAMI' AT-TIRMIDHI, NO. 2616

حَدَّثَنَا ابْنُ أَبِي عُمَرَ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ مُعَاذٍ الصَّنْعَانِيُّ، عَنْ مَعْمَرٍ، عَنْ عَاصِمِ بْنِ أَبِي النَّجُودِ، عَنْ أَبِي وَائِلٍ، عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ، قَالَ كُنْتُ مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم فِي سَفَرٍ فَأَصْبَحْتُ يَوْمًا قَرِيبًا مِنْهُ وَنَحْنُ نَسِيرُ فَقُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَخْبِرْنِي بِعَمَلٍ يُدْخِلُنِي الْجَنَّةَ وَيُبَاعِدُنِي مِنَ النَّارِ . قَالَ " لَقَدْ سَأَلْتَنِي عَنْ عَظِيمٍ وَإِنَّهُ لَيَسِيرٌ عَلَى مَنْ يَسَّرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ تَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ وَلاَ تُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَتُقِيمُ الصَّلاَةَ وَتُؤْتِي الزَّكَاةَ وَتَصُومُ رَمَضَانَ وَتَحُجُّ الْبَيْتَ " . ثُمَّ قَالَ " أَلاَ أَدُلُّكَ عَلَى أَبْوَابِ الْخَيْرِ الصَّوْمُ جُنَّةٌ وَالصَّدَقَةُ تُطْفِئُ الْخَطِيئَةَ كَمَا يُطْفِئُ الْمَاءُ النَّارَ وَصَلاَةُ الرَّجُلِ مِنْ جَوْفِ اللَّيْلِ " . قَالَ ثُمَّ تَلاَ: (تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ) حَتَّى بَلَغَ: (يَعْمَلُونَ) ثُمَّ قَالَ " أَلاَ أُخْبِرُكَ بِرَأْسِ الأَمْرِ كُلِّهِ وَعَمُودِهِ وَذِرْوَةِ سَنَامِهِ " . قُلْتُ بَلَى يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ . قَالَ " رَأْسُ الأَمْرِ الإِسْلاَمُ وَعَمُودُهُ الصَّلاَةُ وَذِرْوَةُ سَنَامِهِ الْجِهَادُ " . ثُمَّ قَالَ " أَلاَ أُخْبِرُكَ بِمَلاَكِ ذَلِكَ كُلِّهِ " . قُلْتُ بَلَى يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ قَالَ فَأَخَذَ بِلِسَانِهِ قَالَ " كُفَّ عَلَيْكَ هَذَا " . فَقُلْتُ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّا لَمُؤَاخَذُونَ بِمَا نَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ فَقَالَ " ثَكِلَتْكَ أُمُّكَ يَا مُعَاذُ وَهَلْ يَكُبُّ النَّاسَ فِي النَّارِ عَلَى وُجُوهِهِمْ أَوْ عَلَى مَنَاخِرِهِمْ إِلاَّ حَصَائِدُ أَلْسِنَتِهِمْ " .

TRANSLATION:

Mu'adh ibn Jabal said: I was with the Prophet ﷺ on a journey. One morning I was near him as we travelled, and I said: ***"O Messenger of Allah, tell me of a deed that will admit me to Paradise and keep me away from the Fire."*** He said: "You have asked about something great, yet it is easy for whom Allah makes it easy: worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, establish prayer, give zakah, fast Ramadan and perform Hajj to the House." Then he said: "Shall I not guide you to the gates of good? Fasting is a shield, charity extinguishes sin as water extinguishes fire, and a man's prayer in the depth of the night." Then he recited: "Their sides part from their beds..." until "...what they used to do" (As-Sajdah 32:16–17). Then he said: "Shall I not tell you of the head of the matter, its pillar and its peak?" I said: "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: "The head of the matter is Islam, its pillar is prayer, and its peak is jihad." Then he said: "Shall I not tell you of what controls all of that?" I said: "Yes, O Prophet of Allah." He took hold of his tongue and said: ***"Restrain this."*** I said: "O Prophet of Allah, will we be held accountable for what we say?" He said: ***"May your mother***

lose you, O Mu'adh! Are people thrown into the Fire on their faces — or on their noses — for anything other than the harvest of their tongues?"

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam at-Tirmidhi: from Ibn Abi 'Umar, from 'Abdullah ibn Mu'adh as-San'ani, from Ma'mar ibn Rashid, from 'Asim ibn Abi an-Najud, from Abu Wa'il Shaqiq ibn Salamah, from Mu'adh ibn Jabal رضى الله عنه.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam at-Tirmidhi in Jami' at-Tirmidhi, Book of Faith, Chapter: The Sanctity of Prayer, Hadith No. 2616.

GRADE: HASAN — graded hasan by Darussalam; at-Tirmidhi said: hasan sahih.

Source: sunnah.com/tirmidhi:2616

LESSONS

Much worship can be ruined by an unguarded tongue. Mu'adh teaches us that a good question opens great knowledge.

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THE IMAM WHO WAS CORRECTED

Mu'adh used to pray 'Isha' with the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and then return to lead his people. One night he recited a long surah, al-Baqarah or an-Nisa', and a man exhausted from working his camels left the congregation. The man complained to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, who said three times: ***"O Mu'adh, are you one who causes trial?"*** He told him to recite surahs such as al-A'la, ash-Shams and al-Layl, for behind him prayed the old, the weak and those with needs (Sahih al-Bukhari 705).

Mu'adh accepted the correction humbly. The scholars take this account as evidence that the imam should lighten the congregational prayer, mindful of those praying behind him.

LESSONS

Great zeal in worship must be joined with compassion for others. Even a great scholar accepts correction with humility.

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ENVOY OF THE MESSENGER ﷺ TO YEMEN

After the conquest of Makkah and the expedition of Tabuk, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ sent Mu'adh to ***Yemen*** as a teacher, judge and collector of zakah. He taught him the order of da'wah:

HADITH — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI, NO. 1395

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عَاصِمٍ الضَّحَّاكُ بْنُ مَخْلَدٍ، عَنْ زَكَرِيَّاءَ بْنِ إِسْحَاقَ، عَنْ يَحْيَى بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ صَيْفِيٍّ، عَنْ أَبِي مَعْبَدٍ، عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ ـ رضى الله عنهما ـ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم بَعَثَ مُعَاذًا ـ رضى الله عنه ـ إِلَى الْيَمَنِ فَقَالَ " ادْعُهُمْ إِلَى شَهَادَةِ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ، وَأَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ، فَإِنْ هُمْ أَطَاعُوا لِذَلِكَ فَأَعْلِمْهُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدِ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْهِمْ خَمْسَ صَلَوَاتٍ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ وَلَيْلَةٍ، فَإِنْ هُمْ أَطَاعُوا لِذَلِكَ فَأَعْلِمْهُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَدَقَةً فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ، تُؤْخَذُ مِنْ أَغْنِيَائِهِمْ وَتُرَدُّ عَلَى فُقَرَائِهِمْ ".

TRANSLATION:

Ibn 'Abbas narrated that the Prophet ﷺ sent Mu'adh to Yemen and said: ***"Call them to the testimony that there is no god but Allah and that I am the Messenger of Allah. If they obey that, then inform them that Allah has made obligatory upon them five prayers in every day and night. If they obey that, then inform them that Allah has made obligatory upon them a charity (zakah) from their wealth, taken from their rich and returned to their poor."***

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari: from Abu 'Asim ad-Dahhak ibn Makhlad, from Zakariyya ibn Ishaq, from Yahya ibn 'Abdullah ibn Sayfi, from Abu Ma'bad, from 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas رضى الله عنهما.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of Zakah, Chapter: The Obligation of Zakah, Hadith No. 1395.

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih al-Bukhari, the most authentic book of Hadith after the Qur'an by consensus of the Hadith scholars.

Source: sunnah.com/bukhari:1395

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Allah commands that a party of the ummah gain understanding of the religion and return to teach their people:

SURAH AT-TAWBAH 9:122

۞ وَمَا كَانَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنُونَ لِيَنفِرُواْ كَآفَّةً ۚ فَلَوْلَا نَفَرَ مِن كُلِّ فِرْقَةٍ مِّنْهُمْ طَآئِفَةٌ لِّيَتَفَقَّهُواْ فِى ٱلدِّينِ وَلِيُنذِرُواْ قَوْمَهُمْ إِذَا رَجَعُوٓاْ إِلَيْهِمْ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَحْذَرُونَ ﴿١٢٢﴾

And it is not for the believers to go forth [to battle] all at once. For there should separate from every division of them a group [remaining] to obtain understanding in the religion and warn [i.e., advise] their people when they return to them that they might be cautious.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/9:122

LESSONS

Da'wah has an order: tawhid first, then worship, then the duties of wealth. Zakah is taken from the local rich and returned to the local poor.

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"MAKE THINGS EASY, NOT DIFFICULT"

Mu'adh was not sent alone. With him was Abu Musa al-Ash'ari, and each was given a province of Yemen:

HADITH — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI, NO. 4341

حَدَّثَنَا مُوسَى، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عَوَانَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْمَلِكِ، عَنْ أَبِي بُرْدَةَ، قَالَ بَعَثَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم أَبَا مُوسَى وَمُعَاذَ بْنَ جَبَلٍ إِلَى الْيَمَنِ، قَالَ وَبَعَثَ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمَا عَلَى مِخْلاَفٍ قَالَ وَالْيَمَنُ مِخْلاَفَانِ ثُمَّ قَالَ " يَسِّرَا وَلاَ تُعَسِّرَا، وَبَشِّرَا وَلاَ تُنَفِّرَا ".

TRANSLATION:

Abu Burdah said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ sent Abu Musa and Mu'adh ibn Jabal to Yemen. He sent each of them to a province — Yemen then had two provinces. Then he said: ***"Make things easy and do not make them difficult; give good tidings and do not drive people away."***

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari: from Musa ibn Isma'il, from Abu 'Awanah, from 'Abd al-Malik ibn 'Umayr, from Abu Burdah.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of Military Expeditions, Chapter: Sending Abu Musa and Mu'adh to Yemen, Hadith No. 4341.

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih al-Bukhari, the most authentic book of Hadith after the Qur'an by consensus of the Hadith scholars.

Source: sunnah.com/bukhari:4341

In the continuation of the same report, it is told that the two Companions visited each other, and Mu'adh said that he divided his night between sleep and night prayer, hoping for reward from his sleep as from his prayer.

LESSONS

The principle of da'wah is to make things easy and give glad tidings. Callers working in different regions should visit one another and exchange counsel.

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THE FINAL FAREWELL

HADITH NOTE: "PERHAPS YOU WILL NOT MEET ME AFTER THIS YEAR"

Mu'adh narrated that when he set out for Yemen, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ went out with him giving counsel.

Mu'adh was riding while the Messenger of Allah ﷺ walked beside him. When he had finished, he said: ***"O Mu'adh, perhaps you will not meet me after this year of mine, and perhaps you will pass by this mosque of mine and my grave."*** Mu'adh wept at the pain of parting from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. The Prophet turned towards Madinah and said: "The closest of people to me are the God-fearing, whoever they are and wherever they are."

Status of the report: Its chain is graded *sahih* by Shu'ayb al-Arna'ut in his edition of al-Musnad.

REFERENCES:
Ahmad ibn Hanbal, al-Musnad, Hadith No. 22052.

His words came true. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ passed away while Mu'adh was still in Yemen, and he never saw him again in this world.

LESSONS

Closeness to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ is measured by taqwa, not by place or lineage. Whoever is God-fearing, wherever he may be, is close to him.

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THE HADITH "HOW WILL YOU JUDGE?"

Among the most famous hadith about Mu'adh is the Prophet's dialogue with him before he set out for Yemen.

HADITH NOTE: "I WILL STRIVE TO FORM MY OWN OPINION"

It is reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ asked: "How will you judge if a case is brought to you?" Mu'adh said: "I will judge by the Book of Allah." He asked: "And if you do not find it in the Book of Allah?" He said: "By the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ." He asked: "And if you find it neither in the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ nor in the Book of Allah?" He said: "I will strive to form my own opinion and spare no effort." The Messenger of Allah ﷺ patted his chest and said: "Praise be to Allah who has guided the envoy of the Messenger of Allah to what pleases the Messenger of Allah."

Status of the report: *Da'if* according to al-Albani and many hadith scholars, because its narrators — "people of Hims from the companions of Mu'adh" — are unknown. Some scholars such as Ibn al-Qayyim accepted its meaning, as it agrees with the principles of the Shari'ah. Sunan Abi Dawud 3592

REFERENCES:
Sunan Abi Dawud 3592; Jami' at-Tirmidhi 1327.

Although this hadith's chain is weak, the principle of putting the Qur'an first, then the Sunnah, then ijtihad is agreed upon by the scholars on the basis of other evidence, including the hadith of the judge who strives (Sahih al-Bukhari 7352, see Series 10).

LESSONS

We must be honest about the grade of a hadith, however famous it is. A true principle does not need a weak hadith.

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JURIST OF THE UMMAH UNDER THE CALIPHS

After the death of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, Mu'adh returned to Madinah in the time of Abu Bakr, then went out to Sham to fight and to teach.

HISTORICAL NOTE: 'UMAR'S WORDS ABOUT MU'ADH

It is reported that the Caliph 'Umar ibn al-Khattab said in a sermon at al-Jabiyah in Sham: ***"Whoever wishes to ask about fiqh, let him come to Mu'adh ibn Jabal."*** It is also reported that 'Umar said: "Women are unable to give birth to a man like Mu'adh," and that near his death 'Umar said: "Had Mu'adh been alive, I would have appointed him my successor."

Status of the report: The al-Jabiyah sermon was graded authentic by al-Hakim; 'Umar's other sayings are reported in the biographies with disputed chains.

REFERENCES:

At-Tabarani, al-Mu'jam al-Awsat; al-Hakim, al-Mustadrak; Ibn Sa'd, at-Tabaqat al-Kubra; adh-Dhahabi, Siyar A'lam an-Nubala'.

LESSONS

The caliphs honoured the scholars and referred to them. Mu'adh's knowledge made him the ummah's reference though he was still young.

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MARTYRED IN THE PLAGUE OF 'AMWAS

In 18 AH, plague struck ***'Amwas*** in Palestine and spread throughout Sham. The Caliph 'Umar turned back from Sargh after hearing the Prophet's saying about plague (Sahih al-Bukhari 5729). The commander Abu 'Ubaydah ibn al-Jarrah died in that plague (see Series 4), and Mu'adh succeeded him as leader of the army.

HISTORICAL NOTE: PLAGUE AS A MERCY

It is reported that Mu'adh addressed the people, saying that this plague was a mercy from their Lord, the supplication of their Prophet and the manner of death of the righteous before them. Then his son 'Abd ar-Rahman was infected and died, and then Mu'adh himself was infected. He died in 18 AH at about thirty-three years of age.

Status of the report: His death in the plague of 'Amwas is agreed upon by historians; the details of his sermon are reported in al-Musnad with a disputed chain.

REFERENCES:
Ahmad ibn Hanbal, al-Musnad; Ibn Sa'd, at-Tabaqat al-Kubra; adh-Dhahabi, Siyar A'lam an-Nubala'.

Mu'adh himself narrated the Prophet's saying about the last words of a believer:

HADITH — SUNAN ABI DAWUD, NO. 3116

حَدَّثَنَا مَالِكُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْوَاحِدِ الْمِسْمَعِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا الضَّحَّاكُ بْنُ مَخْلَدٍ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْحَمِيدِ بْنُ جَعْفَرٍ، حَدَّثَنِي صَالِحُ بْنُ أَبِي عَرِيبٍ، عَنْ كَثِيرِ بْنِ مُرَّةَ، عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " مَنْ كَانَ آخِرُ كَلاَمِهِ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ " .

TRANSLATION:

Mu'adh ibn Jabal said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: ***"Whoever's last words are 'lā ilāha illallāh' will enter Paradise."***

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Abu Dawud: from Malik ibn 'Abd al-Wahid al-Misma'i, from Ad-Dahhak ibn Makhlad, from 'Abd al-Hamid ibn Ja'far, from Salih ibn Abi 'Arib, from Kathir ibn Murrah, from Mu'adh ibn Jabal رضى الله عنه.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam Abu Dawud in Sunan Abi Dawud, Book of Funerals, Chapter: Prompting the Dying, Hadith No. 3116.

GRADE: SAHIH — graded authentic by al-Albani in Sahih Sunan Abi Dawud.

Source: sunnah.com/abudawud:3116

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LESSONS

Mu'adh accepted Allah's decree with contentment. A scholar teaches not only by words, but also by how he faces death.

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LEADER OF THE SCHOLARS ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

HADITH NOTE: "MU'ADH AHEAD OF THE SCHOLARS"

It is reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: ***"Mu'adh ibn Jabal will be ahead of the scholars on the Day of Judgement by a stone's throw."***

Status of the report: Graded *hasan* by al-Albani by combining its routes.

REFERENCES:

Ibn Sa'd, at-Tabaqat al-Kubra; Abu Nu'aym, Hilyat al-Awliya'; al-Albani, as-Silsilah as-Sahihah.

LESSONS

The rank of scholars before Allah is very high. Mu'adh, who died young, precedes the scholars because of his sincerity and the depth of his knowledge.

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THE CHARACTER OF MU'ADH IBN JABAL

The story of Mu'adh portrays a young scholar who combined knowledge, worship and good character.

QUALITY	EXAMPLE FROM HIS LIFE
Knowledge of fiqh	Most learned in halal and haram (Jami' at-Tirmidhi 3791)
Man of the Qur'an	One of four teachers of the Qur'an (Sahih al-Bukhari 3758)
Beloved of the Messenger ﷺ	"By Allah, I love you" (Sunan Abi Dawud 1522)
Eager to ask	About deeds that lead to Paradise (Jami' at-Tirmidhi 2616)
Humility	Accepting correction about long prayers
Caller to Islam	Envoy to Yemen (Sahih al-Bukhari 1395)
Contentment with decree	Died in the plague of 'Amwas

LESSONS

Mu'adh proves that the heroes of Islam are found not only on the battlefield, but also in the circles of knowledge.

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SOURCES OF THE STORIES OF MU'ADH

This table summarises the source and grade of each story, so that readers can distinguish the authentic from the merely famous.

STORY	SOURCE	GRADE
The right of Allah upon His servants	Sahih al-Bukhari 2856	Sahih
Most learned in halal and haram	Jami' at-Tirmidhi 3791	Sahih
Four teachers of the Qur'an	Sahih al-Bukhari 3758	Sahih
"By Allah, I love you"	Sunan Abi Dawud 1522	Sahih
Gates of good and the tongue	Jami' at-Tirmidhi 2616	Hasan
"Are you one who causes trial?"	Sahih al-Bukhari 705	Sahih
Envoy to Yemen	Sahih al-Bukhari 1395	Sahih
"Make things easy"	Sahih al-Bukhari 4341	Sahih
Last words "lā ilāha illallāh"	Sunan Abi Dawud 3116	Sahih
The final farewell	Musnad Ahmad 22052	Sahih
Leader of the scholars	Ibn Sa'd; as-Silsilah as-Sahihah	Hasan
"How will you judge?"	Sunan Abi Dawud 3592	Da'if
'Umar's sayings	At-Tabarani; Ibn Sa'd	Disputed

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PEOPLE IN THE STORY OF MU'ADH

PERSON	ROLE
Mus'ab ibn 'Umayr	The caller through whom he embraced Islam (Series 6)
'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud	His brother in Islam
'Amr ibn al-Jamuh	Leader of Banu Salimah who embraced Islam
Abu Musa al-Ash'ari	His fellow envoy to Yemen
Abu 'Ubaydah ibn al-Jarrah	The commander he succeeded in Sham (Series 4)
'Umar ibn al-Khattab	The Caliph who made him the reference in fiqh
As-Sunabihi	The student who received his bequeathed supplication
'Abd ar-Rahman ibn Mu'adh	His son, who died in the plague of 'Amwas

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PLACES IN THE STORY OF MU'ADH

PLACE	EVENT
Madinah	Birthplace; embraced Islam and studied
'Aqabah, Mina	The Second Pledge of 'Aqabah
Badr	His first battle with the Messenger ﷺ (2 AH)
Yemen	Teacher, judge and collector of zakah (9–11 AH)
Al-Jabiyah, Sham	Reference in fiqh in the time of 'Umar
'Amwas, Palestine	The plague (18 AH)
The Jordan Valley	Where he died and was buried

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TIMELINE OF MU'ADH'S LIFE

YEAR	EVENT
± 20 BH	Born in Madinah
12th–13th year of prophethood	Embraced Islam; pledged at 'Aqabah
2 AH	Fought at Badr
3–8 AH	Uhud, al-Khandaq and other battles
9–10 AH	Sent to Yemen
11 AH	Returned to Madinah after the Prophet's death
13–17 AH	Fighting and teaching in Sham
18 AH	Died in the plague of 'Amwas, aged ± 33

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MU'ADH

This chapter answers questions often asked about Mu'adh ibn Jabal رضى الله عنه. The answers are brief; details are in the earlier chapters.

1. WHAT WAS MU'ADH'S FULL NAME?

Mu'adh ibn Jabal ibn 'Amr al-Ansari al-Khazraji; his kunyah was Abu 'Abd ar-Rahman.

2. WHEN DID MU'ADH EMBRACE ISLAM?

At about eighteen years of age, through the da'wah of Mus'ab ibn 'Umayr, before the hijrah.

3. WHAT TITLE DID THE MESSENGER ﷺ GIVE MU'ADH?

The most knowledgeable about halal and haram (Jami' at-Tirmidhi 3791).

4. WHAT IS THE RIGHT OF ALLAH UPON HIS SERVANTS?

To be worshipped without any partner (Sahih al-Bukhari 2856).

5. WHICH SUPPLICATION WAS BEQUEATHED TO MU'ADH?

"O Allah, help me to remember You, to thank You, and to worship You well" (Sunan Abi Dawud 1522).

6. WHAT CONTROLS ALL DEEDS, ACCORDING TO MU'ADH'S HADITH?

Guarding the tongue (Jami' at-Tirmidhi 2616).

7. WHERE WAS MU'ADH SENT?

To Yemen, as teacher, judge and collector of zakah.

8. WHO WAS MU'ADH'S COMPANION IN YEMEN?

Abu Musa al-Ash'ari; the Prophet told them: "Make things easy, not difficult."

9. IS THE HADITH "HOW WILL YOU JUDGE?" AUTHENTIC?

Its chain is weak according to al-Albani, but its principle agrees with other evidence.

10. WHEN AND HOW DID MU'ADH DIE?

In 18 AH, in the plague of 'Amwas in Sham.

11. HOW OLD WAS MU'ADH WHEN HE DIED?

About thirty-three years old.

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12. WHAT IS THE GREATEST LESSON FROM THE STORY OF MU'ADH?

Sincere knowledge raises a person in rank, even when young.

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LESSONS AND CONCLUSION

The story of Mu'adh ibn Jabal رضى الله عنه begins with a youth of the Ansar pledging allegiance at 'Aqabah, and ends with a young scholar dying a martyr in Sham, leaving knowledge that is still inherited today.

LESSON	FROM THE STORY OF MU'ADH
Tawhid first	The right of Allah upon His servants
Knowledge raises rank	Al-Mujadilah 58:11
Love for Allah's sake	"By Allah, I love you"
Guard the tongue	"Restrain this"
Make things easy	"Make things easy, not difficult"
Honesty about hadith	Explaining the grade of weak hadith
Contentment with decree	Martyrdom in the plague of 'Amwas

May we follow the example of Mu'adh: loving knowledge, asking in order to understand the religion, teaching by making things easy, and always saying the supplication bequeathed to him after every prayer.

In sha' Allah, the Heroes of Islam series will continue with the story of another hero of Islam.

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2:261

مَّثَلُ ٱلَّذِينَ يُنفِقُونَ أَمۡوَٰلَهُمۡ فِي سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنۢبَتَتۡ سَبۡعَ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنۢبُلَةٖ مِّاْئَةُ حَبَّةٖۗ وَٱللَّهُ يُضَٰعِفُ لِمَن يَشَآءُۚ وَٱللَّهُ وَٰسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ٢٦١

The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/2:261

SURAH SABA' 34:39

قُلۡ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَبۡسُطُ ٱلرِّزۡقَ لِمَن يَشَآءُ مِنۡ عِبَادِهِۦ وَيَقۡدِرُ لَهُۥۚ وَمَآ أَنفَقۡتُم مِّن شَيۡءٖ فَهُوَ يُخۡلِفُهُۥۖ وَهُوَ خَيۡرُ ٱلرَّٰزِقِينَ ٣٩

Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/34:39

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HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 2588

حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ أَيُّوبَ، وَقُتَيْبَةُ، وَابْنُ، حُجْرٍ قَالُوا حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، - وَهُوَ ابْنُ جَعْفَرٍ - عَنِ الْعَلاَءِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ « مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ وَمَا زَادَ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلاَّ عِزًّا وَمَا تَوَاضَعَ أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ إِلاَّ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ ».

TRANSLATION:

Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Charity does not decrease wealth.

Allah does not increase a servant who forgives except in honour. And no one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises him in rank."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from Yahya bin Ayyub, Qutaibah bin Sa'id and 'Ali bin Hujr, from Isma'il bin Ja'far, from al-'Ala' bin 'Abd al-Rahman, from his father 'Abd al-Rahman bin Ya'qub, from Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه .

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GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih Muslim.

Source: sunnah.com/muslim:2588

HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 1631

حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ أَيُّوبَ، وَقُتَيْبَةُ، - يَعْنِي ابْنَ سَعِيد - وَابْنُ حُجْرٍ قَالُوا حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، - هُوَ ابْنُ جَعْفَرٍ - عَنِ الْعَلاَءِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ « إِذَا مَاتَ الإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلاَّ مِنْ ثَلاَثَةٍ إِلاَّ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ ».

TRANSLATION:

Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "When a person dies, his deeds come to an end except for three: an ongoing charity, knowledge that is benefited from, or a righteous child who prays for him."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from Yahya bin Ayyub, Qutaibah bin Sa'id and 'Ali bin Hujr, from Isma'il bin Ja'far, from al-'Ala' bin 'Abd al-Rahman, from his father 'Abd al-Rahman bin Ya'qub, from Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه .

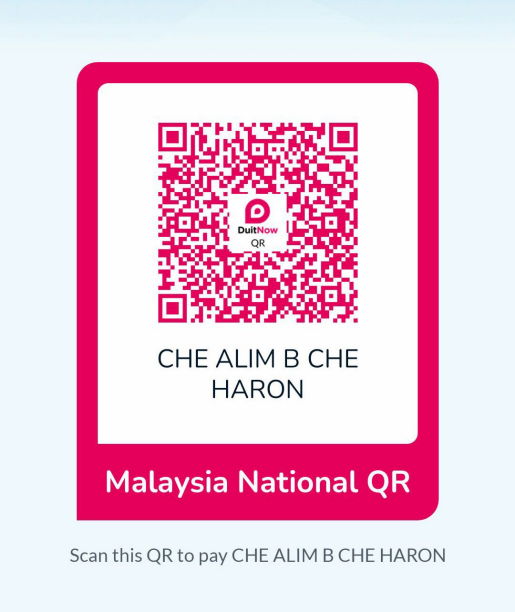
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