



Nawawi's 40 Hadith Explained

Lesson 29:
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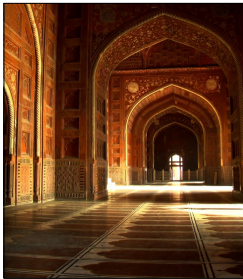
Last Lesson

Hadiths 27-28

**27: Righteousness is
Good Character**

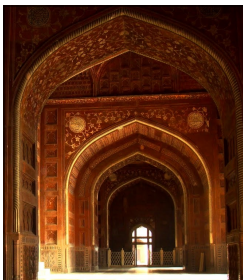
**28: Keys to
Responding to
Tribulations**





Review: Hadith 27

- (1) What is
righteousness (birr)?
- (2) What is good
character?
- (3) How is righteousness
good character?



Review: Hadith 28

- (1) What are keys to
effective preaching
mentioned in this
hadith?
- (2) What are four keys
to safety in tribulations
(fitan)?



Hadith 29: The
Ways and Keys
to Paradise

Hadith 29: I

Mu'adh ibn Jabal relates that he said:

“O Messenger of Allah, inform me of some action that will enter me in Paradise and distance me from the Fire.” He replied ﷺ

“You have asked about something tremendous. But it is easy for whomever Allah makes it easy. Worship Allah, and don't associate any partners with Him. Establish prayer. Give your zakat. Fast Ramadan. Perform Hajj to the House of Allah.”

الحديث التاسع والعشرون

عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ: قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَخْبِرْنِي بِعَمَلٍ يَدْخِلُنِي الْجَنَّةَ وَيُبَاعِدُنِي مِنَ النَّارِ، قَالَ: ((لَقَدْ سَأَلْتُ عَنْ عَظِيمٍ، وَإِنَّهُ لَيَسِيرٌ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ: تَعَمَّدَ اللَّهُ لَا تُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَتُقِيمُ الصَّلَاةَ، وَتُؤْتِي الزَّكَاةَ، وَتَصُومُ رَمَضَانَ، وَتُحِجُّ الْبَيْتَ،

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Then he said: “Should I not inform you of what all this depends upon?” I said: “Indeed, tell me, O Messenger of Allah!”

He held his tongue, and said: “**Restrain this!**”

I said: “O Prophet of Allah, are we taken to account for the words we speak?” He said:

“May your mother be bereaved of you! Are people dragged by their faces—or he said: their foreheads—except for the harvest of their tongues?” [Tirmidhi]

ثُمَّ قَالَ: أَلَا أَخْبِرُكُمْ بِمَا لَكُمْ فِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟ ((فَكُنْتُ: بَلَى يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ، فَأَخَذَ بِلِسَانِهِ وَقَالَ: ((كَفْتُ عَلَيْكَ هَذَا)) . فَكُنْتُ: يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّا لَمُؤْاخَذُونَ بِمَا نَكْذِبُ بِهِ؟ فَقَالَ: ((نَكِيلُكَ أَنتَ وَهَلْ يَحُجُّ النَّاسَ عَلَى وَجُوهِهِمْ - أَوْ قَالَ عَلَى مَنَاجِرِهِمْ - إِلَّا خَصَائِدُ أَلْسِنَتِهِمْ؟)) .
رواه الترمذي ، (رقم: ٢٦١٦) ، وقال: حديث حسن صحيح .

Hadith 29 Lessons

One: The Narrator

Mu'adh ibn Jabal

From the scholars of the Companions

When he became Muslim

Knowledge of Halal & Haram

Knowledge of Qur'an

Prophet's Praise

Ibn Mas'ud on his virtues

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Two: The Question

“O Messenger of Allah, inform me of some action that will enter me in Paradise and distance me from the Fire.”

“Some action” - great act

Importance of means

Eloquence

Other Narrations



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Three: Actions and Paradise



“... some action that will enter me in Paradise..”

Relationship between actions and works

Reconciling with “None of you shall enter Paradise by their works.”

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Four: Tremendous, Facilitated

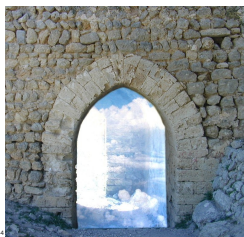
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Why tremendous?

Praise

Taking means, Divine Facilitation

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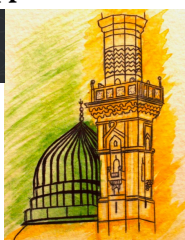


Five: Prophetic Supplication

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“Guide me, and facilitate guidance for me!”

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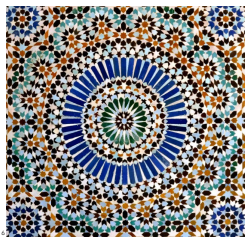


Six: The First Step

“Worship Allah, and don't associate any partners with Him. Establish prayer. Give your zakat. Fast Ramadan. Perform Hajj to the House of Allah.”

The first step: Obligations

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Seven: Second Step: (1) Fasting

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Review: {Hadith of Eleethood}

Key: consistency

(1) Fasting: shield... condition

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Eight: Second Step: (2) Charity

“... Charity extinguishes errors as water extinguishes fire...”

(2) Charity: water... role

Especially: in secret

Ali ibn al-Husain

Qur'an: 2.271

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Nine: Second Step: (3) Night Prayer

“And a person’s prayer in the depths of the night!” Then he recited: “Their sides leave their resting places...” till he reaches “... for their actions.”

(3) Night Prayer

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إِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرُوا بِهَا حَمَزُوا سَجْدًا وَتَسْبِيحًا
وَمَنْ يَرْفَعْ رَأْسَهُ فَعَلَا يُسَبِّحْهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٢٧١﴾
تَتَنَادَىٰ جُفُوفُهُمْ نَحْنُ الْمُسَابِّحِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ حَتَّىٰ وَكُمَا
رُفَعَا رُفَعْنَاهُمْ بِمُقَدِّمِينَ ﴿٢٧٢﴾
فَلَا تَدْرِي مَا الْخَيْرُ لَهُمْ مِنْ قُرْآنِ هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنِ إِذْ يُكَلِّمُهُمُ الْمَلَكُ ﴿٢٧٣﴾

“The only ones who truly believe in Our Signs are those who—when reminded—bow down in worship, celebrating their Lord’s praises, and do not arrogate themselves.

Their sides shun their beds in order to pray to their Lord in fear and hope. And they give to others of what We have given them. No soul knows what joy is kept hidden for them as reward for what they have done. [Qur’an, 32.15-17]

Night Worship ☞ Closeness to Allah

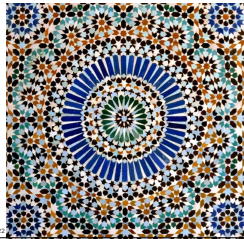
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The Prophet ﷺ said: “The closest the Lord is to the servant is in the final depths of the night. If you can be of those who remember Allah at that time, then be!” [Tirmidhi]

Ten: Pinnacle, Support, and Peak

“The pinnacle of this matter is submission (islam). Its pillar is prayer. Its peak is jihad.”

Pinnacle: head—*how*?



11: What is the basis of jihad?

The Prophet ﷺ said: “The mujahid is one who does jihad against their lower urges (nafs).” [Tirmidhi]

Spiritual jihad is the basis for all other meaningful striving



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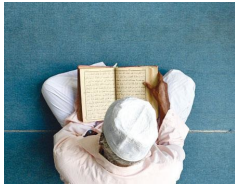
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رَوَاهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ (رواه ٢٩١٦) ، وَقَالَ: غَرِيبٌ حَسَنٌ صَحِيحٌ .

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12. Speech: Key to Good

Speech



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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ

فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾

“Believers, be mindful of Allah and speak words that are upright. He will rectify your actions and forgive for you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has indeed attained tremendous triumph.” [Qur’an: 33:70-71]

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