



Chapter-3=Lesson-12

Two Hadiths Regarding Moral Virtues with Meaning

Principle and morality are essential for human life. Principle means to be honest in words and deeds and to behave decently and humbly. It also means not to do any oppression and not to be involved in obscene activities. A man without principle is like a beast. Everybody in the society hates a person who doesn't act according to principle. On the other hand, everyone likes a man of principle. Everybody respects him and honours him. Our dear Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) was the embodiment of finest principles. He always maintained principles and ideals. Even the enemies praised him for excellent character and principles.

- 1) What does principle mean?
- 2) Why should we have principles?
- 3) Who was the embodiment of finest principles?

In the Hadiths, we find that the great Prophet (Sm.) gave teachings of morality and principle to his followers. Two Hadiths related to such principles are given below. We shall learn these and know their meanings. We shall act according to the principles of the Hadith.

Hadith 1

لَا دِينَ لِمَنْ لَا عَهْدَ لَهُ (مسند ديلمي)

Meaning: “The person who doesn't keep his promises he has no religion, i.e. he is not religious in the true sense of the term.” (Musnad-e-Dailami)

Education

A significant part of morality and ethics is to keep promises. We make various oaths at different times. It is very important to keep these promises and oaths. If we do not keep the promises and oaths, mistrust is created. Disputes occur and peace is disturbed. Therefore, it is essential to keep promises for social peace.

In Islam, emphasis has been laid on the need to keep promises. The great Prophet (Sm.) himself always kept his promises. Breaking promises is not the sign of a real religious person. So a person who is truly religious will always keep his promises. He will never break promises or oaths. Therefore, we shall never break vows, oaths or promises. Rather, we shall try to fulfil all the promises in life. Only then we can be truly religious.

- 4) Who has no religion?
- 5) Who is not religious?
- 6) Why should we keep our promises?
- 7) “The person who doesn't keep his promises he has no religion, i.e. he is not religious in the true sense of the term.”-Briefly explain.

Hadith 2

وَأَيَّاكُمْ وَالْكَذِبَ فَإِنَّ الْكَذِبَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْفُجُورِ وَإِنَّ الْفُجُورَ يَهْدِي إِلَى النَّارِ (متفق عليه)

Meaning: “Keep away from falsehood because falsehood takes people towards sin. Sin in turn takes one up to Jahannam” (Bukhari and Muslim)

Education

Falsehood is the opposite of the truth. Falsehood means to hide true words, actions. Nobody believes a liar. Nobody loves him. Nobody helps or cooperates a liar. The great Prophet (Sm.) was absolutely truthful. He never told a lie in his whole life. He has ordered man to speak the truth and to reject falsehood because falsehood is the root of all sins. Falsehood takes man towards sins. When lies are told after acts of sin, they are not detected. As a result, man continues to do sins. But Allah sees and knows everything. Lies cannot be told to Him. Rather, He keeps an account of all the sins of earth. He will pass judgement on all these in the field of Hashar.

As falsehood takes man towards sins and since the punishment for sins is Jahannam, we shall give up telling lies and shall always speak the truth. By doing so, we shall be saved from the punishment of Jahannam.

- 8) What does falsehood mean?
- 9) What is the mother of all sins?
- 10) What does take people towards sin?
- 11) Sin in tern takes people up to__.
- 12) Why should we avoid falsehood?
- 13) How can we save ourselves from the punishment of Jahannam?
- 14) “Keep away from falsehood because falsehood takes people towards sin. Sin in turn takes one up to Jahannam”-Briefly explain.