



Chapter-3=Lesson-11

Al-Hadith

Hadith is an Arabic word which means words, saying, etc. The words, deeds and approvals of the great Prophet (Sm.) are called the Hadith. Whatever our dear Prophet (Sm.) said is Hadith. All that he did are also Hadiths. The works which his companions (Sahabis) did in front of him but were not prohibited by him, and were rather given silent approval by him, are also Hadiths. The other name for the Hadith is Sunnah.

- 1) What does hadith mean?
- 2) Write the definition of Hadith.
- 3) Who are called sahabi?
- 4) What is the another name of Hadith?

The preservation of Al-Quran

The Sahabis used to compile or preserve all kinds of Hadiths of the Prophet (Sm.). Whatever he said was used to be learnt by heart by them. They used to do all the works exactly as they were done by the Prophet (Sm.). After that, they used to convey those to their family members, near ones, friends and acquaintances. In this way, Hadiths were preserved during the lifetime of the great Prophet (Sm.). After the death of the Prophet (Sm.), his companions used to have study circles (Majlish) for teaching the Hadith. People from faraway used to come to them for learning Hadith. Later on, the Muhaddis wrote down all the Hadiths of the Prophet (Sm.). They compiled many books of Hadith. In this way, we have got the Hadiths of our Prophet (Sm.).

- 5) Write the two periods of the preservation of Al-Hadith.

The Importance of Hadith

The status of Hadith is very high in Islam. The second source of Islamic guidelines is the Hadith and its first source is the Al-Quran. Therefore, the position of the Hadith is just second after the Al-Quran. The Hadith is like the explanation of the Al-Quran. In the Al-Quran Allah has given many guidelines for mankind. After that He had explained those to men through the Prophet (Sm.). The following example will make the whole thing clear. We have been asked to perform Salat in the Al-Quran. But we have not been told how to perform it-whether to perform it one or together, how many Rakats, at what time, how to perform Ruku, Sijdah, etc. We get these things through the Hadith. The Prophet (Sm.) of Allah has given us these guidelines. He gave us practical demonstration of Salat by performing for himself Had there been no Hadith, we would never have learnt about these things. Therefore, the Hadith comes second only after the Quran in order of importance.

- 6) What is the first source of Islam?
- 7) What is the second source of Islamic guideline?
- 8) What is the explanation of Al-Quran?
- 9) Why Al-Hadith is called the explanation of Al-Quran? Explain with example.

Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) was the messenger of Allah. He was the messenger for mankind. We get the identity of Allah through him. He showed us the right path by the instruction of Allah. He ordered men to perform righteous deeds and to refrain themselves from evil deeds. These commandments and prohibitions are called Hadiths.

Holy Hadiths are very important for us. Almighty Allah has said, "Accept what the Rasul gives you and refrain from doing what he prohibits." (Sura Al-Hash, Ayat: 7)

Therefore, we shall study the Hadiths of the Prophet (Sm.). We shall understand the meanings of those and act accordingly. We shall abide by his Hadiths and refrain from doing the prohibited works.

10) Write the significance of Al-Hadith.

11) Why should we follow Al-Hadith?