



Chapter-3=Lesson-14

The Hadith in Establishing Moral and Human Values

Endeavour to uphold humanity, ethics and ideals are called moral and human values. The need for these values is extremely important for building up an ideal society. Moral and human values build up sound character in human beings. As a result, man achieves honour and dignity in the society. If everybody practices these values, peace is established in society.

- 1) **What is called moral and human values?**
- 2) **Why do we need moral and human values in the society?**

If there are no moral and human values in the society, peace is disturbed. Corruption, terrorism, theft, robbery, high jacking, cheating, etc. spread all around. Cultivation of the noble virtues, like kindness, affection, unity, love, etc. disappears. Men suspect one another. As a result, different types of anarchy are created and peace is disturbed.

- 3) **What will happen if there are no moral and human values?**

In Hadiths, our dear Prophet (Sm.) has instructed us about various moral and human behaviours. He has encouraged us to cultivate the qualities like kindness, forgiveness, equality, friendship, fraternity, love, cooperation among one another, he has forbidden us to tell lies, cheat, steal, rob, abuse and laugh at others. Jealousy, hatred, boastfulness, pride, flattery, etc. are also bad habits. These are conflicting with human ideals. These destroy moral values. The great Prophet (Sm.) has instructed us to refrain from these things as well.

- 4) **Which qualities should we cultivate to enrich moral values?**
- 5) **Which qualities destroys our moral values?**
- 6) **Write some qualities that are conflicting with human ideals.**
- 7) **Why has Prophet (Sm.) instructed us to refrain from bad qualities?**

He has said-

إِيَّاكُمْ وَالْحَسَدَ فَإِنَّ الْحَسَدَ يَأْكُلُ الْحَسَنَاتِ كَمَا تَأْكُلُ النَّارُ الْحَطَبَ

Meaning: 'You should refrain from jealousy because jealousy destroys righteous deeds exactly as fire burns out wood.' (Abu Daud)

- 8) **Which bad deed acts like a fire?**
- 9) **Why should we avoid jealousy?**
- 10) **'You should refrain from jealousy because jealousy destroys righteous deeds exactly as fire burns out wood.'** explain.

We can attain sound character by cultivating the noble virtues and keeping away from the evil habits. This helps us to protect our moral and human values. In this way the lessons of Hadith build us up as persons with high moral and human values.

11) How can we attain sound character?

In the Hadith, the character and biography of the great Prophet Muhammad (Sm.) has been described. Our dear Prophet (Sm.) was the possessor of excellent character. Allah himself has told the Prophet (Sm.)-

"Surely you are the possessor of a noble character." (Sura Al-Qalam, Ayat: 4)

The great Prophet (Sm.) was the best possible human being. He always exercised moral and human qualities. One of his titles was Al-Amin. The meaning of Al-Amin is faithful, trustworthy and truthful. He always spoke the truth and maintained honesty in both words and deeds. If anybody left anything in his custody, he would return it to him. He never told lies, broke promises or betrayed anyone. As a result, his enemies also called him Al-Amin faithful.

12) What is the meaning of Al-Amin?

13) Why did people call Prophet (sm) Al-Amin?

So, it is clear that, there was every kind of good qualities in the Prophet's (Sm.) character. He was forgiving, kind, hospitable and soft spoken. He never indulged in unfair and obscene deeds. Obscene activities and conversation was never seen in him. Throughout his life, he taught people about soundness of character practically. The ideals of the Prophet (Sm.) are glaring examples of upholding of moral and human values. If we follow the characteristics of our dear Prophet (Sm.), moral and human values will never be violated by us. Rather we shall build up as genuine human beings. Corruption and animal features will be removed from our character. The ideals of our holy Prophet (Sm.) are beautifully preserved in hadiths. These act as guidelines for human beings. We shall know these by reading hadiths and shall act accordingly.

14) Who is the processor of noble qualities?

15) Write the noble character of Hazrat Muhammad (sm)