
The Bequest of Nooh (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ)

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The ahadeeth of Tawheed from 'Silsilah Ahadeeth As-Saheehah' Chapters of Tawheed and the Shahadtayn

“When death was approaching the Prophet of Allaah Nooh (عليه السلام)¹ he said to his son: I will narrate to you my bequest; I command you with two things and prohibit you from two things. I command you with ‘*La ilaha ‘illaallaah*’.² if the seven heavens and the seven earths were placed upon a scale and ‘*La ilaha ‘illaallaah*’ was placed on the other, then ‘*La ilaha ‘illaallaah*’ would be heavier.

If the seven heavens and the seven earths were a closed off circle then ‘*La ilaha ‘illaallaah*’ would be able to break it.

The second thing I command you with is *Subhaanaallaahi wa bihamdihi*³ (Far is Allaah from imperfection and praise is for Him), since it is a supplication for everything, and by it the creation is given its provision.

I prohibit you from Shirk and pride. (The narrator said: I asked or someone asked): O Messenger of Allaah as for shirk then we know about it, but what is pride? Is it that one of us has sandals with two good straps?

The Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)⁴ answered: **No**.

He asked again: is it that one of us has companions and they sit with him?

The Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) again answered: **No**.

Someone asked: O Messenger of Allaah, what is pride?

He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: **ridiculing the truth and belittling the people and reviling them.**⁵

From the benefits of the hadeeth:

I say: there are many benefits from this hadeeth; I will suffice by indicating to some of them:

- 1- The permissibility of writing a bequest at the time of death.
- 2- The excellence of saying ‘*La ilaha ‘illaallaah*’ and saying *Subhaanallaah* and that they are a cause for the creation to receive provision from Allaah.

¹ (عليه السلام) (alaihis-salaam) Peace be upon him

² ‘*La ilaha ‘illaallaah*’ (لا اله الا الله) There is no deity truly worthy of being worshiped except Allaah.

³ (Far is Allaah from imperfection and praise is for Him)

⁴ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁵ Silsilah Saheehah: 134

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3- The scales on the Day of Judgment are true and real, and they have two pans. This is from the belief of the Ahl-ul Sunnah, opposing that of the Mu'tazilah and their followers in the modern times. Who do not believe that which has been affirmed regarding 'Aqeedah in the authentic ahadeeth, with the claim that these are Ahkbaar al-Ahad (singular narrations) which do not convey certainty. I have exposed this claim in my book 'with ustaadh at-Tantawee'.

4 – The seven earths are like the seven heavens. There are many ahadeeth regarding this in Bukhaaree and Muslim and in other books. Perhaps one day we will have time to follow up these ahadeeth and research them.

What supports these ahadeeth is the saying of Allaah Tabaraka wa Ta'aala⁶: **[It is Allaah Who has created seven heavens and of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven).]** i.e. they are similar in creation and in number.

So, you should not pay any attention to the one who explains it away, thereby it ends up as a negation of similarity as well as in numbers, being deceived by the Europeans and where their knowledge has reached to, from having gone up in to space however they do not know of seven earths, along with that they do not know about seven heavens.

Will we reject the speech of Allaah and the speech of His Messenger due to the ignorance of the Europeans and others along with them, declaring that the more they increase their knowledge of the universe, the more they increase in their ignorance of it. Allaah the Most Great has spoken the truth when He said: **[And of knowledge, you (mankind) have been given only a little].**

5 – That beautification with good clothing has nothing to do with pride what so ever. Rather, it is a matter which is permissible, because Allaah is Beautiful and He loves beauty, like the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said regarding this issue, as is narrated by Muslim in his 'Saheeh'.

6- Pride which has been equated with Shirk will not allow entrance in to Paradise for the one who has an equivalent of an atom's worth. That is the pride, which is rejecting the truth after it has been made clear, and defaming innocent people without truth.

So, the Muslim should be extremely cautious from being characterized with this type of pride, just like he should be extremely cautious from being characterized with the Shirk which places its companion in the Hell-fire for eternity.

⁶ Hallowed and The Most High (Tabaraka wa Ta'ala)