Hadith 15

Is Jihad in the Path of Allah Not the Best of Deeds?

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله ﷺ يقول: «إِنَّ أَوَّلَ النَّاسِ يُقْضَى يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَيْهِ رَجُلٌ اسْتُشْهِدَ، فَأُتِيَ بِهِ فَعَرَّفَهُ نِعَمَهُ فَعَرَفَهَا، قَالَ: فَمَا عَمِلْتَ فِيهَا؟ قَالَ: قَاتَلْتُ فِيكَ حَتَّى اسْتُشْهِدْتُ. قَالَ: كَذَبْتَ، وَلَكِنَّكَ قَاتَلْتَ لِأَنْ يُقَالَ: جَرِيءٌ، فَقَدْ قِيلَ. ثُمَّ أُمِرَ بِهِ فَسُحِبَ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ حَتَّى أُلْقِيَ فِي النَّارِ. وَرَجُلٌ تَعَلَّمَ الْعِلْمَ، وَعَلَّمَهُ وَقَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ، فَأُتِيَ بِهِ فَعَرَّفَهُ نِعَمَهُ فَعَرَفَهَا، قَالَ: فَمَا عَمِلْتَ فِيهَا؟ قَالَ: تَعَلَّمْتُ الْعِلْمَ، وَعَلَّمْتُهُ وَقَرَأْتُ فِيكَ الْقُرْآنَ. قَالَ: كَذَبْتَ، وَلَكِنَّكَ تَعَلَّمْتَ الْعِلْمَ لِيُقَالَ: عَالِمٌ، وَقَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ لِيُقَالَ: هُوَ قَارِئٌ، فَقَدْ قِيلَ. ثُمَّ أُمِرَ بِهِ فَسُحِبَ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ حَتَّى أُلْقِيَ فِي النَّارِ. وَرَجُلٌ وَسَّعَ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ، وَأَعْطَاهُ مِنْ أَصْنَافِ الْمَالِ كُلِّهِ، فَأُتِيَ بِهِ فَعَرَّفَهُ نِعَمَهُ فَعَرَفَهَا، قَالَ: فَمَا عَمِلْتَ فِيهَا؟ قَالَ: مَا تَرَكْتُ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ تُحِبُّ أَنْ يُنْفَقَ فِيهَا إِلَّا أَنْفَقْتُ فِيهَا لَكَ. قَالَ: كَذَبْتَ، وَلَكِنَّكَ فَعَلْتَ لِيُقَالَ: هُوَ جَوَادٌ، فَقَدْ قِيلَ. ثُمَّ أُمِرَ بِهِ فَسُحِبَ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ، ثُمَّ أُلْقِيَ فِي النَّارِ» .

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that he heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ say:

"The first person to be judged on the Day of Resurrection will be a man who was martyred. He will be brought forward, and Allah will make known to him His blessings, and he will acknowledge them. Allah will say: 'What did you do with them?' He will reply: 'I fought for Your sake until I was martyred.'

Allah will say: 'You have lied. Rather, you fought so that it would be said: "He is courageous", and that was said.' Then He will command that he be dragged on his face until he is thrown into the Fire.

Then there will be a man who acquired knowledge, taught it to others and recited the Qur'an. He will be brought forward, and Allah will make known to him His blessings, and he will acknowledge them. Allah will say: 'What did you do with them?' He will reply: 'I acquired knowledge, taught it to others and recited the Qur'an for Your sake.'

Allah will say: 'You have lied. Rather, you acquired knowledge so that it would be said: "He is a scholar", and you recited the Qur'an so that it would be said: "He is a reciter", and that was said.' Then He will command that he be dragged on his face until he is thrown into the Fire.

Then there will be a man whom Allah had made wealthy and to whom He had granted all kinds of wealth. He will be brought forward, and Allah will make known to him His blessings, and he will acknowledge them. Allah will say: 'What did you do with them?' He will reply: 'I did not leave any cause which You love to see wealth spent upon except that I spent on it for Your sake.'

Allah will say: 'You have lied. Rather, you did that so that it would be said: "He is generous", and that was said.' Then He will command that he be dragged on his face and thrown into the Fire."

Reported by Muslim, Ahmad and al-Nasa'i.

Hadith 16

The Effect of the Knowledge and Guidance Brought by the Messenger Muhammad on Different Types of People

عن أبي موسى الأشعري رضي الله عنه، عن النبي ﷺ قال: «مَثَلُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللهُ بِهِ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْعِلْمِ كَمَثَلِ الْغَيْثِ الْكَثِيرِ أَصَابَ أَرْضًا، فَكَانَ مِنْهَا نَقِيَّةٌ قَبِلَتِ الْمَاءَ، فَأَنْبَتَتِ الْكَلَأَ وَالْعُشْبَ الْكَثِيرَ، وَكَانَتْ مِنْهَا أَجَادِبُ أَمْسَكَتِ الْمَاءَ، فَنَفَعَ اللهُ بِهَا النَّاسَ، فَشَرِبُوا وَسَقَوْا وَزَرَعُوا، وَأَصَابَتْ مِنْهَا طَائِفَةً أُخْرَى إِنَّمَا هِيَ قِيعَانٌ لَا تُمْسِكُ مَاءً وَلَا تُنْبِتُ كَلَأً، فَذَلِكَ مَثَلُ مَنْ فَقُهَ فِي دِينِ اللهِ وَنَفَعَهُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللهُ بِهِ، فَعَلِمَ وَعَلَّمَ، وَمَثَلُ مَنْ لَمْ يَرْفَعْ بِذَلِكَ رَأْسًا، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلْ هُدَى اللهِ الَّذِي أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ.»

Abu Musa al-Ash'ari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

"The example of the guidance and knowledge with which Allah sent me is that of abundant rain which falls upon the land. Some of the land is fertile and absorbs the water, causing abundant vegetation and grass to grow. Some of it is hard ground which retains the water, and through it Allah benefits people, who drink from it, give their animals water and cultivate the land. Another part of it is barren land which neither retains water nor produces vegetation.

This is the example of the person who gains understanding of the religion of Allah and benefits from what Allah sent me with, so he learns and teaches others. It is also the example of the person who pays no attention to it and does not accept the guidance of Allah with which I was sent."

Reported by al-Bukhari, Muslim and Ahmad.

Hadith 17

Truthfulness & Lying and Their Consequences

عن عبد الله بن مسعود رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله ﷺ: «عَلَيْكُمْ بِالصِّدْقِ؛ فَإِنَّ الصِّدْقَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَإِنَّ الْبِرَّ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ، وَمَا يَزَالُ الرَّجُلُ يَصْدُقُ وَيَتَحَرَّى الصِّدْقَ حَتَّى يُكْتَبَ عِنْدَ اللهِ صِدِّيقًا، وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَالْكَذِبَ؛ فَإِنَّ الْكَذِبَ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْفُجُورِ، وَإِنَّ الْفُجُورَ يَهْدِي إِلَى النَّارِ، وَمَا يَزَالُ الرَّجُلُ يَكْذِبُ وَيَتَحَرَّى الْكَذِبَ حَتَّى يُكْتَبَ عِنْدَ اللهِ كَذَّابًا.»

Abdullah ibn Mas‘ud (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

“Adhere to truthfulness, for truthfulness leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise. A man continues to speak the truth and strive to be truthful until he is recorded with Allah as a truthful person.

Beware of lying, for lying leads to wickedness, and wickedness leads to the Fire. A man continues to lie and strive to lie until he is recorded with Allah as a liar.”

Reported by al-Bukhari, Muslim, Ahmad and others. The wording is that of Muslim.