

REVIEW: AHLUL BAYT & BILAL (R)

Yesterday we learnt about Hasan and Husayn (r) and how the Prophet (s) showed his love to children. He also showed love to Usamah. He made dua for them, that o Allah I love them, you love them also.

The Prophet (s) called his grandsons rayhaan: basil / flowers.

So children should be treated like they were flowers: handle gently.

And when you talk about them, say positive things, otherwise their confidence will shatter.

Children are your sadaqah jaariyah: so teach them well.

Children are different in their appearances, their colour, features, shape of nose, etc. are different, so never belittle them, make fun of them or treat them differently because of these things. The Prophet (s) had Usamah and Hasan in his lap at the same time, while they differed so much.

Children begin to feel inferior because these differences are highlighted so much.

Do not beat children.

Do not mention your worries and problems before your children: Children need strong, confident parents, not weak hearted.

Action points? From Bilal (r)

The Prophet (s) heard the footsteps of Bilal in paradise more than once. He asked him about his deeds. What was it?

1. Whenever he lost wudu he made wudu
2. Whenever he made wudu, he prayed nawaafil.

If someone were to ask us, what is that deed because of which you hope for Allah's reward? What would we say? Is there something we are doing in order to earn His closeness?

Sajdah is what brings one near to Allah. Every prostration increases our rank. With each prostration the servant draws near to his Lord.

Nawaafil prayers are a means of entry into paradise, so those who don't even pray fard what are they doing?

What is the cure to waswasah? Negative thoughts? Wudu. But shaytan whispers even when a person is making wudu. So do not listen to it, make wudu and exit the bathroom as quickly as possible.

Who are included in Ahlu Bayt?

1. The family of Banu Hashim and Banu Muttalib. This includes the family of Ja'far, Ali, Aqeel, Abbas, Haris - [3 ains, and 2 Haa]
2. Wives of the Prophet (s)

If we don't even know who the Ahlul-Bayt are, how are we supposed to love them? These are matters we should be fully aware of.

Bilal r - a very important quality of his: He was Mu'addhin: One who gave adhan for the Prophet (s). He was not able to pronounce Sheen. Either in his language there was no sheen or he was not able to. REgardless of that, the Prophet (s) appointed him as the Muaddhin.

What were his other qualities? part of his personality?

Daily we ask: Ihdinas siratl mustaqeem.

So what is that way? It is the way of the 'people' whom Allah was pleased with. So what was in those people? What was their character?

=> Istiqamah: steadfastness: despite hardships and suffering. He said ahad ahad! The adults would get tired of beating him up, and handed him over to children to drag him. He didn't give up. This is Istiqamah: that no matter what we suffer, come as it may, we do not stop / change. We have made our lives / ways under people: If they are happy, good to us we will continue. But if they are mean to us, are not happy, then we will also stop? Be brave! Don't be afraid of people. Stay firm. If there is some hurdle in your way home, what will you do? Not go home? You will find an alternate route, seek someone's help. What is our real home? Jannah. That is the place where Allah made our father Adam stay. Shaytan got him out of jannah, and Allah showed that if we listen to shaytan then we cannot stay in Jannah. we can't go home. Man: best creation, for him: best destination: Jannah: Allah's mercy. And only the one on whom is Allah's mercy can enter Jannah. Allah's mercy is near the muhsineen: Those who do good. So if you want to go home, your real home, then no matter what obstacles and hurdles shaytan places in your way, do not stop your journey. Surah Falaq, Surah Naas. When did you last read them? What do you seek refuge against? So many evils: where are these evils? They are external: creation, night, magicians, those who are jealous.

In Surah Naas: which evil do you seek refuge against? shaytan, the sharr which he puts in our heart, this sharr is far greater, which is why you seek refuge in Allah three times: I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind, King of

mankind, God of mankind. So what evil is greater? the external one or the internal one? The internal one: which shaytan puts inside us: laziness, worry, fear, sadness, weakness, stinginess - its because of these evils we are not able to do anything. If we want to move forward in our journey we have to overcome these hurdles. Only then can we excel, run in Allah's way, in doing good, in seeking ilm.

I ask You of the highest degrees in Jannah.

These highest degrees can only be attained by doing something.

We are learning about the companions so we can follow their ways.

What happens in marathons? Have you seen them? What happens? When you see people running, so many of them, they run so fast, there is a sense of energy. If you try to run the same distance on your own, it would be very difficult. So we are also in a marathon here: we feed off of each others' energy.

Bilal: had neither wealth, nor the physical looks, family, tribe, business, but look at his status near Allah and His Messenger. What brought him so high? That Allah has put love for him in the hearts of so many people. We think honour is because of material things, but real eternal honour comes from obedience to Allah.