



## Commentary on the Book Sincere Counsel to the Students of Sacred Knowledge- Part 7<sup>1</sup>

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**Text:** “...Take Heed, My Son, for your own benefit, and regret your previous shortcomings. Work hard to attain the company of those who have achieved perfection while you still have time. Water your tree while there is still some moisture left in it, and remember the time you have wasted for that indeed is a sufficient reminder. As time has passed, the delight of laziness has vanished and the levels of virtuous deeds have been missed. Indeed, our pious predecessors loved to enact every virtue and would cry out of missing just one...”<sup>2</sup>

**Commentary:** “In this is a notification for his son to preserve his time and utilize the good portion of his youth in the obedience of Allah. And also to be eager to collect the benefits and not be negligent regarding them. The one who wishes to obtain some benefit, should have a notebook, a pen, he should sit with a Scholar, and benefit from him. And if the lesson occurs, he attends. [By doing so] he will be proficient and will obtain [knowledge]. Yes”

**Text:** “...Ibraahim Ibn Adham, may Allah bestow His mercy upon him...”

**Commentary:** “This person was Sufi”

**Text:** “...We once went to visit a worshiper who was sick and found him crying, looking at his feet. We asked, “Why are you crying? To which he replied, “They did not become dirty in the path of Allah...”

**Commentary:** “It is as if he is crying for missing righteous deeds, like praying and fasting etc. “They did not become dirty in the path of Allah” that is: in the path of Allah, striving in the path of Allah. He specified in the path of Allah to mean jihad although the wording is general”.

<sup>1</sup> The following is a translation and transcription of the ninth tape of the Shaikh’s commentary. The original tape can be found here: [http://www.sh-yahia.net/nwe\\_sounds/durus/Gesture%20to%20the%20liver%20advice%20boy/009.mp3](http://www.sh-yahia.net/nwe_sounds/durus/Gesture%20to%20the%20liver%20advice%20boy/009.mp3)

<sup>2</sup> The English translation of the text is based on the translation of the book *Sincere Counsel To the Students of Sacred Knowledge* printed by Dar as-Sunnah Publishers

**Text:** “...Another person cried, and they asked: “Why are you crying”? He answered: Due to a day that passed without me fasting it and a night that passed without me standing it...”

**Commentary:** “That is: the time passed him and he did not continue to fast. If he was fasting perpetually, then this is not called fasting for the sake of Allah. If he intends that he perpetually fasted except for one day, then this not Legislated. It is not allowed to fast perpetually<sup>3</sup>. If he means he was free to fast, but he fasted the obligatory fasts and was deficient in regards to the voluntary fasts, then is regret of many people. As for the first meaning, then this is not something to regret”

**Text:** “...Know my son, that days consist of hours and hours are made of the breaths you take. Every breath is a treasure chest, so beware of letting a breath pass by with no benefit...”

**Commentary:** “Every breath you breathe leaves and if you die [you leave the worldly life]. All of it is treasure chest. If he uses it in the obedience of Allah, the treasure will remain when he is still here [in the worldly life]. If he passes away, the treasure chest of your Creator will remain.

And from the angle of the Hadith:

**طُوبَى لِمَنْ وَجَدَ فِي صَحِيفَتِهِ اسْتِغْفَارًا كَثِيرًا**

Glad tidings to those who find a lot of seeking forgiveness in the record of their deeds [Saheeh Musnad no. 548]”

**Text:** “...Indeed, a man once said to ‘Amr ibn ‘Abd Qais: Stop, I want to talk to you., so he said to him: Hold the sun in your hands [i.e. stop me] so I can talk to you...”

**Commentary:** “When the sun moves, the time will be lost. The sun cannot be stopped so that one can talk [i.e. and waste time]”

**Text:** “...The Prophet (ﷺ) said in a hadith: “Whoever says: Glory be to Allah, the Exalted and all praise is His will have a palm tree planted for him in Paradise due to that...”

<sup>3</sup> The proof for this is the Hadith reported from Abdullah ibn Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (ﷺ) who said: “**There is no fasting for the one who fasts perpetually**” [Agreed upon]

**Commentary:** “Whoever says: Glory be to Allah, the Exalted and all praise is His will have a palm tree planted for him in Paradise due to that. If you sit for an hour, you can obtain millions of trees and you are [instead] sitting silently? By Allah, its a loss”

**Text:** “...Forty of them would pray the morning prayer with the wudu of ‘Isha [i.e. they would stay up all night praying]...”

**Commentary:** “That is with the wudu of ‘Isha due to standing of night. They would pray Maghrib and/or Isha and then pray until Fajr. They did not need wudu because they did sleep such as to break their wudu”

**Text:** “...Rabi’a al-’Adawiyya used to pray the whole night...”

**Commentary:** “It is mentioned that she was a *Zindeeqab* (an apostate). Her condition is one which is differed on. She was accused of apostasy.

[The Shaikh then asks some of his students to get the books of biographies to check the biography of Rabi’a al-’Adawiyya. One of the students reads her biography to the Shaikh. For some of that biography, see the footnotes mentioned in the English translation of the *Sincere Counsel To the Students of Sacred Knowledge* (pg. 52-53)]

**Text:** “...used to pray the whole night, and when dawn came she lay down for a bit and then got up frightened, saying to herself: “Sleep in the grave is long”...”

**Commentary:** “Some of the salaf said:

يَا رِجَالَ اللَّيْلِ جِدُّوا      رَبَّ دَاعٍ لَا يُرَدُّ

O Men of the night, strive  
Perhaps one who calls [to Allah] is not rejected<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> These lines can be found in *Lataaif al-Ma’arif* of Haidh Ibn Rajab (pg. 191)

\*\*\*\*\* End of the Ninth tape \*\*\*\*\*