



## Commentary on the Book Sincere Counsel to the Students of Sacred Knowledge- Part 6<sup>1</sup>

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**Text:** “...He has planned my life and cultivated me in a beautiful fashion, guiding me towards what is best for me. He has protected me from my enemies, the jealous, and those who might plot against me. He has made everything convenient for my studies of Sacred Knowledge...”<sup>2</sup>

**Commentary:** “This is the bounty of Allah, the Exalted that the student or the caller to Allah, if he is afflicted with enemies or jealous people who try to preoccupy him, that he turns towards knowledge. So this is remembering the bounty of Allah over him that Allah protected him from the enemies. There is not a person of good or a person of knowledge and guidance, whether he is young in age or old, except he has enemies and those who are jealous of him from the supporters of Shaytan and those whom he whispers to. So like this, it is necessary to increase in the recitation of *Qul Huwa Allahu Ahd* and the *Mu’awadhatayn*, whether it be a student, a man, a woman, or the rest of the people. Yes”.

**Text:** “...and sent me books from unexpected places. He gave me good understanding, the ability to memorize, and write quickly...”

**Commentary:** “Now, his intent is not simply to mention his biography. But he only mentions his biography so that his son can have these good qualities: memorization, strength in summoning [knowledge], faculty of the mind etc. Yes”.

**Text:** “...He put a great deal of acceptance of me into the people’s hearts and made the impact of my words leave them not questioning the authenticity of what I had to say...”

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<sup>1</sup> The following is a translation and transcription of the eighth 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/008.mp3](http://www.sh-yahia.net/nwe_sounds/durus/Gesture%20to%20the%20liver%20advice%20boy/008.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

**Commentary:** “He mentioned that his speech had a great acceptance with the people until even some of the slaves requested for him to give a khutbah about freeing slaves. This was so perhaps the people would be encouraged to do so. But he did not do so. One jumu'ah passed, and then a second Jumu'ah etc. Until an issue came to him requiring to freeing a slave. So he freed the slave. Then he gave the people an eloquent sermon about freeing the slaves and the excellence of that. Thousands of slaves were then freed as a result of that. They said to him: “Why did you delay giving the sermon”? He said: “I did not do so because I did not find a slave to free. So I would be commanding you in that which I do not do. Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَ تَقُولُونَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ

O you who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do? “[61:2]

So when it became easy for him to free a slave, he gave the sermon.

He was eloquent”.

**Text:** “...Approximately 200 *thimmis* [i.e. people of the book who live in Muslim lands according to a truce contract] have become Muslim at my hands and over 10 000 sinners have repented in my gatherings...”

**Commentary:** “Over 10 000 made repentance due to the acceptance of his speech and Allah give him capability and eloquence in admonishments. More than 10 000 of those who were disobedient repented and more than 200 non-Muslims accepted Islam at his hands. It is a great bounty of Allah.”.

**Text:** “...And run till I was out of breath so no-one would precede me...”

**Commentary:** “He would run so that he could be close to the Scholar and the Shaikh. He would not say: “It’s okay, it is fine [not to be close to the Shaikh]”. He would run till he was out of breath so that he can arrive and be near [to the Scholar]. He says this so that his son can benefit from the Scholars”.

**Text:** “...I would start my day having nothing to eat and finish it having nothing to eat. Never did Allah degrade me to take from another person...”

**Commentary:** “This is also beautiful. That he held fast to chastity and not asking others. Despite having nothing to eat, he still held to honor. Honoring himself by not asking the creation. Allah granted him provision and honored him”

**Text:** “...I will tell you the whole story in one single sentence, and that is Allah’s saying:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللَّهُ

Fear Allah, and Allah shall teach you [2: 282]”

**Commentary:** “Mashallah. Look at [his experience] and what he achieved. The point which everything revolves around and which his entire story can be summarized with is:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللَّهُ

Fear Allah, and Allah shall teach you [2: 282]

It is as if he is saying: O my son if you fear Allah, have the glad tidings of good and knowledge. He will teach you knowledge, asceticism, fiqh, mannerism, and everything which is received and benefited from the Taqwa of Allah”.

\*\*\*\*\* End of the Eighth tape \*\*\*\*\*