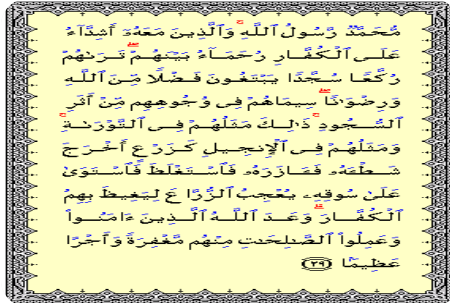




Character Building for the Muslim Youth

Lesson 9: Respect for Allah, His Messengers, and those who followed them



Objective: 48:29

The student should reflect upon the meaning of the words “Respect for Allah, His Messengers, and those who followed them,” inshaAllah. By showing students real examples from the present about Aqeedah and what we believe as Muslims, they will be able to visually see its effect upon the individual, the community, and the recipient, may Allah make them successful ameen.

Imaam al-Awzaa'ee said:

"So make yourself patient upon the Sunnah, and stop where the people stopped, and say what they said, and refrain from what they refrained from. Travel upon the path of your righteous Salaf, for verily sufficient for you is what was sufficient for them."

Our Dawah – (The Correct Creed)

(Parts excerpted from the dawah of Al-' Allaamah Muqbil Ibn Haadee aI- Waadi'ee and others from the A'immah of the Salaf)

[1]: We believe in Allaah and His Names and Attributes, as they were mentioned in the Book of Allaah and in the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wa sallam) without tahreef (distortion), nor ta'weel (figurative interpretation), nor tamtheel (making a likeness), nor tashbeeh (resemblance), nor ta'teel (denial).

[2]: We believe that calling upon the dead and seeking aid from them, and similarly with the living, in that which no one besides Allaah is capable of, is Shirk with Allaah. Likewise,

believing that charms and amulets can bring about benefit along with Allaah, or without Allaah is Shirk, and carrying them without that belief is superstition.

[3]: We take the Book and the Sunnah upon their apparent meanings, and we do not perform ta'weel, except through a proof that necessitates ta'weel (figurative interpretation) of the Book and the Sunnah.

[4]: We believe that the Believers will see their Lord in the Hereafter, without inquiry into the modality. And we believe in the Intercession (ash-Shafaa'ah) and in the people of Tawheed being taken out of the Fire.

[5]: We love the Companions (radiyallaahu 'anhum) of the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wa sallam) and we hate those who speak against them. We believe that to speak ill of them is to speak ill of the Religion, because they are the ones who conveyed it to us. And we love the Family of the Prophet (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) with love that is permitted by the Sharee'ah.

[6]: We love the People of Hadeeth and all of the Salaf of the Ummah from Ahlus- Sunnah.

[7]: We despise 'ilmul-kalaam (knowledge of theological rhetoric, philosophy), and we view it to be from amongst the greatest reasons for the division in the Ummah.

[8]: We do not accept anything from the books of fiqh (jurisprudence), nor from the books of tafseer (explanation of the Qur'aan), nor from the ancient stories, nor from the Seerah (biography) of the Prophet (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) except that which has been confirmed from Allaah or from His Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wa sallam). We do not mean that we have rejected them, nor do we claim that we are not in need of them. Rather, we benefit from the discoveries of our Scholars and the jurists and other than them. However, we do not accept a ruling, except with an authentic proof.

[9]: We do not cover in our lessons, nor do we give sermons with anything except the Qur'aan, or the authentic and authoritative hadeeth. And we detest what emanates from many books and admonishers in terms of false stories and weak and fabricated ahaadeeth.

[10]: We do not perform takfeer upon any Muslim due to any sin, except Shirk with Allaah, or the abandonment of Prayer, or apostasy. We seek refuge in Allaah from that.

[11]: We believe that the Qur'aan is the Speech of Allaah, it is not created.

[12]: We hold co-operation with any Muslim upon the truth to be obligatory and we declare ourselves free in front of Allaah from the calls of Jaahiliyyah (pre-Islamic times of ignorance).

[13]: We do not deem it correct to revolt against the Muslim rulers as long as they are Muslims, nor do we feel that revolutions bring about reconciliation. Rather, they corrupt the community.

[14]: We hold that the da'wah (call) of the Ikhwaan ul-Muslimeen is not an upright and righteous da 'wah that brings about the rectification of the community. Indeed, their da'wah is political, not religious. It is also a da'wah of innovation, because it is a call to making unknown allegiance and a da'wah of fitnah (trial, discord) founded upon innovation, and all of it is built upon innovation.

[15]: We advise the brothers who work amongst them to abandon them, until nothing of their time is afforded to that which does not benefit Islaam and the Muslims. And it is upon the Muslim that his priority be to Allaah in aiding Islaam and the Muslims upon the hand of any Muslim under any Jamaa' ah.

[16]: We restrict our understanding of the Book of Allaah and of the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wa sallam) to the understanding of the Salaf of the Ummah from the Scholars of hadeeth, not the blind-followers of these individuals. Rather, we take the truth from wherever it comes. And we know that there are those who claim Salafiyah, yet Salafiyah is free from them, since they bring to society what Allah has prohibited.

[17]: We believe that politics is a part of the Religion, and those who try to separate the Religion from politics are only attempting to destroy the Religion and to spread chaos. Likewise, what has been spread in some of the Islaamic countries that, 'The Religion is for Allaah, but the state is for the people,' is a call of jaahiliyyah. Rather, everything must be for Allaah. Similarly, in the arena of da'wah (calling to Allaah) and current affairs, the Salafis are distinguished from the innovated and pretentious methodologies of the political activists, who under the guise of following the Salaf and the contemporary 'Ulamaa, rouse the emotions and sentiments of the common-folk, take them away from the firmly established scholars and merely call to themselves.

[18]: We believe there will be no honour or victory for the Muslims until they return to the Book of Allaah and to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wa sallam).

[19]: We hate for the sake of Allah, all those who oppose this methodology and the Sharee'ah. And we believe that all of the people are divided into two parties: the party of Allaah, and they are those who establish the pillars of Islaam and the pillars of eemaan (faith). And there is the party of Shaytaan, and they are those who wage war against the Sharee'ah of Allaah.

[20]: We oppose those who divide the Religion between trivial issues and important issues. And we know that this is a destructive da 'wah.

[21]: We oppose those who put down the knowledge of the Sunnah, and say that this is not the time for it. Likewise, we oppose those who put down acting upon the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wa sallam).