

Planting the Seed of Nahjul Balagha

Session 4- Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul
Balagha



Reminder

- * Just like how a seed needs the right elements to grow, the seed of Nahjul Balagha also needs the right elements to grow in your heart:
- * **Soil:** You will need to have the love of Imam Ali (a) in your heart.
- * **Sun:** You will need the desire of seeking knowledge
- * **Fertilizer:** You will need to seek the help of Allah in acquiring knowledge about Nahjul Balagha



Thinking Time!

- * Which members of the Ahlul Bayt do we think are described in
 - * Nahjul Balagha?



Example #1 Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul Balagha

Look at the people of the Prophet's family. Adhere to their direction. Follow their footsteps because they would never let you out of guidance, and never throw you into destruction.

If they sit down, you sit down, and if they rise up you rise up. Do not go ahead of them, as you would thereby go astray and do not lag behind of them as you would thereby be ruined.


I have seen the companions of the Prophet but I do not find anyone resembling them. They began the day with dust on the hair and face (in hardship of life) and passed the day. Sometimes they put down their foreheads and sometimes their cheeks.

With the recollection of their resurrection it seemed as though they stood on live coal. It seemed that in between their eyes there were signs like knees of goats, resulting from long prostrations.

Example #1 Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul Balagha Continued

When Allah was mentioned their eyes flowed freely till their shirt collars were drenched. They trembled for fear of punishment and hope of reward as the tree trembles on the day of stormy wind.

- Khutba 97

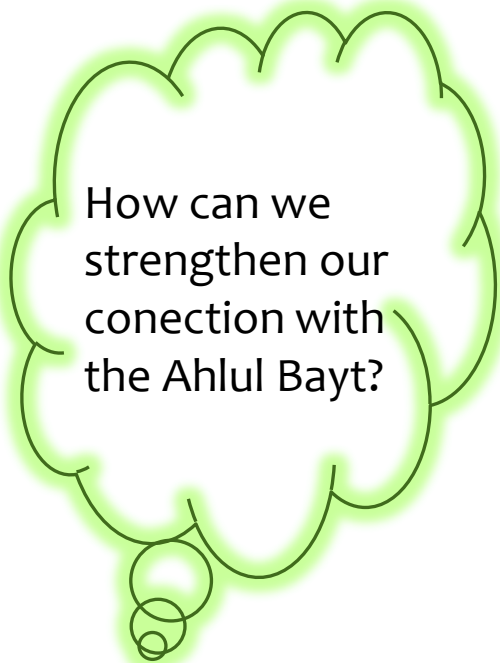


How can we
show respect
to the Ahlul
Bayt?

Example #2 Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul Balagha

The delicacies of the Qur'an are about them (Ahlul Bayt, the descendants of the Prophet) and they are the treasurers of Allah. When they speak they speak the truth, but when they keep quiet no one can speak unless they speak.

- Khutba 154



How can we
strengthen our
connection with
the Ahlul Bayt?

Example #3 Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul Balagha

Beware! The example of the descendants (Ali) of Muhammad - peace and blessing of Allah be upon him and his descendants - is like that of stars in the sky. When one star sets another one rises. So you are in a position that Allah's blessings on you have been perfected and He has shown you what you used to wish for.

- Khutba 100



In the khutba what is being compared to the stars in the sky?

Example #4 Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul Balagha



They are life for knowledge and death for ignorance.

They do not go against right nor do they differ

They are the pillars of Islam

With them right has returned to its position

and wrong has left its place

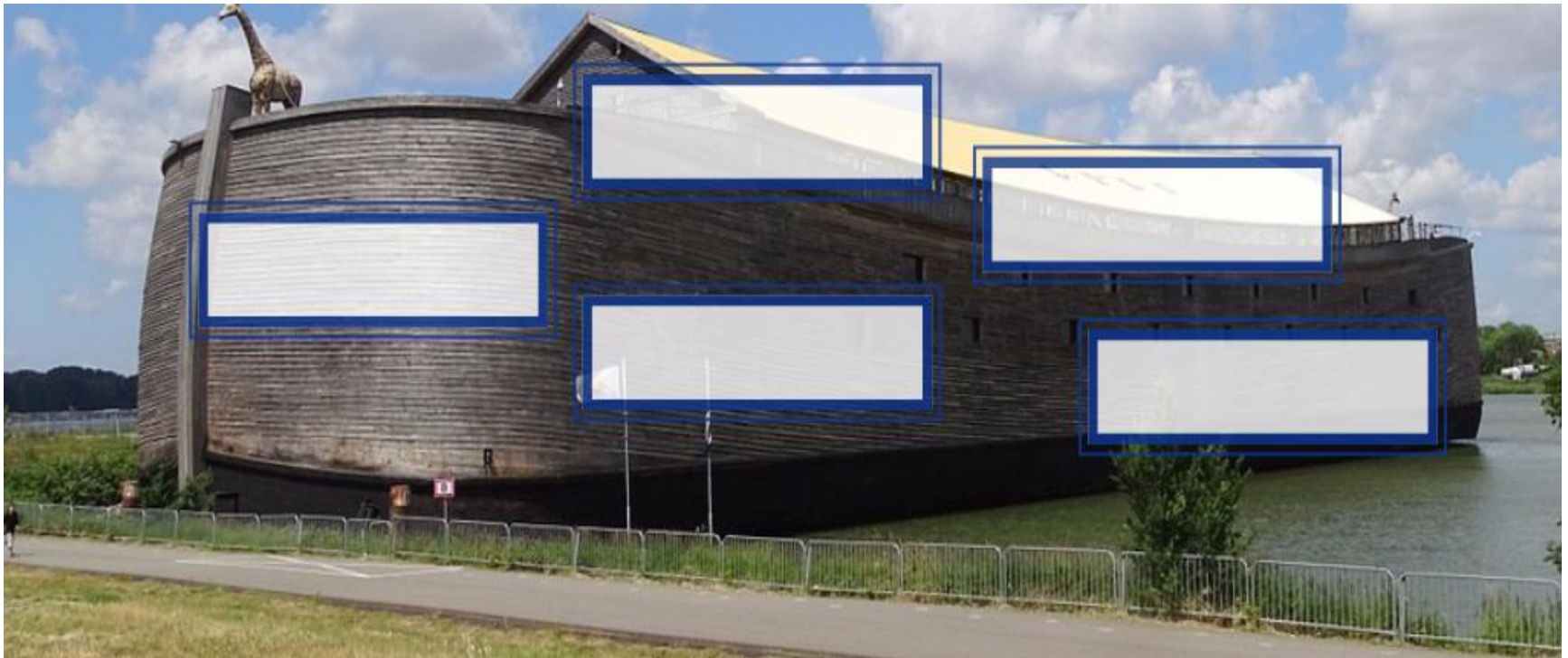
and its tongue is severed from its root.

- Khutba 239

How have the
Ahlul Bayt
been
described in
this khutba?

Writing Time!

Who are the members of the Ahlul Bayt (a)? If you know any of their titles, write those in the Ark below as well.



Planting Time!

- * Using the template, trace four of the leaves of and on each leaf write one new fact that you learned about Nahjul Balagha.



Preparing the Tree for the Blossom

- * The leaves you create will be added to your tree of knowledge about Nahjul Balagha. The more leaves that get added to your tree, the better your tree will look.

