

Planting the Seed of Nahjul Balagha

Session 5- Islam 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!

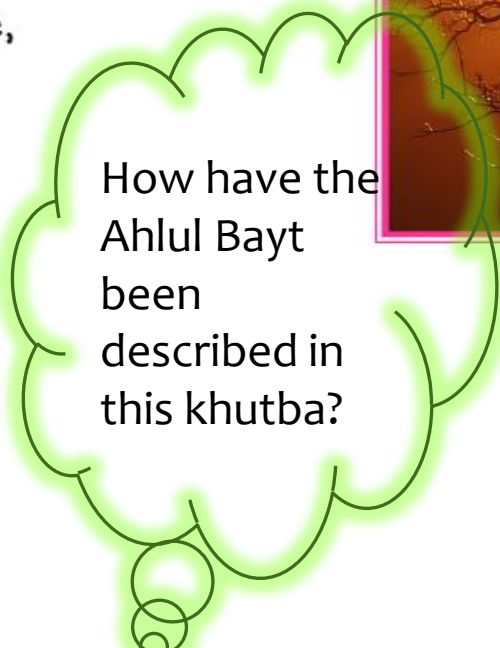
What facts about Islam do we think are described in Nahjul Balagha?



Example #1 Islam in Nahjul Balagha

So Allah made it (a source of):

peace for him who clings to it,
safety for him who enters it,
an argument for him who speaks about it,
a witness for him who fights with its help,
a light for him who seeks light from it,
sight for him who resolves,
lesson for him who seeks advice,
salvation for him who testifies,
confidence for him who trusts,
pleasure for him who entrusts,
and shield for him who endures.



How have the
Ahlul Bayt
been
described in
this khutba?



Example #2 Islam in Nahjul Balagha



It has:

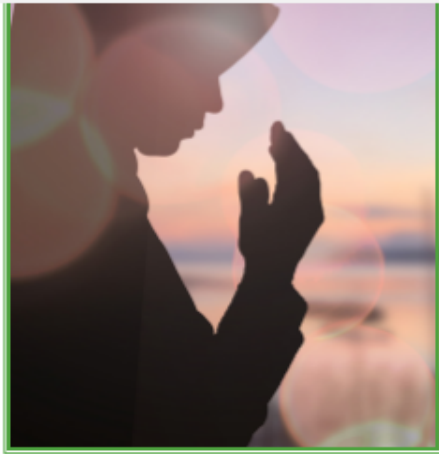
dignified minarets,
bright highways,
honourable field of activity,
and high objective.

It has a collection of race horses.
It is approached eagerly.
Its riders are honourable.
Testimony (of Allah, Prophet etc.) is its way,
Good deeds are its minarets,
death is its extremity,
this world is its race-course,
the Day of Judgement is its horses
and Paradise is its point of approach.

- Khutba 106

What does
khutba 106
discuss?

Example #3 Islam in Nahjul Balagha



The best means by which seekers of nearness to Allah, the Glorified, the Exalted, seek nearness, is

the belief in Him and His Prophet,
fighting in His cause, for it is the high pinnacle of Islam,
(to believe) in the kalimatu'l-'ikhlās for it is just nature
establishment of prayer for it is (the basis of) community,
payment of zakat (Islamic tax) for it is a compulsory obligation,
fasting for the month of Ramadan for it is the shield against chastisement,
the performance of hajj of the House of Allah (i. e. Ka'bah) and its 'umrah (other than annual visit) for these two acts banish poverty and wash away sins,
regard for kinship for it increases wealth and length of life,
to giving alms secretly for it covers shortcomings,
giving alms openly for it protects against a bad death
and extending benefits (to people) for it saves from positions of disgrace.

Based on the khutba, what is one way we can seek nearness to Allah?

Activity Time

Read Khutba 110 and select four means of seeking nearness to Allah (swt). For each point explain how you can implement it in your life.

Planting Time!

- * Using the template, trace four of the leaves 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.

