

Planting the Seed of Nahjul Balagha

Session 4- Ahlul Bayt and Islam in Nahjul Balagha



Words of Wisdom from Nahjul Balagha Hadith n.227

- * Amir al-mu'minin, peace be upon him, was asked about belief (iman) when he said: Belief means appreciation with the heart, acknowledgement with the tongue, and action with the limbs.

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Do not feel ashamed
for giving little,
because not giving
is smaller than that.

Imam Ali
Saying #67



Refresh the heart
with beautiful
wise sayings

Imam Ali
Saying #91

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The feet

Glory to Allah, he gave feet to the
ant and the goat and created
animals bigger than them like fish,
elephant and lion.

Sermon 165

Nasirul Balaqha



Saying 118

To miss an opportunity brings
about grief.

Nasirul Balaqha

I am All

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Be like the flower that gives its fragrance even to
the hand that crushes it

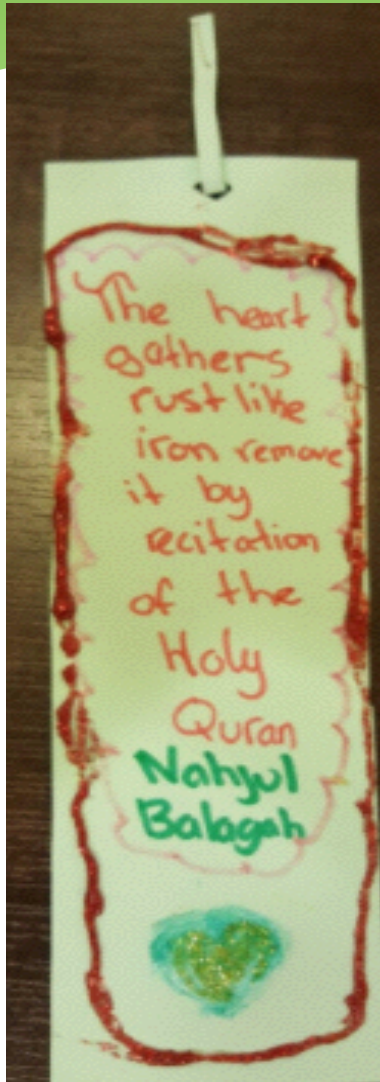
Imam Ali (as)



Hadith of Imam Ali (as)

He is really wise whose
actions reflect his words.

More Amazing Homework Submissions



You should never go
to sleep, know that
your neighbour is
hungry, and not
do anything about
it



The holy Quran
The Book of Allah is
among you, It Speaks and
its tongue does not fatter.
It is a house whose pillars
don't fall down, and a power
whose supporters are never
routed.

Friendly Reminders

- * As this is the final class students that actively participated in the course by completing the leaf scavenger hunt challenges/ optional assignments and the end of course survey are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Achievement** for successfully completing the course
- * If you completed leaf scavenger hunt challenges/ optional assignments and the end of course survey and do not receive your certificate by Thursday please send an email to fatima.siddiqah@hotmail.com

Continuing to Explore the Treasures in Nahjul Balagha After the Course Has Ended

- * **Create a Nahjul Balagha journal**
- * **Create a Nahjul Balagha art book**
- * **Create a memorization challenge for yourself**

Thinking Time!

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



Example #1 Ahlul Bayt in Nahjul Balagha

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.

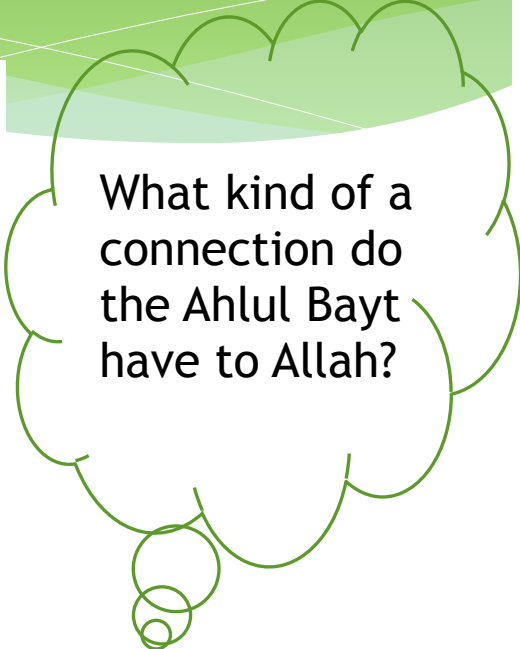
- Khutba 97

We should ensure that we do not fear others more than Allah SWT

لَأَنْتُمْ أَشَدُّ رَهْبَةً فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ ﷻ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ

Indeed they have a greater fear of you in their hearts than of Allah.

That is because they are a people who do not understand.
(Sūratul al-Hashr no.59, Āyat 13)

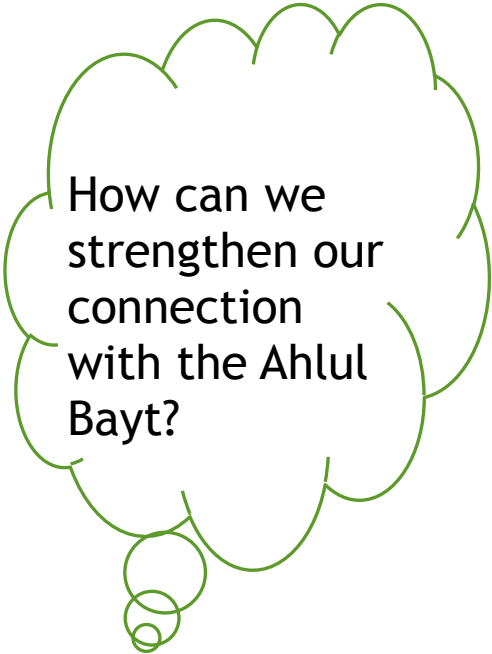


What kind of a connection do the Ahlul Bayt have to Allah?

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?

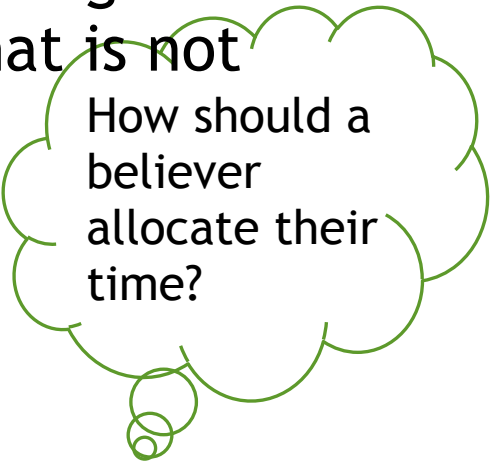
Thinking Time!

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



Example #1 Islam in Nahjul Balagha

Amir al-mu'minin, peace be upon him, said: The believer's time has three periods: The period when he is in communion with Allah; the period when he manages for his livelihood; and the period when he is free to enjoy what is lawful and pleasant. It does not behove a wise person to be away (from his house) save for three matters, namely for purposes of earning, or going for something for the next life or for enjoying what is not prohibited. Hadith n.390



How should a believer allocate their time?

Example #2 Islam in Nahjul Balagha



It has:

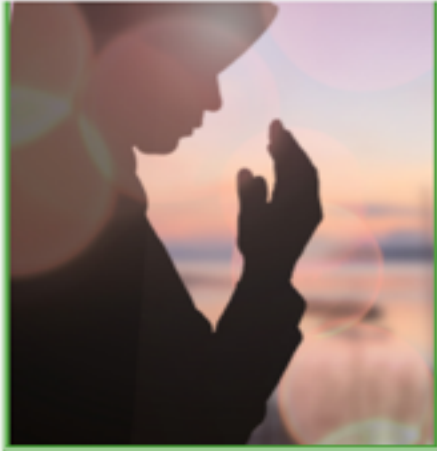
dignified minarets,
bright highways,
honourable field of activity,
and high objective.

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?

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- * Please remember us all in your du'as
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