

Forty Hadith for Memorization

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has said: *Whoever memorizes and preserves for my people forty Hadith pertaining to their religion, with the aim of seeking the pleasure of Allah and the Hereafter, Allah will raise him on the Day of Judgment in the company of Jurists and Religious Scholars.* (Wasā'il Shi'a v.27, p.94)

The following forty Hadith are from the Holy Prophet (s) and are simple and easy to memorize. Many of them are quite familiar. Mu'minūn can also add more Hadith to extend their collection. May the Almighty make us among those who memorize forty Hadith (and more) and act upon them.

1) اِمَّا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ

Actions are according to intentions (Al- Kāfī, v.8, p. 242)

2) كَفَى بِالْمَوْتِ وَاعِظًا

Death is enough as a warner (Al-Kāfī, v.3, p.682)

3) الْجَمَالُ فِي اللِّسَانِ

Beauty lies in the tongue (Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.37)

4) الْعِلْمُ خَزَائِنُ وَ مَفَاتِيحُهُ السُّؤَالُ

Knowledge is a treasure and its keys lie in questioning. (Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.41)

5) إِنَّ مِنْ الْيَقِينِ أَنْ لَا تُرْضِي أَحَدًا بِسَخَطِ اللَّهِ

From the signs of conviction is that you do not displease Allah by seeking to please anyone (Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.6)

6) أَنَا مَدِينَةُ الْعِلْمِ وَ عَلِيٌّ بَابُهَا

I am the city of knowledge and Ali is its gate (Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.430)

7) الْحَسَنُ وَ الْحُسَيْنُ سَيِّدَا شَبَابِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ

Hasan and Husayn are the leaders of the youths of Paradise (Al-Āmālī (al-Sadūq), p.57)

8) أُطْلَبُوا الْعِلْمَ تُرْشَدُوا

Seek knowledge, you will be rightly guided ('Uyūn al-Hikam wal Mawa'idah, p.89)

9) الصَّدَقَةُ تَدْفَعُ الْبَلَاءَ

Giving charity keeps away calamities
Tibbul-Aimma, p.123

10) الْكَلِمَةُ الطَّيِّبَةُ صَدَقَةٌ

A pleasant word is charity
Biḥār al-Anwār, v.74, p.85

12) النِّكَاحُ مِنْ سُنَّتِي

Marriage is from my practice
Biḥār al-Anwār, v.22, p.180

13) خَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ

The best of mankind is the one who is most useful to them
Mustdrakul Wasā'il, v.12, p.391

14) الْمُؤْمِنُ مِرْآةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ

A believer is the mirror of another believer
Biḥār al-Anwār, v.71 p.268

15) كَثْرَةُ الضُّحْكِ تُمَيِّتُ الْقَلْبَ

Excessive laughter deadens the heart
Majmū'āt Warrām, v.1, p.111

16) الدُّعَاءُ يَرْدُّ الْبَلَاءَ

Supplication turns away calamities
Al-Kāfī, v.4, p.303

17) مَنْ عَرَفَ نَفْسَهُ فَقَدْ عَرَفَ رَبَّهُ

Whoever knows himself knows his Lord

Biḥār al-Anwār, v.2, p.32

18) سَافِرُوا تَصِحُّوا

Travel, you will become healthier

Al- Kāfī, v.9, p.369

19) الصَّلَاةُ نُورُ الْمُؤْمِنِ

Salaat is the Light of a believer

Nahj al-Fasāha, p.550

20) لَا عِبَادَةَ كَالْتَفَكُّرِ

There is no worship like reflection

Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.6

21) أَفْضَلُكُمْ إِيمَانًا أَحْسَنُكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا

The best of you in faith are the ones with the best manners

Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.45

22) نَظَرُ الْوَالِدِ إِلَى وَالِدَيْهِ حُبًّا لَهُمَا عِبَادَةٌ

The glance of a child at his parents with love is worship (Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.46)

23) الْإِيمَانُ نِصْفَانِ نِصْفٌ فِي الصَّبْرِ وَ نِصْفٌ فِي الشُّكْرِ

Faith is two parts, half in patience and half in gratitude.

Tuḥaf al-Uqūl, p.48

24) خَيْرُ النِّكَاحِ أَيْسَرُهُ

The best marriage is the simplest

Nahj al-Fasāha, p.470

25) خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِهِ

The best of you is the best to his family
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.465

26) خَيْرُ الْأُمُورِ أَوْسَطُهَا

The best of actions is the moderate one
Al- Kāfī, v.6, p.541

27) تَحَفَّظُوا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ فَإِنَّهَا أُمُّكُمْ

Protect the earth for it is your mother
Biḥār al-Anwār, v.7, p.97

28) طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ فَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ

Seeking knowledge is obligatory on every Muslim
Al- Kāfī, v.1, p.30

29) الصُّمْتُ أَرْفَعُ الْعِبَادَةِ

Silence is the highest form of worship
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.551

30) الشَّدِيدُ مَنْ غَلَبَ نَفْسَهُ

Strong is the one who has self-control
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.535

31) قُلِ الْحَقُّ وَإِنْ كَانَ مُرًّا

Say the truth even if it is bitter
Al-Āmālī (al-Tūsī), p.541

32) أَحَبُّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ الصَّلَاةُ لَوْفَتِهَا

The best of actions with Allah is saying the salaah on time
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.167

33) أَذْلُ النَّاسِ مَنْ أَهَانَ النَّاسَ

The meanest of people is one who humiliates people
Al-Āmālī (al-Sadūq), p.21

34) دَعْوَةُ الْمَظْلُومِ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ

The prayer of the oppressed is answered
Biḥār al-Anwār, v.72, p.310

35) لَا يَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ مَنْ لَا يَشْكُرُ النَّاسَ

Those who do not thank people will not thank Allah
Al-Āmālī (al-Tūsī), p.383

36) مِالُكَ الْأَمْرِ حَوَاتِمُهُ

The value of something lies in how it ends
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.721

37) أَفْلَحَ مَنْ رُزِقَ لُبًّا

Successful is the one who has been granted wisdom
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.233

38) مَا مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ حَسَنٍ

There is no charity better than good words
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.708

39) لَيْسَ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ مُسْتَعْتَبٌ

There can be no apology after death
Mustdrakul Wasā'il, v.12, p.391

40) لَيْسَ مِمَّنَّا مَنْ تَشَبَّهَ بِغَيْرِنَا

Whoever imitates other than us is not from us
Nahj al-Fasāha, p.663.