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In The Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

“And your Lord said: “Invoke Me, [i.e. believe in My Oneness (Islamic Monotheism)] (and ask Me for anything) I will respond to your (invocation). Verily! Those who scorn My worship [i.e. do not invoke Me, and do not believe in My Oneness, (Islamic Monotheism)] they will surely enter Hell in humiliation!” *Al-Qur’an 40:60*

“Is not He (better than your gods) Who responds to the distressed one, when he calls Him, and Who removes the evil, and makes you inheritors of the earth, generations after generations. Is there any ilah (god) with Allah? Little is that you remember!” *Al-Qur’an 27:62*

The Amir al-Mu'minin 'Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said: “I heard the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) saying, 'Actions are only by intentions, and each man has only that which he intends. Whoever's emigration is for Allah and His Messenger, then his emigration is for Allah and His Messenger. Whoever's emigration is for some worldly gain which he can acquire or a woman he will marry, then his emigration is for that which he emigrates.” *al-Bukhari & Muslim*

Arabic honorific symbols used in this book

Allah's Name - **Subhanahu wa ta'ala** - *He is exalted above weakness and indignity*

Allah's Name - **'Azza wa-Jal** - *He is exalted and glorified*

Allah's Name - **Jalla Jalaluh** - *Exalted is His glory*

Prophet Muhammad - **Salla 'Llahu 'alayhi wa sallam** - *May Allah's peace and blessings be on him*

Prophets and Angels - **'Alayh is-Salam** - *Peace be on him*

A Male Companion - **Radiya 'Llahu 'anhu** - *May Allah be pleased with him*

A Female Companion - **Radiya 'Llahu 'anha** - *May Allah be pleased with her*

More than one Companion - **Radiya 'Llahu 'anhuma** - *May Allah be pleased with them*

A Past Scholar or Righteous Muslim - **Rahimahu 'Llah** - *May Allah have mercy on him*

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501 - It was said to al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him), “It is very difficult for us to stand at night.” He said, “Your sins are holding you back.” *The dispute of the highest Angels by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.37*

502 - Ash-Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "O Muslim, be consistent with the regular supererogatory (Sunnah) Prayers, imitating the excellent example of the Prophet (PBUH). Being consistent with supererogatory Prayers is also a way to compensate for any faults or deficiency that transpired in the obligatory prayer.

Man is prone to fall short and fail to achieve perfection, and therefore he is in need of something to compensate for his negligence.

For this reason - O Muslim - you cannot afford to neglect the regular supererogatory prayers, as this will earn you extra rewards, which you will find with your Lord." *A description of the supererogatory (Sunnah) prayers by Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Umar Bazmul*

503 - Imam Al-Awzaa’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Adhere to the narrations from those who have proceeded, even if the people reject you, and beware of the opinions of men, even if they beautify it with speech. So indeed the affair will become clear (for others), while you are upon a straight path regarding it.” *Bayhaqee in Al-Madkhal (no. 233) with an authentic chain of narrators*

504 - Sa’eed Ibn ‘Aamir (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Sulaymaan At-Taymee became extremely ill and began to cry greatly. So he was asked, ‘What causes you to cry? Are you in unrest from death?’ So he responded, ‘No, but I once passed by a Qadaree and gave him the salaams, so I fear that my Lord, the Mighty and Majestic, will take me to account for that!’” *Al-Hilyah, 3/32*

505 - Abu Darda (RA) said: “I love death because I long for my Lord, I love poverty because it makes me humble in front of my Lord, I love sickness because it expiates my sins.” *At-Tadhkirah, 1/84*

506 – Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said, "Ten things are not right without ten others –

1. intelligence without God-Consciousness;
2. superiority without knowledge;
3. success without fear;
4. power without justice;
5. noble lineage without manners;
6. happiness without security;
7. wealth without generosity;
8. poverty without contentment;
9. [having] a high and exalted position without humility;
10. and jihad without the guidance and support of Allah." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.54*

507 - Some of the people said to Ahmad bin Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him): “I find it difficult to say about a person that he has such and such problem, and so and so is like such and such.” Imam Ahmad said: “If you remain silent and I remain silent when will an ignorant person know the authentic from the unauthentic?!” *Majmoo Fatawa, 28/231*

508 - Ibn Hajar Al-Asqalani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The happy one is the one who sticks to what the Salaf were upon, and avoids what was innovated by the Khalaf." *Fath Al-Bari, 13/267*

509 - Abul-Ahwas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Abdullah said: ‘No one is born learned. Knowledge comes only by way of studies." *Az-Zuhd, p. 134*

510 - Abu Dharr Jimhir (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Six things equal everything in the dunya –

1. satisfying food,

2. a virtuous child,
3. a sensible wife,
4. wise speech,
5. a mature intellect,
6. and a healthy body." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.39*

511 - Ibn Al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "There are several ways in which Shaytaan fooled the Mushrikeen onto idol worship. He played with every nation in accordance with their mind set and way of thinking. He invited some people to idol worship through honouring the dead. These people sculptured idols in the shape of the righteous as had occurred with the people of Prophet Nooh (AS). This is why Allah's Messenger (PBUH) has cursed those who make masjids on graves and he forbade salaah (prayer) at graves." *Igaathat Al-Afhaan, 2/222-223*

512 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: "O World, try to deceive someone else. Are you trying to tempt me or attract me? No way! I divorce you irrevocably. Your time is short and you are insignificant. Alas! The provision is little, the journey is long and the way is lonely." *Al-Isti'aab, 3/1108*

513 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Innovation is more beloved to Iblees than sin, since a sin may be repented from but innovation is not repented from." *Al-Laalikaa'ee, 238, Sharh Usool I'tiqaad Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*

514- Abu Ad-Dardaa (RA) said: "You will not become an 'aalim (scholar) until you become a mut'alim (student) and you will not become a muta'alim (student) until you act upon the knowledge you posses." *Iqtidaa-u Al'Ilmi Al-'Amal, 29*

515 - Abul Hasan Al-Muzayyan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "A sin committed after another sin is a punishment for the first sin and a good deed that is done after another good deed is the reward for the first good deed." *Sifatuf Safwah, 2/456*

516 - Abu Haatim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Probing and seeking the faults of others is from the branches of hypocrisy just like thinking good of others is from the branches of faith. The intelligent one always has a good opinion of his brothers, and keeps his grief and sadness to

himself. As for the ignorant one, he has evil opinion of his brothers and does not think about his crimes and distress.” *Siyar A’lam an-Nubalaa*

517 – al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The believer has good opinion about his Lord so he is involved in good deeds, and the wicked person has evil thought about his Lord so he continues doing evil deeds.” *Ahmad in al-Zuhd, 348*

518 – Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “If I narrate to you from the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), then to fall from the heaven would be dearer to me than to tell lies about him.” *Fath Al-Baaree, 6/158*

519 - Ibn ‘Abbaas (RA) said: “Indeed the most detestable of things to Allah are the innovations.” *As-Sunan al-Kubraa, 4/316*

520 - Hassaan Ibn ‘Atiyah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “No people introduce innovation into their religion but an equivalent amount of Sunnah will be taken away.” *Al-Laalikaa’i in Sharh Usool I’tiqaad Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah*

521 - Al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Were it not for saints, the earth and everything in it would have been destroyed; were it not for the virtuous, the corrupt would have perished; were it not for scholars, people would have become like cattle; were it not for rulers, people would have killed one another; were it not for fools, the dunya would have been devastated out of neglect; and were it not for the wind, everything would have stagnated." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.40*

522 - Ibn Abbas (RA) said, “Allah has promised Paradise for the Believers who fear His position and fulfill all obligations.” *Feeling from the fire by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, P25*

523 - Al-Hasan (may Allah be pleased with him) said, ‘Paradise said: “O Lord, for whom did you create me?’ He, the Most High, replied, ‘For him who worships Me while fearing Me.’” *Feeling from the fire by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, P25*

524 - Yazid Ibn Abdullah (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “We used to discuss that the dweller of Hellfire is one whose fear of Allah did not deter him from sinning.” *Feeling from the fire by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, P25*

525 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said, ‘whoever rejects a hadeeth of Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) is on the brink of destruction.’ *Tabaqaatul Hanaabliyah (2/15) and by Ibn Battah in al-ibaaanatul-kubraa (1/97)*

526 - Imam al-Barbahaaree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The innovators are like scorpions. They bury their heads and bodies in the sand and leave their tails out. When they get the chance they sting; the same with the innovators who conceal themselves amongst the people, when they are able, they do what they desire.” *Tabaqaatul-Hanaabilah, 2/44*

527 - Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said, "If it were not claiming to know the unseen, I would bear witness that these five types of people will surely be from the people of Paradise –

1. the poor man who has to support a large family;
2. the wife whose husband is pleased with her;
3. the woman who gives her dowry to her husband, considering it an act of charity;
4. the one whose parents are pleased with him;
5. and the one who repents from sins." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.30*

528 - Umar Ibn Abdul-Aziz (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say when he got up in the morning, “I have no happiness except for my contentment with Allah’s qadaa and His qadr.” *The dispute of the highest Angels by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.57*

529 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If I heard a statement from the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), Allah (SWT) benefited me by it as much as He willed. If someone else told me of it, I would ask him to swear (that he heard it from the Prophet), and if he swore I would believe him.” *Ibn Maajah, 1395*

530 - Imam Abu Haneefah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "It is detested (hated) for the supplicator to say, 'I ask You by the right of so and so,' or, 'By the right of Your Prophets and Messengers,' or, 'By the right of the Sacred (Holy) House and the Sacred Sanctuary.'" *Sharhul 'Aqeedatit Tahaawiyyah, p. 234*

531 - Maalik Ibn Dinaar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Whoever proposed to the world, then the world would not be satisfied until he gave up his Deen as dowry." *Al-Bayhaqi, Al-Zuhd Al-Kabeer, p.100*

532 - Bakr Ibn 'Abdullaah Al-Muzani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If you see someone older than you then respect him saying, 'He has beaten me to Islam and righteous action.' If you see someone younger than you then respect him saying to yourself, 'I have beaten him in sins.'" *Al-Bayhaqi, Al-Zuhd Al-Kabeer, p.100*

533 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "They (the Companions) made patience a duty upon themselves and gave it (the dunyaa) a station that was equivalent to that of a rotting carcass, which was not lawful to eat from except in the case of necessity. So they ate from it to an extent that would restore their fitness and preserve their souls and give strength for the day." *Al-Hilyah of Aboo Nu'aym 2/138*

534 - Al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "In the Torah are written five lessons –

1. wealth is in contentment,
2. safety is in seclusion,
3. dignity is in rejecting desires,
4. enjoyment is in long days (in the Hereafter),
5. and patience is in a few days (in the dunya)." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.31*

535 - Wahab Ibn Munabih (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Allah is not worshipped except by having fear of Him." *Feeling from the fire by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, P25*

536 - Abdullah Ibn ‘Amr Ibn al-’Aas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “No bid’ah (innovation) is introduced but it will spread further and no Sunnah is neglected but it will diminish further.” *Ibn Battah in Al-Ibaanah*

537 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “If religion were based on opinion (what people think is common sense), then we should wipe the bottom of the khuff (leather slippers) rather than the top, but I saw the Messenger of Allah wiping the top of them.” *Ibn Abi Shaybah in Al-Musannaf*

538 - Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Study and act upon what you learn.”
Related by Abu Na`eem

539 - Ibn Al-Jawzi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A person who truly fears his Lord does not care about others and does not put himself in a position where his religion is at risk.” *Sincere Counsel to Students of Sacred Knowledge by Ibn Al-Jawzi, p.72*

540 - Qays Ibn Rabee’ (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: “I saw Yazeed Ibn Zuray’ in a dream and asked him, ‘What has Allah done with you?’ He replied, ‘I have been granted entrance into Paradise.’ I then asked, ‘Why?’ He answered, ‘By abundantly offering prayer.’” *As-Siyar, 8/297*

541 - Abdul Waahid Ibn Safwaan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Once we were with Hasan in a funeral so he said: “May Allah have mercy on a man who works deeds for the likes of this day. For surely, today you have the ability to work deeds the likes of which your brothers in these graves don’t. So take advantage of good health and free time before the great terror and reckoning comes.” *Qisarul Aml, p.141*

542 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “Do not think badly of a word uttered by your brother, when you can find a good interpretation for it.” *Majmoo’ Fataawa Ibn Baaz, 26/365*

543 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “There isn’t any true relaxation for the believers besides the meeting of Allah.” *Az-Zuhd of Ahmad, p.194*

544 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “Whoever appoints a man because of favouritism or blood ties, and does not appoint him for any other reason, has betrayed Allah and His Messenger. And whoever appoints an evildoer knowing that he is an evildoer, is just like him.” *Al-Idaarah Al-‘Askariyah Fee Ad-Dawlat Al-Islaamiyah, 1/66*

545 - Abdullaah Ibn Daawood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I have never lied except on one occasion. My father said to me: “Have you read to the teacher?” And I said: “Yes”...whereas I had not read to him.” *Siyar A’laam an-Nubalaa, 9/349*

546 – Talq Ibn Habeeb (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Indeed the rights of Allah are far greater than the servant can fulfill, and indeed the blessings of Allah are far more than can be counted, however, be repentful in the morning and evening (i.e. throughout the day).” *Siyar A’laam an-Nubalaa, 4/622*

547 - Younus Ibn Ubayd (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I know one hundred virtues, and I don’t know whether I possess even one of them.” *Tahzib Al-Kamal, 32/524*

548 - Ahmad Ibn Harb (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Verily one of us prefers shade over standing in the sun, but we won’t prefer Paradise over the Fire!” *Al-Ihyaah, 4/568*

549 - Ayyoob as-Sakhtiyaani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The more the innovator increases his efforts in innovation, the further away he becomes from Allah.” *Al-Bia’h Wan-Nahy ‘anha by Ibn Waddaah*

550 - Yahya Ibn Mu’adh al-Razi (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "He whose appetite increases, his corpulence will increase; he whose corpulence increases, his desires will increase; he whose desires increase, his sins will increase; he whose sins increase, the hardness of his heart will increase; and he whose heart becomes hard will drown in the pitfalls of the dunya and its attractions." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.32*

551 - Umar Ibn ‘Abdul-’Azeez (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I have never lied since learning that lying adversely affects the liar.” *Siyar A’laam an-Nubalaa, 5/121*

552 - Shubrumah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “We accompanied Karz al Harithi on a journey. Whenever he wanted to set camp in an area, he used to scan it with his eyes and when he found a good piece of land that he liked, he would go to it and pray there until it was time to leave.” *Sifat As-Safwah 3/120*

553 - Abu ad-Darda’ (RA) said: “You will never be misguided so long as you follow the footsteps [of the Prophet (PBUH)].” *Ibn Battah in Al-Ibaanah*

554 - Ibraaheem al-Hatbee (may Allah be pleased with him) said; “I saw Abu ‘Abdillaah (Ahmad Ibn Hanbal), and it was as if Allah had gathered for him the knowledge of the earlier people and the later people.” *Siyar ‘Alaamin Nubulaa’, 11/177-358*

555 - Imam Al-Awzaa’I (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “You must follow the footsteps of those who came before, even if the people reject you. Beware of personal opinions even if people make them attractive. The clear way is that of the Straight Path.” *Al-Khateeb in Sharaf Ashaab al-Hadeeth*

556 - Yahyaa Ibn Ma’een (may Allah be pleased with him) said; “Defending the sunnah is more excellent than Jihaad in Allah’s cause.“ So it was said to Yahyaa Ibn Ma’een, “A man spends his wealth, tires himself out and fights Jhaad, and this one (who defends the sunnah) is more excellent than him?!” He said “Yes, by a great deal!” *Siyaar A’laamin Nubulaa”, of Adh-Dhahabee, Vol. 10, Pp. 512-519*

557 - Shaqeeq al-Balkhee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The sign of repentance (is): weeping at what has preceded, fear of falling into sin, leaving evil company and maintaining the company of the good.” *Siyar A’laam an-Nubalaa, 9/315*

558 - Abdullaah Ibn ‘Umar (RA) said: “Every bid’ah (innovation) is misguidance, even if people think it is good.” *Al-Laalikaa’i in Sharh Usool I’tiqaad Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah*

559 - ‘Eesaa Ibn Maryam (AS) said: “Indeed whoever prays and fasts, but does not leave off sinning, then it is written that he is a liar.” *Siyar A’laam an-Nubalaa, 13/196*

560 - Imam ash-Shaatibee (may Allah be pleased with him) mentions: “Linguistically bid’ah (innovation) means ‘a newly invented matter’. The Sharee’ah definition of bid’ah as: ‘A newly invented way [beliefs or action] in the religion, in imitation of the Sharee’ah (prescribed Law), by which nearness to Allah is sought, (but) not being supported by any authentic proof – neither in its foundations, nor in the manner in which it is performed.’” *Al-I’tisaam of ash-Shaatibee, 1/37*

561 - Muhammad Ibn An-Nadr Al-Haarithe (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever listens to a person of innovation – and knows that he is a person of innovation – then protection is taken away from him, and he is left to himself.” *Sharh Usool I’tiqaad, 1/135-136*

562 - Abu Sulayman al-Darani (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “The origin of all goodness in the world and the Hereafter is the fear of Allah, the Most High. Every heart that does not have the fear of Allah is a heart that’s corrupted.” *Feeling from the fire by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, P25*

563 - Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “When Abu Musa would sleep, he would wear a small over garment, fearing that his ‘awrah would be exposed.” *Siyar A’lam an-Nubala, 2/399*

564 - Rabee’ Ibn Khuthaym (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Make abundant mention of this death, the likes of which you have not tasted before.” *Al-Hilyah, 2/114*

565 - Maalik Bin Dinar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The greatest punishment a slave (of Allah) can get is hardheartedness.” *Abdullah Bin Ahmad in Kitab Al-Zuhd*

566 - Qutaybah Ibn Sa’eed (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If you see a man loving (Imam) Ahmad, then know that he is a person of the Sunnah.” *Siyar ‘Alaamin Nubulaa’, 11/177-358*

567 - Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The jamaa’ah is whatever agrees with the truth – even if you are alone.” *Taareekh Dimashq with an authentic chain of narration*

568 - Ibn Masud (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever would like to meet Allah (SWT) tomorrow as a Muslim, then let him preserve these prayers wherein he is called to them, for indeed

Allah (SWT) legislated for your Prophet (PBUH) the Sunan of guidance, and they are from the Sunan of guidance. And if you pray in your houses just as this opposer prays in his house, then you have abandoned the Sunnah of your Prophet (PBUH). And if you have abandoned the Sunnah of your Prophet (PBUH) then surely you have gone astray.

There is not a man who purifies himself and does so well and then heads off to a Mosque from these Mosques except that Allah writes for him with every step a reward, and raises him in rank thereby, and wipes away a sin thereby.

I remember when no one would stay away except for a hypocrite whose hypocrisy was known - and (even a stick) man would come staggering between two others in order to stand in the row.” *al-Muslim*

569 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “What do you think about a day in which they (all of mankind) have stood on their feet for a period of time that amounts fifty thousand years, they haven’t eaten any food, nor drank any drink, until the point that their throats have become severed out of thirst and their insides burnt upon out of hunger, and then they will be taken to the Fire and given drink from a scorching, hot spring?!” *Al-Hilyaa, 4/500*

570 - Imam Al-Awzaa’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Make yourself patient upon the Sunnah, stop where the people stopped, speak with what they spoke with, and refrain from what they refrained from. And follow the path of your Righteous Predecessors (Salafus Saaliheen) for verily, sufficient for you is that which was sufficient for them.” *Ash-Sharee’ah, by Al-Aajurree, p. 58*

571 - Alee Ibn Al-Madeene (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Indeed Allah aided this religion through Abu Bakr as-Sideeq on the day of the apostasy; and through Ahmad Ibn Hanbal on the day of the trial.” *Tathkiratul Huffaath, 2/432*

572 - Anas bin Malik (RA) said: “I have never ever prayed behind an Imam who prayed a prayer briefer yet more complete than the Prophet (PBUH).” *al-Bukhari and Muslim*

573 - Mutarrif Ibn ‘Abdillaah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Verily, this death has certainly corrupted upon the people of pleasure their pleasure, so seek pleasure in which there is no death.” *Lataa’f Al-Ma’arif*, p.70

574 - Mu’aadh Ibn Jabal (RA) said: “O’ people, you must seek knowledge before it is taken away, for indeed when its people (the scholars) die, it will be taken away. And beware of bid’ah, innovation and sophistication, and adhere to the ancient way [i.e., the way of the Prophet (PBUH)].” *Al-Bidaayah wan-Nahy ‘anha by Ibn Waddaah*

575 - Before the battle of Al-Qaadisiyyah, Busr Ibn Abee Rahm Al-Juhanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said to his people: “Nothing should be less significant in your eyes than worldly gain, for worldly gain comes to those who think little of it. Do not incline towards it, for it will run away from you and mislead you.” *Taareekh At-Tabaree*, 4/359

576 - Ibn ‘Adbil-Barr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is authentically related from Abu Dardaa’ that ‘I do not know’ is half of knowledge.” *Jaami’ Bayaanil ‘Ilm Wa Fadhliah*, 1/54

577 - Abu Daawood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The lectures of Ahmad were sittings of the hereafter. He would not mention in them anything of the worldly affairs; and I never saw him mention this world (elsewhere).” *Siyar ‘Alaamin Nubulaa’*, 11/177-358

578 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Companions of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) – after the four caliphs – are the best of the people, and it is not permissible for anyone to speak ill of any of them, blaming them for deficiencies and shortcomings. It is indeed obligatory upon the ruler to reprimand and punish whoever does that, and he should not be pardoned.” *Kitaab As-Sunnah*, p. 77-78 & *Manaaqibul Imam Ahmad*, of *Ibnul Jawzee*, p. 170

579 - Al-Khateeb al-Baghdaadee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is fitting for a student that he begins with memorization of the Book of Allah – since it is the greatest of the branches of knowledge and that which should be placed first and given precedence.” *Al-Jaami’ li-Akhlaaqir-Raawee wa Aadaabis-Saami’*, 1/106

580 - Al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "The corruption of people's hearts is in six things –

1. the first is that they sin with the hope of repentance;
2. they seek knowledge but do not act upon it;
3. if they do act upon it they are insincere in doing so;
4. they eat the sustenance Allah has provided them but do not show gratitude for it;
5. they are not content with the allotment (qisma) of Allah;
6. and they bury their dead but do not take heed." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.40*

581 - Qabeesah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I have never sat with Sufyaan except that I thought about death, and I have not seen anyone who thought about it more than him." *As-Siyar, 7/240*

582 - Ishaq Ibn Raahawaih (may Allah be pleased with him), (the teacher of Imam Bukhaaree) said: "If you were to ask the ignorant people about the 'Main Body' they would say, 'The majority of people.' they do not know that the jamaa'ah is the scholar who clings to the narrations from the Prophet (PBUH) and his way. So whoever is with the him (the scholar) and follows him, then he is the Jama'ah." *Abu Nu'aym in Hilyatul Awliyaah*

583 – al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "O Son of Adam! Walk on the earth with your feet as long as you wish, for it shall soon be your grave. You have not ceased to subtract from your life span since you came from your mother's womb." *Al-Hilyah, 2/155*

584 - Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Whoever mocks his brother for a sin they repented from will not die until he himself falls into the same sin." *Madaarij vol 1 p. 177*

585 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) once wrote a letter to Abu 'Ubaydah Ibn Al-Jarraah (RA) saying: "It has reached me that the Muslim women enter the public wash areas along with the disbelieving women. So prevent this and do not allow it, for indeed it is not permissible for a disbelieving woman to see a Muslim woman uncovered." *Tafseer Al-Qurtubee, 12/233*

586 - Alee Ibn Husayn (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Tawbah is only through action, and turning back from what has been done. Tawbah is not by mere speech.” *Ibn Abee Al-Dunyaa, Al-Tawbah article 57*

587 - Imam Ash-Shaafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is ‘deemed as forbidden’ to plaster graves and to write on them the name of the person within the grave and the likes. It is also ‘deemed as forbidden’ to build on them.” *Al-Majmoo’ 5/266*

588 - Al-Ahnaf Ibn Qays (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Restraint is praiseworthy except in three things.” People asked: “And what are they o Abu Bahr?” He replied: “Make haste to do the righteous deed, hurry to conduct the funeral of your deceased, and marry the girl in your charge to a suitable man (as soon as you find him).” *Abu Bakr Al-Daynooree, Al-Mujaalasaah wa Jawaahir Al-’Ilm 6:307*

589 - Bishr Ibn Mansoor (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Verily, I think of something from the affairs of the worldly life which distracts me from thinking about the hereafter, and I fear upon my sanity.” *Al-Hilyah, 2/241*

590 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “There is no goodness in people who do not give advice, and there is no goodness in people who do not like to be advised.” *Risaalat Al-Mustarshideen, 71*

591 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Beware of entering upon a day having tomorrow or other future days as your main concern and worry. (If you do so), you will increase in anxiety and difficulty, and you will wish to collect during your day, what will suffice you for several days. How stupid! One ends up being preoccupied, one’s grief gets worse and one’s toil and labour becomes great. And the slave ends up neglecting doing (good) deeds as a result of these hopes (he has in tomorrow and the future days).” *Al-Hilyah by Aboo Nu’aym, 2/139*

592 - Imam Ash-Shaafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I have seen from the leaders those of them who destroy whatever has been built on graves and the fuqahaa did not see any problem in what the leaders did.” *Al-Muhadhdhab, 1/456*

593 - As-Zuhri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I am amazed at the Muslims who leave Al-I’tikaf even though the Prophet (PBUH) never left it from the time he came to Madinah until Allah took him.” *Ramadan an opportunity to connect with your Lord by Shaykh Muhammad Al-Arifi, Page 56*

594 - Ali Ibn Abee Taalib (RA) said: “Serious matters are the best, and newly invented matters are the worst. Every newly invented matter is an innovation, and everyone who introduces something new is an innovator. The one who innovates is mislead, and no innovator introduces an innovation but he has forsaken a Sunnah.” *Al-Bidaayah Wan-Nihaayah, 7/319*

595 - Fudayl Ibn ‘Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said to ‘Aasim Al-Ahwal: “O you! Do not allow the people’s great number of people to busy you, for indeed the final affair will only be about you besides them. Beware of wasting your day here and there, for surely this is counted against you, and I have not seen anything more beautiful in seeking or faster in catching than a new good deed for an old bad deed.” *Al-Hilyah, 3/102*

596 - Abbaad Ibn ‘Abbaad Al-Khawwaas Ash-Shaamee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Let your attitude be, when finding something you disapprove of in your brothers, as though you are offering help from yourselves to yourselves.” *Ad-Daarimee, 1/160*

597 - Nu’mān bin Bashir (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “So I saw a person (in prayer) attach his shoulder to the shoulder of his companion, and his knee with his companion’s knee, and his ankle with his companion’s ankle.” *The etiquette of congregational prayer by Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih al-Uthaimen, P12*

598 - Abbaad Ibn ‘Abbaad Al-Khawwaas Ash-Shaamee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “When will the ignorant one learn if the scholar remains silent and hence does not reject (the evil) that has become apparent, nor orders that it should be left?!” *Ad-Daarimee, 1/160*

599 - Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Any innovator that has the proof established against him, deserves to be punished. And if not, then still, his innovative and prohibited actions are fruitless and contain no reward in them. Rather they subtract from his good

deeds, reduce his reward and serve as a means for lowering his sanctity and status.” *Ar-Radd ‘Alaa Al-Akhnaa’ee*

600 - Al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Ahnaf Ibn Qays (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "There is no rest for the envious; there is no moral integrity for the liar; there is no well-being for the miser; there is no loyalty for kings; there is no nobility of for the ill-mannered; there is no abrogation for Allah's decree." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.41*

601 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) was asked about the Raafidah, so he said: “Do not speak to them (the Shee’ah), nor relate from them, for indeed they lie.” *Minhaaj As-Sunnah, 1/13*

602 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is not allowed to take as a witness the innovators and people of desires.” *Jaami’ Bayaan Al-Ilm Wa Fadhlihi*

603 - Abu Dawud (may Allah be pleased with him) said: ‘And the meaning of, “Be gentle with the hands of your brothers” is that if a man comes to the row (in prayer) and seeks to enter it, then it is compulsory upon each person to ease his shoulders so that he may enter the row.” *The etiquette of congregational prayer by Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih al-Uthaimeen, P13*

604 - Once a man said to ‘Umar Ibn ‘Abdil-’Azeez (may Allah be pleased with him): “If you would only make some free time for us?!” So he responded: “Where is the free time?! All the free time has gone away. There isn’t any free time except with Allah.” *Tabaqaat Ibn Sa’d, 5/397*

605 - Imam Ash-Shaafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is ‘deemed as forbidden’ to glorify the creation so that its grave becomes a masjid, this is out of the fear that it would be a fitnah for the person and for those people after him.” *As-Siraaj Al-Wahhaaj, 1/114*

606 - Anas bin Malik (RA) said: "The Iqamah was called and Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) faces us and said: “Establish the rows and line up straight.” *al-Bukhari and Muslim*

607 - Abu Shaamah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The order to stick to the Jamaa’ah means sticking to the truth and its followers; even if those who stick to the truth are few and those who oppose it are many, since the truth is that which the first Jamaa’ah from the time of the Prophet (PBUH) and his Companions (RA) were upon. No attention is given to the great number of the people of futility coming after them.” *Al-Baa’ith ‘Alal-Bida’h Wal-Hawaadith, p.19*

608 - Ibn ‘Abdil-Barr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is prohibited for the Muslims to take the graves of the Prophets, ‘Ulamaa’ and righteous as masaajid.” *At-Tamheed, 1/168*

609 - Regarding the people of innovation, Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “They differ concerning the Book, they are in opposition to the Book, and they all agree with each other in contradicting the Book. They use the unclear and ambiguous texts as proof for their views and they misguide the people because of what they have difficulty understanding.” *Majmoo’ Ar-Rasaa’il Al-Kubraa, 1/106*

610 - Ash-Sha’bee (may Allah be pleased with him) related a hadeeth from the Prophet (PBUH) and when he finished, he said to the man to whom he spoke: “You have taken it for nothing, a man used to travel for something less than this to Madeenah.” *Jaami’ bayaan Al-‘Ilm, 1/92*

611 - Al-Badawee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The origin of shirk is that it began from the glorification of graves and being turned towards (to worship).” *Haashiyat Sunan An-Nisaa’ee, 2/42*

612 - Ibn ‘Abdil-Barr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “They should not prevent the youth, if he knows something, from speaking about what he has knowledge of. Perhaps a person may be young in age, but elder with regards to his knowledge. And Allah blesses whom He wills through wisdom and mercy.” *At-Tamheed, 23/150*

613 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “The leader of an army or a campaign should not give anyone the hadd punishment of lashes until the battle is over, lest the Devil cause him to join the disbelievers.” *Taareekh Al-Khulafaa’ by As-Suyootee, p.131*

614 - Abu Ad-Dardaa (RA) said: “You will not be a scholar until you learn, and concerning knowledge you will not be a scholar until you act in accordance with it. It is a sufficient amount of sin for you that you do not cease to debate, and it is a sufficient amount of sin for you that you do not cease to dispute. It is a sufficient amount of lies for you that you do not cease to innovate concerning the (commands) of Allah, the Mighty, the Majestic.” *Ad-Daarimee, 301*

615 - Shaykh al-Albaanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If the knowledge is not accompanied by sincerity and upright manners, the harm it brings for the one who possesses it will be greater than it’s benefit as the Prophet (PBUH) said:

“The example of the one who teaches the people good but forgets it himself is like the example of a lamp that gives light for the people yet burns itself out.” at-Tabarani, Saheeh at-Targheeb (1/56/127), *The night prayer in Ramadaan by Imam al-Albaanee*

616 - Wahb Ibn Munbih (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The example of the dunya (worldly life) and hereafter is like the example of a man who has two wives. If he pleases one of them, the other one will be displeased.” *Kitaab Dham Ad-Dunya, 1/119*

617 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “When a question or some verdict is put forward to you, then seize the opportunity, but do not vie or compete for them. Take care not to be like the one who loves that his sayings are acted upon, or that his saying should be publicised or heard – and when it is not, then the effects of that (rejection) can be seen on him.” *Al-Hilyah, by Aboo Nu’aym, 6/377*

618 - Maymoon Ibn Mihraan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Do not debate with the one who is more knowledgeable than you, for if you do that he will hoard from you all his knowledge and he won’t be harmed by anything that you say to him at the least.” *Jaami Al-‘Uloom Wa Al-Hikam, 1/517*

619 - ash-Shaykh al-Albaanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said, may Allah have mercy on the one who said: “So if I do not know, then this is a calamity, and if I know, then the calamity is greater.” *The night prayer in Ramadaan by Imam al-Albaanee*

620 - Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The essence of taqwa is to make a shield (which guards) against Allah’s anger and punishment. That shield is to obey His commandments and abstain from His prohibitions.” *Forty hadith on Islam by Imam Abu Bakr al-Ajurri, P.52*

621 - Abdul-Kareem Al-Jazaree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A pious man never debates.” *Ash-Shu’ab, 8129*

622 - Umar Ibn al-Khattaab (RA) said: “Do not enter upon the mushrikeen in their churches on the day of their festival, for divine wrath is descending upon them.” *Al-Bayhaqee. Ahkaam Ahl al-Dhimmah, 1/723-724*

623 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “You should take to being unknown, for indeed this is the age to remain unknown. And take to remaining aloof (at a distance) and secluded, and associating little with the people, because when the people used to meet, some of them would benefit the others. But as for today, then that has gone, and in our view, salvation lies in abandoning them.” *Al-Hilyah, by Aboo Nu’aym, 6/376*

624 - Ibn Abbas (RA) said, “The last thing Ibrahim (AS) said when he was thrown in the fire was, ‘Allah is Sufficient for me and He is the Best Disposer of affairs.’” *Means of steadfastness in Islam by Muhammad Salih al-Munajjid, p.21*

625 - Umar Ibn Qees (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “The love of Allah that I have eases all of my afflictions.” *The dispute of the highest Angels by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.57*

626 - Imraan Al-Munqaree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I said to al-Hasan (may Allah be pleased with him) one day concerning something that he said, ‘O Abu Sa’eed, this is not what the fuqahaa have said!’ So he said, ‘Woe to you, have you ever seen a faqeeh?! The faqeeh is the zaahid (ascetic) regarding the life of this world who strives for the Hereafter, is upon clear evident knowledge concerning the affairs of his religion and is constant in the worship of his Lord.”” *Ad-Daarimee, 302*

627 - Ata' (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say: "Aa'ishah (RA) was the most knowledgeable of people and the most wise." *Siyar A'laam An-Nubula'*, 2/185

628 - Raafi' Ibn Ashras (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "It used to be said, 'From the punishments of the liar is that his credibility is not accepted.' And I say that from the punishment of the sinful innovator is that his good qualities are not mentioned." *Sharh 'Ilal At-Tirmidhee*, 1/50

629 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Fear the trial and temptation of the ignorant worshipper and the evil corrupt scholar since their temptation is a trial for everyone that has been captivated and enraptured." *Al-Jarh Wat-Ta'deel*, 1/91-92

630 - Hatim al-Asamm (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Four things are not appreciated except by four types of people –

1. youth is not appreciated but by the old,
2. freedom from worried is not appreciated but by those afflicted with calamities,
3. health is not appreciated but by those in poor health,
4. and life is not appreciated but by the dead." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani*, p.25

631 - Abdullaah Ibn 'Amr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Whoever settles in the land of the non-Arabs and celebrates their new year and festival and imitates them until he dies in that state, will be gathered with them on the Day of Resurrection." *Al-Bayhaqee. Ahkaam Ahl al-Dhimmah*, 1/723-724

632 - Dhuw-noon (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Whoever constantly remembers Allah, Allah will put in his heart the light of longing to meet him." *The dispute of the highest Angels by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali*, p.59

633 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Verily, a man commits a sin and never forgets it and he won't cease to be afraid of it until he enters Paradise." *Az-Zuhd of Imam Ahmad*, p. 338

634 - Imam Ash-Shaafi'ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Among the people who follow their own desires, I have not seen a group bear witness to more lies than the Raafidah." *Ikhtisaar Uloom Al-Hadeeth, by Ibn Katheer, p.109*

635 - An-Nawawee (may Allah be pleased with him) has been quoted to have said: "The mursal hadeeth is a weak hadeeth according to the vast majority of hadeeth scholars, Ash-Shaafi'ee, and most of the fuqahaa (scholars of fiqh) and jurists of usool." *Tadreeb of As-Suyootee, p.119*

636 - Abul Minhaal (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "There can't possibly be a better neighbour for the slave in his grave than abundant istighfaar." *Az-Zuhd of Imam Ahmad, p. 396*

637 - Ibn Mas'ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Imitate and follow (the Messenger of Allah PBUH) and do not do bid'ah (innovation), for what you have been commanded is enough for you." *Ad-Daarimee – Saheeh*

638 - Hudhayfah Ibn Al-Yamaan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Every act of worship that the Companions of the Messenger (PBUH) did not do, do not do them." *Abu Daawood – Saheeh*

639 - Ibn Abee Al-Hadeed (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Know that lies in the hadeeth of virtues first started with the Shee'ah." *Sharh Nahjul Balaaghah, 2/134*

640 - Al-Ahnaaf Ibn Qays (may Allah be pleased with him), the chief of Banu Tameem and one of the most eloquent of the Arabs, used to say: "I heard the speeches of Abu Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthmaan, 'Ali and the Caliphs who came after them, and I never heard words from the mouth of any person that were more powerful and more beautiful than those of 'A'ishah (RA)." Mu'aawiyah (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say something similar." *Siyar A'laam An-Nubula', 2/183*

641 - Yahya Ibn Yahyaa An-Naisabooree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Defending the Sunnah is more virtuous than jihaad." *Naqd Al-Mantiq, p.12*

642 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If you loved a man for the sake of Allah and then he innovated an innovation in Islam and you did not hate him for it, then you did not (really) love him for the sake of Allah.” *Hilyatul Awliyaa (7/34) by Abu Nu’aym al Asbahaanee*

643 - Ahmad Ibn ‘Aasim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Surely, this is the easy prey, clean up the rest of your life and you will be forgiven for your past.” *Az-Zuhd Al-Kabeer, p.228*

644 - Abu ‘Urubah Al-Haraanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said concerning al-Husayn Ibn Abee As-Sirree al-‘Asqalaanee, “He is my maternal uncle but he is a liar.” *Ad-Du’afaa lil-Uqaylee: 2/118*

645 - Urwah Ibn az-Zubayr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I was acquainted with ‘A’ishah (RA), and I have never seen anyone at all who was more knowledgeable of any verse that was revealed, any obligatory duty, any Sunnah, anyone who was more well-versed in poetry or narrated more poetry; anyone who was more knowledgeable of Arabic history and lineage and so forth; or anyone who had more knowledge of judiciary matters or medicine than her.” *Siyar A’laam An-Nubula’, 2/193*

646 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “By Allah, besides Whom there is no other god, if I had all the gold and silver in the world, I would pay it to avoid the terror of what comes after death.” *At-Tawtheeq Fee Seerat Wa Hayaat Al-Faarooq, p.383*

647 - Ibn Al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever obtains an authentic hadeeth from Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) if he wants to turn away from it let him know that the Prophet (PBUH) is the one who is addressing you.” *Madaarij Us-Saalikeen*

648 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Knowledge is not relaying an abundance of narrations, but rather it is light that Allah places in the heart.” *Al-Jaami’ Li Akhlaaq Ar-Raawee Wa Aadaab As-Saami’, 2/174*

649 - Ibn ‘Abbaas (RA) said: “Allah has commanded the believing women, when they come out of their homes, due to a necessity, to cover their faces by placing their jalaabeeb over their heads, and only expose one eye.” *Mukhtasar Tafseer Ibn Katheer, 2/114*

650 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said, "The most difficult of actions are four –

1. forgiving when in a state of anger,
2. contentment in times of hardship,
3. chastity in seclusion,
4. and speaking the truth in front of someone whom one fears or from whom one hopes for largesse." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.27*

651 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ud (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A memoriser of the Quraan should be known for his long night prayers when people are asleep, his fasting when people are eating, his sadness when people are happy, his silence when people are talking nonsense, and his humbleness when people are not. He should be wise, gentle and not talk too much: he should not be rude, negligent, clamorous, nor hot tempered." *Ibn Al Jawzee, Sifaat As-Safwa: 1/413*

652 - Imam al-Ghazali (may Allah be pleased with him) says, 'It is a matter for some astonishment that a man, even if he should be indulging in the finest of the diversions and the most delightful gatherings of play, will, if he is anticipating the entrance (for example) of a man-at-arms who is to strike him five blows with a wooden stick, find his pleasure spoilt and his life marred; Yet with every breath that he draws the Angel of Death is liable to come in upon him with the agonies of death, but he pays no heed to this. There can be no reason for such a thing save ignorance and distraction." *The remembrance of death and the afterlife, P.37*

653 - Ibn Al-Jawzee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A preacher, in particular, should not be seen behaving like common folks or spending time in the market place or laughing out loud. This is to make sure that people have a good opinion about him and lend an ear to him when he speaks.” *Sincere Counsel to Students of Sacred Knowledge by Ibn Al-Jawzee, p.84*

654 - Ibn Kathir (may Allah be pleased with him) says in his Tafsir: “A characteristic of the dunya is that it flees from the one who chases her, and it chases the one who flees from her.” *Tafsir Ibn Kathir*, 4/197

655 – Haani (may Allah be pleased with him), the freed slave of ‘Uthmaan (RA) said: “Whenever ‘Uthmaan (RA) used to stand over a grave, his beard would become wet from tears.” *Al-Hilyah*, 1/61

656 - Talq Ibn Habeeb (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Verily, Allah’s rights are far too heavy for the slaves to fulfill, and indeed, the favours of Allah are far too many for the slaves to count, however, wake up as repentants, and go to sleep as repentants.” *Al-Musannaf*, 7/182

657 – Abdullah bin Mas’ud (RA) said: "One of the worst sins is when a man says to his brother, “Fear Allah,” and he replies, “Worry about yourself.” *Abu Bakr Al-Daynooree, Al-Mujaalasaah Wa Jawahir Al-‘Ilm*, 2619

658 - Abu Dharr Al-Ghafari (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Make in the world two gatherings, a gathering in search for the Hereafter, and a gathering in search for the halaal. The third type of gathering will harm you and not benefit you, so do not desire it.” *al-Bukaa’u min Khashyatillaah, from al-Hilyat al-Awliya of Abu Nu’aym*

659 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I met people and if a man amongst them would sit with a people, they would deem him ignorant, but he is not ignorant. Rather he is a Muslim faqeeh. (This was because of their fear of Allah and dislike for fame).” *Kitaab Az-Zuhd of Wakee’*, 1/307

660 - Imam An-Nawawee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is ‘deemed as forbidden’ to plaster graves and to build and write on them even if the grave is found within a cemetery it should be destroyed.” *As-Siraaj Al-Wahhaaj*, 1/114

661 - Abu Dharr (RA) said: “The Messenger (PBUH) did not even leave a bird flapping its wings in the sky except that he gave us knowledge regarding it.” *At-Tabarani in ‘Mu’jam al-Kabir*

662 - Maalik Ibn Dinar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “By Allah, if it was possible for me not to sleep, I would not sleep out of fear that the punishment would descend and I am asleep. By Allah, if I had some helpers, I would spread them out among the Dunyaa and give them orders to cry out to the people, ‘O mankind, the Fire! The Fire!’” *Al-Ihya*, 4/567

663 - Muhammad Ibn Sirin (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I asked ‘Ubaydah As-Salmaanee about Allah’s saying, ‘... to cast their jalaabeeb upon themselves...’ so he veiled his face and head and only exposed his left eye.” *Tafseer Ibn Katheer*, 6/470

664 - Imam Ud-Deen At-Tabaree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “So He commanded the women to veil their faces and cover their heads.” *Tafseer Ilkiyaa Al-Haras At-Tabaree*, 4/135

665 - Abu Muslim Al-Khulaanee (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say: “If I saw paradise or the Fire in an eye’s view today, I wouldn’t have anything extra to put forth.” *As-Siyar*, 4/9

666 - Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Jihad against the soul is the foundation for the Jihad against the disbelievers and hypocrites.” *Ibn Qayyim, ar-Rawdah*, p.478

667 - Ibn Sirin (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “They would not ask for the chain (of narrators), but when the fitnah occurred, they said, ‘Name us your men.’ They would see who was from the people of the Sunnah and take their hadeeth, and they would see who was from the people of innovation and not take their hadeeth.” *Muqaddimah Saheeh Muslim*, 1/13-15

668 - Ibn Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “There was once a time in which when a man would say, ‘Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) said...’ “Our eyes would hasten to him and our ears would open wide (to listen) to him. But when the difficulties and disgrace befell the people, we did not take from the people except for that which we knew.” *Muqaddimah Saheeh Muslim*, 1/13-15

669 - Ibn Al-Jawzee (may Allah be pleased with him) said concerning this ayah (ahzaab:59): “It means that they must cover their heads and faces so that they may be known as free women. The definition of a jilbaab is a loose outer garment, as has been stated by Ibn Qutaybah.” *Rawaa’i Al-Bayaan*, 2/382

670 - Al-Asbahaanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Knowledge is not relaying an abundance of narrations, but rather it is following it, utilizing it, acting in accordance with it, and compliance to the Companions and the Taabi’een even if he does not have much knowledge.” *Al-Hujjah Fee Bayaan Al-Mahajjah*, 2/438

671 - Imam Muslim (may Allah be pleased with him) said in the introduction to his saheeh: “In our basic view and the view of the scholars of narrations, the mursal hadeeth is not a valid proof, neither in our view nor in the view of the learned scholars of hadeeth.” *Muqaddimah, Baab Sihhat Al-Ihtijaaj Bil-Hadeeth Al-Mu’an’an*

672 - Malik Ibn Dinar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Love of this world is the head of every mistake (i.e. the main reason behind mistakes). Women are the traps of the Shaytan. And wine is a caller to every sin!” *Kitaab Dham Ad-Dunya*, 3/416

673 - Ali Bin Al-Fudayl (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I saw ath-Thawri went into Sujud while praying, and I performed Tawaf around the House seven times before he raised his head from Sujud.” *As-Siyar*, 7/277

674 - Mu’awiyah Bin Murrah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I lived during the time of seventy of the Companions of Muhammad (PBUH) and had they lived among you today, they would not recognize any of your acts except the Adhan!” *Hilyat al-Awliyaa*, 2/299

675 - Al-Qaasim Ibn Muhammad (may Allah be pleased with him), the grandson of Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him), said: “In my time the people were not impressed by speech, they were impressed by actions. Anyone can say whatever he wants.” *Abu Daawood, Kitaab Al-Zuhd*, p.354

676 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said, ‘Four qualities in food will make it perfect:

1. if the name of Allah is mentioned on it in the beginning,
2. Allah is praised for it at the end,

3. many hands are eating from it,
4. and it is lawful.' *Al-Shama'il al-Muhammadiyah by imam al-Tirmidhi, p108*

677 - al-Hasan al-Lu'lu'i (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Forty years of my life have passed in which I never awoke or went to sleep except that a book was resting on my chest." *Jami' Bayan al-'Ilm wa Fadlih*

678 - Muhammad Ibn Waasi' (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If sins had an odour then nobody would be able to sit with me." *The Evil of Craving for Wealth and Status – Imaam Ibn Rajab al-Hanbalee*

679 - Yoonus Ibn 'Ubayd (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "There is nothing stranger than the Sunnah and stranger still is the one who knows it." *Laalika'ee, 21 and Ibn Batta, 20*

680 - Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (RA) said, "Darkness is of five types and its lamps are five –

1. love of the dunya is a darkness and its lamp is God-consciousness;
2. sins are a darkness and their lamp is repentance;
3. the grave is a darkness and its lamp is: 'There is no god but Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah';
4. the Hereafter is a darkness and its lamp is righteous actions;
5. and the path is a darkness and its lamp is certitude." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.30*

681 - Umar Ibn 'Abdil-'Azeez (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Whoever acts without knowledge harms more than benefits." *Musannaf of Ibn Abee Shaybah, 13/470*

682 - Adh-Dhahabee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Knowledge is not relaying an abundance of narrations but it is light that Allah places in the heart and its condition is following it and fleeing from desires and innovations." *Siyar A'laam An-Nubulaa, 13/323*

683 - Yahyaa Ibn Mu'aadh (may Allah be pleased with him) would frequently seclude and isolate himself. His brother censured him saying: "If you are a man amongst men, you need the company

of men!” So he replied: “If you are a man amongst men, you are in need of Allah!” *The Journey of The Strangers by Ibn Rajab, p. 96*

684 - Ibn Al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A person who acts without knowledge is like someone who travels without a guide, and it is known that a person like this will more likely be destroyed than saved.” *Miftah Daar As-Sa’ada, 1/82-83*

685 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Seek knowledge in a way that does not harm (you acting on) your worship, and worship in a way that does not harm (you gaining) your knowledge. Whoever acts without knowledge harms more than he benefits.” *Musannaf of Ibn Abee Shaybah, 13/499*

686 - Muslim Ibn Ibraaheem (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Hishaam Ad-Dastawaa’ee never used to put out his lamp at night until the morning and used to say, ‘Whenever I see the darkness, I think about the darkness of the grave.’” *Al-Hilyah 6/221*

687 - Ibn Abi Malikah (may Allah be pleased with him) says that he saw Abdullah Ibn Amr (RA) crying and remarked: ‘Are you astonished at (crying for) the fear of Allah? This moon cries out of the apprehension of Allah.’” *Ibn Mubarak 529*

688 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (RA) said: “Be vigilant and totally on your guard, for indeed it (the dunyaa) is like a snake – it is soft to touch, but its poison is deadly and fatal.” *Al-Hilyah of Abu Nu’aym 2/135*

689 - Ibn Hazm (may Allah be pleased with him) said: If you are impressed by your brothers’ praise for you, then think of the criticism of your enemies; then your self-admiration will disperse. If you have no enemies, there is nothing good in you; there is no one whose status is lower than the one who has no enemy. It is no more than the status of the one who has no blessing from Allah (SWT) for which he is to be envied, may Allah keep us safe and sound. If you think little of your faults, then think of them if people found out about them. Imagine people finding out about them, then you will be embarrassed and will recognise your shortcomings.” *Al-Akhlaaq Was-Siyar, p. 71*

690 - Ibn Al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Optional knowledge is better than the excellence of extra and optional worship. This is because the benefit of knowledge is general, it benefits its possessor and it benefits the rest of the people as well. Whereas the benefit of worship is particular to the person who does that worship. Also because with the scholar, his benefit and knowledge remains after his death. Whereas worship is cut off from him at his death.” *Miftaah daaris Sa’aadah, 1/120*

691 - Ubaydullaah Ibn Sulaymaan Ibn Mu’aawiyah Ash-Shaamee (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: “Our grandfather wore out two prayer rugs and began on a third, with the place of his knees, face and hands from the abundance of prayer that he offered.” *As-Siyar, 9/361*

692 - Qutaybah Ibn Sa’eed (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Ash-Shaafi’ee died and the Sunan died. Sufyaan (ath-Thawree) died and wara’ died. And Ahmad (Ibn Hanbal) died, and bida’ emerged.” *Mu’jam of Ibn Al-‘Arabee*

693 - Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) would not enter the bathroom except that he was alone, and would be wearing a thick outer garment, saying: "I am shy from Allah Seeing me in the bathroom without any clothing.” *Siyar A’lam an-Nubala’, 3/355*

694 - Al-Awzaa’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The most excellent du’aa is insistence upon Allah and earnest imploring unto Him.” *Ash-Shu’ab, 2/1107*

695 - Ibn ‘Uyaynah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Don’t ever leave off making du’aa nor allow what (bad deeds) you commit to prevent you from it, for indeed Allah answered the du’aa of Iblees (the Devil) and he is the most evil of creation (when he said to Allah), “Grant me respite until the Day in which they will be resurrected.’ He (Allah) said, ‘Indeed you are from those who are granted respite.’” [7:14-15], *Ash-Shu’ab, 2/1147*

696 - Ibn Sama`ah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “For forty years, I only missed Takbir Tahrimah (initial takbeer) when my mother died.” *As Siyar 10/646*

697 - Imam Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If 'ilm al-kalaam (philosophical rhetoric) were (beneficial) knowledge, the Sahaabah and Taabi'oon would have spoken of it just as they spoke of the rulings of Islam. But it is falsehood and points to falsehood." *Al-Baghawi in Sharh as-Sunnah*

698 - Yahyaa Ibn Mu'aadh (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Do not find slow the answer to your du'aas when you have shut off its path with your sins." *As-Siyar, 13/15*

699 – Ibrahim Taymi (may Allah be pleased with him) says I have met Companions of the Prophet (PBUH) in this masjid, the youngest of whom was Harith bin Suwaid (RA). I heard him recite Surah Zilzal until he reached the last verse: 'So whoever performs an atom's worth of good will see it (it's reward).' He cried and said: This is indeed a grave account." *Abu Nu'aim 4/127 & Suyuti in Durr 6/382*

700 - Ahnaf Ibn Qays (may Allah be pleased with him) was asked, "What is the best thing that can be given to a servant (of Allah)?" He replied, "An instinctively upright intellect." It was said, "And if not this?" He said, "Good manners." It was said, "If not this?" He said, "An agreeable companion." It was said, "If not this?" He said, "A heart attached (to Allah)." It was said, "If not this?" He said, "Long silence." It was said, "If not this?" He said, "Immediate death." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.42*

701 - Abu Al-Ashhab (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Umar passed by a garbage dump and stopped there, and it was as if his Companions were bothered by it (the smell). He said, 'This is the world of yours which you are so eager for and you weep over.'" *Umar Ibn al-Khattaab, His Life and Times, By 'Ali Muhammad As-Sallaabi, Vol. I, p. 288*

702 – Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) saw a beggar asking people (for charity), with a sack full of foodstuff on his back. He took the food and gave it to the Zakah camels, then said to him, "Now ask for what you want." *Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab, His Life and Times, By 'Ali Muhammad As-Sallaabi, Vol. I, p. 287*

703 - Ash-Sha'bi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If you hear anything, then write it down, even if you have to write it on a wall." *Kitaab Al-'Ilm, 146*

704 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas'ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "It is more beloved to me to bite onto a red coal until it cools, than for me to say about something that Allah has preordained, 'Only if it didn't happen.'" *Az-Zuhd, of Aboo Daawood, p. 136*

705 - Abu Dardaa (RA) said: "Whoever knocks on the door then it is on the brink of it being opened up for him, and whoever makes a lot of du'aa then his supplication is on the verge of being answered." *Ash-Shu'ab, 2/1142*

706 - Imam Ash-Shaafi'ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The Muslims are unanimously agreed that if a Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) is made clear to someone, it is not permitted for him to leave it for the saying of anyone else." *I'laam, 2/361*

707 - Imam Abu Haneefah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "When I say something contradicting the Book of Allah the Exalted or what is narrated from the Messenger (PBUH), then ignore my saying." *Al-Fulaani in Eeqaaz Al-Himam, p. 50*

708 - Ubayd Bin Ja'far (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I never saw my uncle Bishr Bin Masnur miss the first takbir, and whenever any person stood up in our mosque to ask people for help, my uncle gave him something." *Sifat as Safwah 3/376*

709 - Al-Fudayl Ibn 'Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Follow the path of guidance, and do not worry about how few are the people who follow it. Beware of the paths of misguidance, and do not be deceived by the large numbers of those who doomed." *Al-I'tisaam by Imam Ash-Shaatibi*

710 - Qataadah Ibn Khulayd (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "You will never find a believer except doing one of three things:

1. Offering worship in the masjid.
2. Resting in a house that screens him.

3. and, handling some worldly business that is binding (on him).” *Sifatus Safwah*, 3/231

711 - Abdur-Rahmaan Ibn Mahdee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “When I saw Ar-Risaalah by Shaafi’ee, it amazed me because I saw the speech of an understanding, eloquent and sincere man, and so I supplicate for him frequently.” *The Sunnah and Its Role In Islamic Legislation*” p. 537

712 - Ibn Qudaamah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Salaf used to forbid others from sitting with the innovators, looking into their books, and listening to their speech.” *Al-Adaab Ash-Shara’eeyah*, 1/232

713 - Yahyaa Ibn abee katheer (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “The Sunnah is decisive over the Quran but the Quran is not decisive over the Sunnah.” *ad-Daarimee in as-Sunan* (1/153)

714 - Ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) once heard a man sneezing and saying, “Praise be to Allah and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.” Ibn ‘Umar said to him: “This is not what the Messenger of Allah taught us to do. Rather, he said, ‘When any one of you sneezes, let him praise Allah (by saying Al-Hamdu Lillaah).’ He did not say, ‘and send blessings upon the Messenger of Allah.’” *At-Tirmidhi in his Sunan with a hasan isnad*

715 - Aa’ishah (RA) said: “Ask Allah to facilitate everything, even the string to your sandal, for if Allah had not made facilitation, it would not be facilitated.” *Ash-Shu’ab*, 2/1142

716 - Al-Fudayl Ibn Ziyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said, ‘I heard Abu abdullah, meaning Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him), being asked about the narration, that the Sunnah is decisive over the Book, so he said, “I do not venture to say that the Sunnah is decisive over the Book but the Sunnah does explain the Book and clarifies it.”’ *Abdul-Barr in al-Jaami* (pp.191-192)

717 - Muhammad bin al-Husayn bin ‘Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The heart of a person is never afflicted with the slightest bit of arrogance except that his intelligence and sanity is

decreased because of that in accordance with how much of that arrogance has entered his heart.”

Ihya' 'Ulum ad-Din, 3/400

718 - Muhammad Ibn Al-Waleed (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Once ‘Umar Ibn ‘Abdil-’Azeez passed by a man in whose hand were stones he played with and at the (same) time he was supplicating, ‘O Allah! Allow me to marry one of the Hoor Al-’Een’, so ‘Umar turned to him and cried out, ‘What an evil proposer you are! Certainly you should throw these stones and make you du’aa sincere and pure to Allah.” *Al-Hilyah, 5/287*

719 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Indeed, I hate to see a man totally free, not doing anything from the work of the life of this world nor the Hereafter.” *Al-Hilyah 1/130*

720 - Ali Ibn Abi Talib (RA) said, "There is no good in prayer without concentration and calmness; there is no good in fasting without refraining from idle talk; there is no good in reading without any contemplation; there is no good in knowledge without piety; there is no good in wealth without generosity; there is no good in brotherhood without caring for one another; there is no good in supplication without sincerity." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.48*

721 - Qaasim al-Joo’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I advise you with five matters:

1. when you are treated unjustly, do not behave unjustly;
2. when you are praised do not become happy;
3. when you are criticised, do not become upset;
4. when you are not believed, do not become angry;
5. and if the people act deceitfully towards you, do not act deceitfully towards them.” *Ibn al-Jawzee in Sifatus-Safwaa, 2/200*

722 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “Whoever moves a handspan away from the body of the Muslims has gone beyond the pale of Islam.” *Musannaf Ibn Abee Shaybah, 15/24*

723 - Alee Ibn Al-Madini (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “There are no people better than the Companions of Hadeeth. The rest of the people were in search of the Duniya while they were establishing the Deen.” *Masalat al-‘Uloo wal Nazool, p.45*

724 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever from amongst you wants to follow, then he should follow the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) since their hearts were the most righteous in this Ummah, the deepest in knowledge, the most natural, the most correct in guidance and were in the best condition. The Companions were people whom Allah chose to be with His Prophet and to establish His religion. So know their excellence and follow them in their footsteps, for indeed they were on the correct guidance.” *Jamia Bayaan al-Ilm wa Fadleehi, 2/97-9*

725 - Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) said to a person who opposed the Sunnah by quoting the words of Abu Bakr and ‘Umar: “Soon stones from heaven will be sent down upon you (as a punishment). I say to you, ‘The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said,’ and you say, ‘Abu Bakr and ‘Umar said?!’” *Abd ar-Razzaaq in Al-Musannaf with a saheeh isnad*

726 - Abu Muslim Al-Khawlaanee (may Allah be pleased with him) would frequently perform dhikr, his tongue would always move in the remembrance of Allah and so a man asked one of his colleagues: “Is your friend mad?” Abu Muslim replied: “No, my brother, rather this is the cure for madness!” *Abdullaah Ibn Ahmad, Zawaa’id Al-Zuhd, p. 384*

727 - Imam ash-Shafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said, ‘Knowledge is not what is memorised but what benefits.’ *Hilyatul-Awliyaa of Abu Nu’aym (9/123)*

728 - It is reported that a man was closely watching Bishr As-Sulaimi (may Allah be pleased with him), who was prolonging his prayer and praying it well. When Bishr completed his prayer, he said to the man, “Do not be deceived by what you have seen from me. For indeed, Iblees the Devil (shaytaan) – may Allah curse him – worshiped Allah for thousands of years and then ended up being what he is now!” *Bahrud-Dumoo, p.171*

729 - Uthman bin Affan (RA) said, "The most futile of all things are ten –

1. a scholar who is not asked,
2. knowledge which is not acted upon,
3. a correct opinion which is not accepted,
4. a weapon which is not used,
5. a mosque wherein none pray,
6. a copy of the Qur'an which is not read,
7. wealth which is not spent,
8. a horse which is not mounted,
9. knowledge of asceticism by one who pursues the dunya,
10. and a long life in which no provisions have been prepared for the departure." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.54*

730 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) once said to Al-Ahnaf Ibn Qais (may Allah be pleased with him): "O Ahnaf, the more one laughs, the less dignity will he possess. Whoever jokes (excessively or indecently) is a person who will be taken lightly. Whoever does something frequently will become known by that thing. Whoever speaks often, errs often; the more often one errs, the less modesty will he possess; whoever has a low level of modesty will also have a low level of piety; and when one has a low level of piety, then his heart dies." *Sifat-us-Safwah, 1/1449*

731 - Ali Ibn Abi Talib (RA) said, "Were it not for five things all of mankind would have been righteous –

1. contentment with ignorance,
2. covetousness over this world (dunya),
3. miserliness over what is surplus,
4. insincerity in actions,
5. and conceit over one's opinion." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.31*

732 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Nothing compares to seeking knowledge, for the person who has corrected his intention. He intends to remove ignorance from himself and from others.” *Majmoo’ Al-Fataawa* 26/50

733 - Imam Ash-Shaafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said; “I left Baghdaad, and I did not leave behind me a man better, having more knowledge, or greater fiqh (understanding), nor having greater taqwaa (piety) than Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him).” *Siyar ‘Alaamin Nubulaa’, 11/177-358*

734 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “One of the ways in which Allah honoured this Ummah and singled them out for blessing is that He sent to them Muhammad (PBUH), who taught them the Book, wisdom, obligations and the Sunnah so that they will be guided.” *Al-Bidaayah Wan-Nihaayah, 7/262*

735 - Yazid Ibn Abdullah Shikkir (may Allah be pleased with him) says: ‘We used to discuss the people of the Fire and comment that the fear of Allah prevented them from nothing (meaning they had no fear).’ *Fear of Allah by Imam al-Ghazali, Imam Ibn Qayyim & Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.21*

736 - Muhammad Ibn Munkadir (may Allah be pleased with him) used to spread his tears all over his face and beard after crying and say: ‘I have heard that the fire will not touch the places where tears have reached.’ *Fear of Allah by Imam al-Ghazali, Imam Ibn Qayyim & Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.20*

737 - Imam al-Bukhari (may Allah be pleased with him) was asked: “What is it that strengthens one’s memory?” He replied: “Constantly looking through books.” *Jami’ Bayan al-‘Ilm wa Fadlih*

738 - Khaalid Ibn Ma’dan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "There is not a person except he has four eyes: two in his head with which he sees the matters of this worldly life, and two in his heart with which he looks to the matters of the hereafter. So if Allah wants good for his servant, He opens his heart’s eyes, and so he perceives what he has been promised in the unseen world. Thus

he is saved from the unseen (punishment) through the unseen (reward for the obedient)." *Al-Dhahabee, Siyar A'laam Al-Nubalaa', 4/ 543*

739 - Bakr al-Muzani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If you want your prayer to be of benefit to you, say to yourself, 'I might not have a chance to perform another prayer.'" *Jaami' Al-Uloom Wal-Hikam, p.466*

740 - Abdullah al-Antaki (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Five things are from the remedies of the heart –

1. sitting with the righteous,
2. reading the Qur'an,
3. emptiness of the stomach,
4. standing at night (in prayer),
5. and supplicating at dawn." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.32*

741 - Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I borrowed a pen in Syria and I forgot to return it to its owner. When I came back to Marw (in Iran), I realised that this pen is still with me. So I went back to Syria and returned it to its owner." *Khatib Tareeh, 10/167*

742 - It was said to Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him): "A man fasts, prays and stays in seclusion at the masjid, is that more beloved to you or if he speaks against the people of bida' (innovation)?" He replied: "If he fasts, prays and stays in seclusion he benefits only himself, but if he speaks against the people of innovation, that benefits all the Muslims so that is better." *Majmoo' Al-Fatawa*

743 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: "Tell the people what they can recognise and accept, and keep away from that which they find odd or objectionable. Do you want Allah and His Messenger to be disbelieved?" *Bukhaaree, 1/46*

744 - Hammad Bin Salamah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I have never stood up for prayer without imagining that Jahannam is before my eyes.” *Tadhkirat Al-Huffadh, 1/219*

745 - Tauwoos (may Allah be pleased with him) says: ‘The moon cries out of Allah’s fear even though it has done no wrong and will not be accountable for anything.’ *Fear of Allah by Imam al-Ghazali, Imam Ibn Qayyim & Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.20*

746 - al-Fudayl (may Allah be pleased with him) once saw a man acting heedlessly in his Salah so he reprimanded him. The man told him, “You! The one who commands the good for Allah’s sake should be gentle.” Thus al-Fudayl began to cry and he said, “You spoke the truth.” *The dispute of the highest Angels by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.35*

747 - Al-Fudayl Ibn ‘Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever sits with a person of innovation, then beware of him and whoever sits with a person of innovation has not been given wisdom. I (would) love that there was a fort of iron between me and a person of innovation. That I eat with a Jew and a Christian is more beloved to me than that I should eat with a person of Innovation.” *Al-Laalikaa’ee, 1149*

748 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “How evil are the people of innovation, we do not give them salaam.” *Sharh As-Sunnah, 1/234*

749 - When Imam Ibn Sirin (may Allah be pleased with him) laid down on his deathbed, he said to his son: "My son! Pay my debts. Pay only what I owe to people." His son replied: "Oh my father, should I free a slave on your behalf?" Ibn Sirin replied: "God Almighty has the power to reward me and you for whatever good you do on my behalf." *Ibn Seerin's Dictionary of Dreams, P.IX*

750 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whosoever reviles the Companions of the Prophet (PBUH), then we do not believe he is safe from having rejected the Religion.” *Sunnah lil-Khilaal, 3/493*

751 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “I am not a Prophet, and I do not receive revelation, but I act in accordance with the Book of Allah (SWT) and the Sunnah of Muhammad (PBUH) as much as I can.” *Ash-Shifa, of Qaadi ‘Iyaad, 2/556*

752 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever says that Allah, The Mighty and Majestic, will not be seen in the hereafter then he has disbelieved. Upon him is the curse of Allah and His anger – whomever he may be from among the people.” *Ash-Sharee’ah p. 254*

753 - Abu Bakr Ibn ‘Ayyaash (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If a dirham fell and got lost from one of them, he would spend his entire day saying, ‘Verily to Allah we belong, my dirham is lost!’ But he wouldn’t say, ‘My day has gone by and I haven’t accomplished anything!’” *Al-Hilyah, 8/303*

754 - Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him) was asked concerning a Rafidi neighbor who greets him, should he answer his Salam? He replied “No”.’ *Sunnah lil-Khilaal, 3/493*

755 - Salmaan Al-Farisee (RA) narrated that it was said to him, “Your Prophet has taught you everything, even how you relieve yourselves?” So he said to them, “Yes indeed! And he has prohibited us from facing the qibla whilst relieving ourselves.” *Muslim 1/152, and Ahmad 8*

756 - Ibrahim Taymi (may Allah be pleased with him) says: ‘Those who do not grieve should beware that they do not become from the people of the fire because the people of Paradise will say: “All praise is due to Allah who has relieved us of grief.” Al-Qur’an: Surah Fatir: 34, *Fear of Allah by Imam al-Ghazali, Imam Ibn Qayyim & Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.21*

757 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “We do not know of anything better than seeking knowledge with (a sincere) intention (for the sake of Allah).” *Siyar, 7/244*

758 - Imam Bukhari (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “And they (Imam Bukhari’s Companions and Shaykhs) used to forbid innovations: whatever the Messenger (PBUH) and his Companions (RA) were not upon due to His saying: ‘And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e, this Quraan) and be not divided among yourselves.’ [3:103]

And His saying: ‘And if you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance.’ [24:54], *Al-Laalika’ee’s Sharh Usool I’tiqaad Ahlu Sunnah*, 2/172

759 - Abdullaah Ibn Al-Mu’taz (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The knowledge of a hypocrite is in his speech, while the knowledge of a believer is in his actions.” *Iqtidaa-u Al’Ilmi Al’Amal*, 38

760 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said, "Knowledge is the best inheritance, good manners are the best craft, piety is the best provision, worship is the best baggage, righteous action is the best guide, good character is the best companion, gentleness is the best adviser, contentment is the best wealth, (divine) assistance is the best ally, and death is the best teacher." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani*, p.54

761 - Abdullah Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Women are but an ‘awrah (something private to be covered). A woman might leave her house without there being any problem with her, but the Shaytan seeks her out and says (to her), “You will not pass by anyone except that you will impress/please him.” A woman puts on her clothes and is asked where she is going, to which she replies, “To visit a sick person,” or “to attend a funeral”, or “to pray in the masjid”; but a woman never worships Allah in the way she does when she worships Him in her house.” *Al-Tabarani. Graded sahih by Shaykh Al-Albani in Sahih Al-Targhibi wa Al-Tarhib Vol.1*, p84

762 - Sa’d bin Ibraheem (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Zinneerah was a roman slave and became a muslimah. The mushrikeen tortured her until she lost her sight because of the severe torture. The mushrikeen said “The laa and ‘uzzah took her sight”. She said, “I disbelieve in al-laa wal ‘uzzah” and Allah returned back her sight." *Al-‘Isaabah Fee Tamyeez As-Sahaabah*, by Ibn hajr al-‘Asqalaani

763 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “Do not think evil of anything that comes from your brother, Muslim’s tongue, whenever there is a way to interpret it in a good way.” *Al-Farq Bayna An-Naseehah Wat-Ta’yee*

764 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) was asked, “How was your love for the Messenger of Allah (PBUH)?” He replied, “He, by Allah, was dearer to us than our wealth, our children, our fathers, our mothers and cold water when one is thirsty.” *Ash-Shifa, of Qaadi Iyaad, 2/568*

765 - Al-Bayhaqi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “As for wiping the face with the hands after concluding the supplication, I do not know that any of the Salaf did it.” *As-Sunan, 1/212*

766 - Al-Haafidh Nu’aym Ibn Hamaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whosoever claims that Allah resembles His creation has disbelieved, and whosoever denies whatever Allah described Himself with has also disbelieved. And there is no tashbeeh at all in what Allah has described Himself with, nor in what His Messenger (PBUH) has described Him with.” *Al-'Uluww, #217*

767 - Ibraheem An-Nakha’i (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If the Companions of Prophet (PBUH) had wiped over a fingernail (in wudoo’), I would never have washed it, seeking virtue in following them.” *Abu Dawood in his Sunan*

768 - Abu Ja’far Muhammad Ibn ‘Alee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “It is a sufficient portion of defect for a person to clearly see from the people [of mistakes and shortcomings] that which he is blind of from his own self.” *Al-Hilyah, 3/188*

769 – Malik Ibn Maghool (may Allah be pleased with him) says that a man asked Sha’bi (may Allah be pleased with him): ‘O learned scholar! Give us your verdict!’ Sha’bi replied that a scholar was someone who feared Allah.” *Hilya 4/311*

770 - Maymun Bin Hayyan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I never saw Muslim bin Yasar turning his head while praying, whether the prayer was short or long. Once, a part of the mosque came down and the noise caused fear to the people who were in the market, while he was in the mosque, did not fear nor even turn his head and kept praying.” *Az-Zuhd by Imam Ahmad p.359*

771 - Sufyan At-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Knowledge knocks on the door of action: it enters if the door is opened, but leaves if it does not receive a reply.” *Al-Muwafaqaat*, 1/75

772 - Imam Ash-Shafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If I see a Companion of Hadeeth then it is as if I see a man from the Companions of the Prophet (PBUH), he is of that status.” *Masalat al-‘Uloo wal Nazool*, p.45

773 - Imam ash-Shafi’i (may Allah be pleased with them) said: “The people have agreed that whoever have a Sunnah presented to him does not have the right to abandon it for the statement of someone else, regardless of who they may be.” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli*, p770

774 - Muhammad Ibn Al-Fadl (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “For the last forty years, I have not dictated to my recorder to record even one bad deed. If I did, I would be ashamed of both of them (i.e. the two angels).” *Sifat Al-Safwah*, by Ibn Al-Jawzee, 4/165

775 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If you hear that a man in the east is a follower of the Sunnah, then send salaams to him, for Ahl as-Sunnah are becoming very few.” *Al-Laalikaa’i in Sharh Usool I’tiqaad Ahl as-Sunnah*

776 – al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The believer is the mirror of his brother, if he sees something that he is not pleased with, he straightens it out and adjusts it, and protects his honor in private and public.” *Al-Ikhwaan of Ibn Abid Dunyaa*, p. 55

777 - Abdullah bin Ahmad bin Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “My father went out to Tarsus on foot, and he performed two or three Hajjs on foot, and he was the most patient of people upon being alone.” *Tarjamat Al-Imam Ahmad*, p. 18

778 - Abu Dardaa (RA) said: “Woe to him who does not know, and seven times woe to him who knew but did not act!” *Ihyaa Uloom Ad-Deen*, 1/63

779 - Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever speaks about Islam without knowledge is a liar. Even if he had not intended to lie.” *Majmoo’ Al-Fataawa, 10/449*

780 - Shaiq al-Balkhi (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Five precepts are obligatory upon you, so practise them –

1. worship Allah to the extent that you need Him;
2. take from the dunya to the extent of your stay in it,
3. disobey Allah to the extent that you can bear His punishment;
4. prepare provisions during the dunya to the extent of your stay in the grave;
5. and work for Paradise to the extent of your desired rank in it." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.34*

781 - Al-Qaasim Ibn al-Haafiz ibn ‘Asaakir (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “My father used to pray in congregation and read Qur’aan regularly. He would complete it every week, and every day in Ramadaan.” *As-Siyar, 20/562*

782 - Mu’adh bin Jabal (RA) said to a man, “I advice you with two matters - if you protect them, you will be protected. You cannot manage without your portion of this world, and you are in more need of your portion of the Hereafter. Thus, give preference to your portion of the Hereafter over your portion of this world; then your share of this world will be automatically come with it. It will come to you wherever you are.” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p251*

783 - Ibraaheem al-Nakha’i (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Al-Aswad used to complete the Qur’an in Ramadaan every two nights.” *As-Siyar, 4/51*

784 - Imam Ash-Shaafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever manifests nationalism or theological rhetoric and calls to it, then he has apostated from the testimony (shahaadah).” *Al-Hujjah, by Isma’eel Ibnul Fadhl, (7/b)*

785 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said to Al-Mu'tasim during the days of his trial, "I am not a person of argumentation or theological rhetoric. I am only a person of narrations and reports." *Al-Mihnah, by Hanbal Ibn Is-haaq, p. 54*

786 - Imam Abdur Rahman al-Jauzi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If you find a darkness in your heart after you sinned, know then that in your heart there is light, because of this light you felt the darkness." *Rowdathul Muhibeen, 2/112*

787 - Talq bin Habeeb (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "There is nothing more harmful to the branches of Knowledge and its people than those who enter themselves into it and they are not from its people. They are ignorant and yet they think they have Knowledge, they cause corruption whilst thinking they are correcting the affairs." *Ibn Abi Al-Dunyyaa, Al-Tawbah article 62*

788 - Al-Bukhari (may Allah have mercy on him) said: "The best of Muslims is a man who revives a practice, from the practices of the Messenger (PBUH) that has died out." *Adaab Taalib Al-Hadith, p. 214*

789 - Ibn Hibbaan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The best brothers are those who wish the most well for one. It is better to be hit by a person who wishes well for you than to be greeted by a bad one." *Ar-Rawdhah, p. 195*

790 - Abdullaah Ibn Muhammad Ibn Manaazil (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The Believer seeks excuses for his brothers, and the hypocrite seeks the mistakes for his brothers." *Ash-Shu'ab, 7/11197*

791 - Ibn Hibban (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The noble does not hurt the wise, he does not joke with the stupid and he does not mingle with the sinner." *Ar-Rawdhah, p. 173*

792 - A son of Sa'd bin Abi Waqqas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: 'My father heard me say, "O Allah, I ask You for Paradise, it's blessings, it's pleasure, and such-and-such, and such-and-such; I seek refuse in You from Hellfire, from it's chains, from it's collars, and from such-and-such, and from such-and-such."

He said, “O my dear son, I heard the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) say: “There will be people who will exaggerate in supplication.’ You should not be one of them. If you are granted Paradise, you will be granted everything good therein; if you are protected from Hellfire, you will be protected from everything evil therein.” *Sunan Abi Dawud 1480, Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p224*

793 - Bakr Ibn ‘Abdillaah Al-Muzanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Treat your brothers well despite their shortcomings that they have, just as you like for them to treat you (well) despite the shortcomings that you have. Everyone that you see making a mistake or mishap should not fall from your sight, for surely you are most deserving of this yourself.” *At-Tawbeekh of Abush Shaykh, p.54*

794 - Abdullah bin Mughaffal heard his son (may Allah be pleased with them) say: “O Allah, I ask You for a white palace on the right-hand side of the Paradise when I enter it.” He said, “O my son, ask Allah for Paradise and seek refuge with Him from Hell, for I heard the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) say: ‘There will be people who will transgress in supplication.” *Sunan Ibn Majah 3864, Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p225*

795 - Fudayl Ibn ‘Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever marries his beloved daughter to an innovator has cut off the ties of relationship with her.” *Al-Barbahaaree, An Explanation of the Creed, 137*

796 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “To endure short-lived difficulties that are followed by long lasting ease, is better than hurrying for a short-lived ease that is followed by ever-lasting hardship.” *Al-Hilyah, 2/134*

797 - Al-Junaid Ibn Muhammad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If a man worships Allah for one thousand years, and then he turns away from Him for one moment, then what he missed in this moment is more than what he gained (in one thousand years of worship).” *Hilyat Al-Awliyaa’, by Aboo Nu’aym, 10/278*

798 - Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said: “Verily, du’a is suspended between the heavens and the earth. Nothing of it ascends until you send salutations upon your Prophet (PBUH).” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p221*

799 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The scholar is the doctor of the Deen, and the dirham is its sickness. So if the doctor infects himself with the sickness, then when will he cure others?!” *Tadhkiratul-Huffaadh, by Adh-Dhahabee*

800 - Umar bin al-Khattab (RA) said, "I have seen all types of friends but I never found a friend better than safeguarding the tongue; I have seen all types of clothes but I never found clothes better than God-consciousness; I have seen all types of wealth but I never found wealth better than contentment; I have seen all types of good deeds but I never found a good deed better than giving good advice; and I have seen all types of food and I never found food more delicious than patience." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.34*

801 - Najda (a Khariji) asked Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) a certain question and Ibn ‘Abbaas answered them saying that people were accusing him of corresponding with a Khariji, “If I were not afraid of hiding the knowledge (and of the severe punishment), I would not have replied to him.” *At-Tabaraanee, Mu’jam Al-Kabeer 5/159*

802 - During the end of Ibn Sireen’s (may Allah be pleased with him) life, he disliked mixing with people or having any kind of social contacts. When Az-Zuhree (may Allah be pleased with him) went to see him, he did not allow him to sit down, and asked him to depart after giving the salutations of peace (as-salaamu ‘alaykum)." *Ibn Hajr, Tahdheeb, 6/240*

803 - Al-Hasan Al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “One who joins the learning circle without a wooden board (e.g., a pen and paper) is like the one who joins battle without a weapon.” *Al-Khateeb Al-Baghdaadee, Al-Jaami’, 155*

804 - Imam Bukhari (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I only included in my book Al-Jaami’ (e.g, Saheeh Al-Bukhaari) those that were authentic, and I left out many more authentic narrations than this to avoid unnecessary length.” *Ibn Hajr, Hady Al-Saaree, 1/18*

805 - Fudayl Ibn ‘Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever limits his speech to be in accordance with his actions will (surely) lessen his speech on that which doesn’t concern him.”

Kitab Al-Adhkaar, by An-Nawawi

806 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I did not start giving fatawa until seventy (scholars) said that I was suitable for that.” *Tadhkiratul-Huffaadh, by Adh-Dhahabee*

807 - Imam Shafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “When one wishes to say something, then it is upon him to think before he speaks. If there is beneficial good in what he will say, then he should speak. If he has doubt about that, then he must not speak until that doubt is removed.”

Kitaab Al-Adhkaar, by An-Nawawi

808 - Imam Shafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) advised one of his students: “Do not speak about things that do not concern you, for indeed, every time that you speak a word, it takes control of you and you do not have any control over it!” *Kitaab Al-Adhkaar, by An-Nawawi*

809 - Imam Adh-Dhahabee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “May Allah have mercy over the person who speaks little, reads the Qur’an, weeps over his lost time, constantly gazes into (saheeh) Bukhari and (saheeh) Musilm, and worships Allah before he is surprised by death.” *At-Tadhkirah, 2/80*

810 - Al-Fadl Ibn Muhammad Ash-Sha’raanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I never saw ‘Abdullaah Ibn Saalih (may Allah be pleased with him) except that he was narrating ahaadeeth or saying tasbeeh.” *Siyaar A’laamun Nubulaa, Vol. 10, Pp. 405-416*

811 - Ibn Al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “And verily for everything that a slave loses there is a substitute, but the one who loses Allah will never find anything to replace Him.”

Ad-Daa’ Wad-Dawaa Fasl, 49

812 - Abdullah Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “There is nothing that deserves to be imprisoned more than the tongue.” *Kitaab Al-Adhkaar, by An-Nawawi*

813 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The shield of the Scholar is, ‘I do not know’, so if he leaves it down, his attacker will strike him.” *Al-Intiqaa’*, p. 37

814 - Abu Bakr bin Abdullah al Muzani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Who is like you, O son of Adam? Whenever you wish, you use water to make Ablution, go to the place for worship and thus enter the presence of your Lord (i.e. start praying) without a translator/barrier or a barrier between you and Him!” *Al Bidayah Wan-Nihayah* 9/256

815 - Sufyaan Ibn Uyaynah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Sunnah is ten things, whosoever accepts them has completed the Sunnah, and whosoever abandons anything from them has abandoned the Sunnah..... [and the last one he mentioned was] and not testifying that any Muslim will definitely be in Paradise or Hell (except with a textual proof).” *Al-Laalika’ee*, no. 312

816 - Abu Ubayd Al-Asqalaani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I have not seen Abu Ubaydah Al-Khawas laugh for forty years. It was said to him: “Why don’t you laugh?” He said: “How can I laugh while a Muslim is still imprisoned by the Mushrikeen?!” *Sifat Al-Safwah*, 2/416

817 - Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Marry, because if the servant of Allah commits fornication Allah snatches the light of Iman from him, and may or may not return it to him.” *Al-Tabaqaat Al-Kubraa*, of Ibn Sa’d, 5/287

818 - Abu Anas Hamad Al-’Uthmaan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The evil of the Jews and Christians is open and clear to the common Muslims; as for the people of innovation, then their harm is not clear to every person... This is why the Scholars see that to refute the people of innovation takes precedence over refuting the Jews and Christians.” *Zajarul Mutahawwin*, p. 96

819 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever indulges in theological rhetoric will become a failure. Moreover, indulging in theological rhetoric will lead one to become like the jahmiyyah.” *As-Sunnah* p. 235

820 - Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said, "The one who laughs a lot will lose his respect; the one who makes mockery of people will be mocked by others; the one who is excessive in something will become known by it; the one who speaks a lot will make many blunders; the one who makes many blunders will lose his sense of shame; the one who loses his sense of shame will lose his God-consciousness; and the one who loses his God-consciousness will cause his heart to die." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.44*

821 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Verily a person of theological rhetoric will never succeed, ever. You will never see anyone studying theological rhetoric, except that there is a corruption in his heart." *As-Sunnah, p. 235*

822 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) would write to his governors during his caliphate and say: "The most important of your affairs in my view is prayer; whoever prays regularly has protected his faith, but whoever neglects it, is bound to be more negligent in other issues of faith." *At-Taareeqah Al-Hakamiyah, p.240*

823 - Umar Ibn 'Abdul-'Azeez (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Allah never blesses a slave with a favour and then takes it away from him and then recompenses him in its place with patience, except that which He recompensed him with (patience) was better than what He took away from him." *Iddatus Saabireen, p. 24*

824 - Hudhayfah Ibn al-Yamaan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Do not perform any act of worship that was not practised by the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), for the earlier generation did not leave any room for the latter to add anything (to the religion). Fear Allah, O' readers, seekers of knowledge, and follow the path of those who came before you." *Ibn Battah in Al-Ibaanah*

825 - Ash-Shu'bi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "In every nation (past religion), their scholars are the worst – except for the Muslims, whose scholars are the best of them." *Majmoo' Al-Fataawaa, 7/284*

826 - Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Describe Allah with what He has described Himself with, and negate from Allah what He has negated from Himself.”

Manaaqibul Imam Ahmad, by Ibn Al-Jawzee, p. 221

827 - Bishr bin al-Harith (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I do not know of any action on the face of the earth greater than seeking knowledge and hadith for the person who fears Allah and purifies his intention.” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p205*

828 - Bishr Ibn Al-Haarith (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Look at the person who has the most piety, chastity and purest earning from the people and then accompany him and do not sit with the one who will not help you upon your life in the hereafter.” *Ash-Shu’ab, 7/11197*

829 - Ibn Al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The sinner does not care about whether he angers his Lord or not, all he cares about is satisfying his lusts and desires.” *Ighaath Al-Lahafaan, P.44*

830 - Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “And in no way is Allah to be described with anything more than what He – the Mighty and Majestic – has described himself with.” *Kitaabul-Mhnaah p. 68*

831 - Waki (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If it were not that ahadith were better to me than tasbih, I would not have narrated ahadith.” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p205*

832 - Some people asked ‘Ali bin Abi Talib (RA) to describe this worldly life so he asked: “Do you want a long description or a brief one?” They replied: “A brief one.” He said: “Its permissible things (halaal) [lead to] accounts being taken from you, and its forbidden things (haraam) [lead to the] Fire.” *Ibn Abee Al-Dunyaa, Dham Al-Dunyaa, article 17*

833 - Abu Bakr (RA) said: “I will not leave anything Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) did, except that I will also do it; for I fear that if I were to leave any of his commands and ways, I would deviate.”

Ibn Battah, Al-Ibanah, 77

834 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said (advising Sa’d Ibn Abee Waqqaas (RA), who was the leader of an army): “I urge you and the troops who are with you to fear Allah in all circumstances, for fear of Allah is the best means of preparation to face the enemy and the best plan at times of war. I command you and those who are with you to be more cautious of sin than of your enemy, for the sins of an army are more alarming for them than their enemy. And the Muslims are only granted divine help because of their enemy’s disobedience towards Allah.” *Al-Faarooq ‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab, by Muhammad Rasheed Rida, p.119*

835 - Abu ‘Ubayd Al-Qaasim Ibn Salaam (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The follower of the Sunnah is like the one who holds onto hot coals. And today, in my opinion, this is better than fighting with swords in the Cause of Allah.” *Taareekh Baghdaad, 12/410*

836 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “The happiest of people is the one under whose care people are happy because of him, and the most miserable of people is the one under whose care people are miserable because of him.” *Manaaqib ‘Umar, by Ibn Al-Jawzee, p.130*

837 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “We used to say that this Ummah will be doomed by knowledgeable hypocrites.” *Al-Wilaayah ‘Alaa Al-Buldaan, 1/142*

838 - Abdul Wahhaab Ibn Ziyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I can not think of any deeds that are more virtuous than patience except for being pleased (with Allah and His Qadar) and similarly I do not know of a level higher and nobler than being pleased (with Allah and His Qadar) and it is the head of loving Allah.” *Al-Hilyah, 6/163*

839 - Sufyan ath-Thawri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “There is no action more virtuous than seeking knowledge for the person with the correct intention.” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p205*

840 - Muhammad Ibn al-Duri (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "The damnation of Iblis was due to five things -

1. he did not acknowledge his sin,
2. he did not regret it,
3. he did not blame himself,
4. he did not resolve to repent,
5. and he lost hope in the mercy of Allah.

The salvation of Adam (AS) was due to five things –

1. he acknowledged his sin,
2. he regretted it,
3. he blamed himself,
4. he hastened to repent,
5. and he did not lose hope from the mercy of Allah." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.34*

841 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I did not study one letter for the people."

Note: "Thus, one from among the Salaf would study to rectify himself, then the benefit would spread to others from amongst the people." *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, P2*

842 - Yahyaa Ibn Aadam (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Paradise was surrounded by difficulties, and you dislike it, and Hellfire was surrounded by desires, and you run after it. You are like one who is afflicted with serious illness, if you are able to patiently endure the pain of the cure, you will be healed, if not, the illness will only increase in severity." *The Journey Of The Strangers", By Al-Aajurree, p. 67*

843 - Yahyaa Ibn Mu'aadh Al-Raazee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Son of Aadam; you seek the world as if your very life depended on it and you seek the Hereafter as if you have no need of it! You will acquire what you need from this world even if you do not run after it, but you will only attain the Hereafter if you run after it. So be aware of your true condition!" *The Journey of The Strangers*, By Al-Aajurree, p. 67

844 - Al-Fudayl Ibn 'Iyyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The souls are arrayed armies. So those that know one another will unite with one another, and those that don't know one another will be divided. And it is not possible for a person of the Sunnah to support a person of innovation except due to hypocrisy." *Sharh Usool 'Itiqaad Ahlis-Sunnah Wal-Jamaa'ah*, 1/138

845 – Alee (may Allah be pleased with him) wrote a letter to Muhammad Ibn Abee Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) saying: "Remember, O Muhammad, that even if you are in need of your share of this world, you are in greater need of your share of the hereafter. If you have two matters to deal with, one which has to do with the hereafter and the other which has to do with this world, then start with that which has to do with the hereafter." *The Life and Times of 'Alee*, by 'Alee Muhammad As-Sallaabee, Pp.564-565

846 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Three qualities are from patience:

1. not speaking about your misfortune,
2. (not speaking about) your pain,
3. and not praising yourself." *Al-Hilyah*, 6/389

847 - Ibn Abee Rawaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Once I saw a sore on Muhammad Ibn Waassi's hand and it was as if he saw how difficult I saw that to be. So he asked me, 'Do you know what favour Allah has over me with regards to this blister?' I kept silent. He continued, 'He didn't make it on my eye, or (on) the tip of my tongue, or (on) the tip of my penis.' Thereupon his sore became easy for me to bear." *As-Sabr*, p.184

848 - When the righteous son of Umar Ibn Abdul-Aziz (may Allah be pleased with him) died he said, “His death was more beloved to Allah, and I seek refuge in Allah that I love something regarding a matter which conflicts with the love of Allah.” *The dispute of the highest Angels by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.57*

849 - Fath al-Muws Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “The one who truly loves Allah does not find any pleasure in loving Allah along with the dunya, nor does he become heedless of His remembrance – not for even a second.” *The dispute of the highest Angels by Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.59*

850 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “Whoever acts on whims and desires and sin, loses out and harms no one but himself. Whoever follows the Sunnah and adheres to laws and follows the right path, seeking that which is with Allah, for those who obey Him, is doing the right thing and is a winner.” *Taareekh At-Tabaree, 4/410*

851 - Abu Hurairah (RA) and Abu Dharr (RA), both of them said: “Teaching and seeking knowledge is more beloved to us than a thousand raka’at of supererogatory prayers.” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p205*

852 - Katheer Ibn Sayfee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Meeting your beloved friends eases stress.” *Al-Ikhwaan, p.94*

853 - Muhammad Ibn Sirin (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If something reaches you about your brother, then search for an excuse for him. If you do not find an excuse for him, then make an excuse for him.” *Al-Jaami’ Li Shu’ab Al-Eemaan, 14/441*

854 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “A man would feel upset to miss out on what he could never have gotten, and he could be pleased to get what he never could have missed, so let your pleasure be in that which you get of matters pertaining to the hereafter, and let your regret be with regard to what you miss of that. Whatever you get of worldly gains, do not be too happy about it, and

whatever you miss out on of worldly matters, do not be too upset about it; let your concern be what happens after death.” *The Life and Times of ‘Alee, by ‘Alee Muhammad As-Sallaabee, p.580*

855 - Abdullah Ibn Umar (RA) states that he would rather shed two tears from the fear of Allah than give a thousand dinnars in charity.” *Ihya 4/160*

856 - Yazeed Ibn Abee Ziyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I never entered upon ‘Abdur-Rahmaan Ibn Abee Laylaa (may Allah be pleased with him) except that he narrated to me a good hadeeth and fed me good food.” *Al-Ikhwaan, p.207*

857 - Fudayl Ibn ‘Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Believer screens and gives sincere advice and the wicked evil doer unveils and exposes.” *Jaami’ul ‘Uloom Wal-Hikam, p.77*

858 - Sufyan bin Uyaynah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Those among our scholars who become corrupt have a resemblance of the Jews, while those among our worshipers who become corrupt have a resemblance of Christians.”

Note: ‘This is because the corruption of the Christians came from the standpoint of worship while the corruption of the Jews came from the standpoint of knowledge; they had knowledge but did not act according to it. The Christians worshipped without knowledge.” *Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p72*

859 - Uthman bin Affan (RA) said, "The signs of God-consciousness person after five –

1. the first is that he does not sit except with someone who is concerned for the Religion and has control over his sexual desires and tongues;
2. if a great fortune befalls him from the dunya he deems it a trail;
3. if he finds a practice to be from the Religion he clings to it, though it may seem insignificant;
4. he does not fill his stomach with the halal fearing that haram may be mixed with it;
5. and he supposes that all of the people will be saved and that his soul will be perish."

Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.31

860 - Yahya Ibn Mu'adh (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "From the greatest of all delusions in my sight is –

1. the continuance in acts of disobedience in the hope of forgiveness without any regret;
2. expecting nearness to Allah without performing any acts of obedience;
3. waiting to reap the crop of Paradise having sown the seeds of Hell;
4. seeking to reside in the House of the obedient ones [i.e., Paradise] with acts of disobedience;
5. waiting for kindness of Allah the Exalted with heedlessness: "They hope for salvation without treading its path, Surely a ship does not sail on solid ground." *Preparing for the day of Judgement by Ibn Hajr al-Asqalani, p.41*

861 - Ibn Rajab (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "All blessings are from Allah and His virtue, so whoever ascribes any of these blessings to other than Allah with the belief that it is not from Allah is a real Mushrik! And whoever ascribes these blessings to other than Allah with the belief that they are from Allah has committed hidden shirk." *Lataa'if Al-Ma'aarif, p. 70*

862 - Concerning the strangers, 'Ali Ibn Abi Taali (RA) said: "They live in this world with their bodies but their souls are attached to heavenly matters, they are the ambassadors of Allah in His lands and His callers to His Religion. O how I desire to see them!" *Abu Nu'aym, 1/79*

863 - Once Talhah (may Allah be pleased with him) came to 'Abdul-Jabbaar Ibn Waa'il (may Allah be pleased with him) while he was sitting with some people, so he whispered something to him and then left. He (Talhah) asked them, "Do you know what he just said to me?" He said, "Yesterday I saw that you had looked around while you were performing the prayer." *Raudatul 'Uqaalaa, p. 197*

864 - Alaa Ibn Musayyib (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Khaytham used to place bags of money in the masjid and sit, so if he saw one of his friends wearing raggedy clothing, he would give him a bag of money." *Al-Ikhwaan, p.224*

865 - Abdullah Ibn Amr Ibn Aas (RA) says, “Weep. If you cannot do so, then appear to weep. By the One Who holds my life in His Hands, if you only knew, you would scream until you would lose your voice and you would pray until your back broke.” *Fear of Allah by Imam al-Ghazali, Imam Ibn Qayyim & Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.19*

866 - Sulaymaan (may Allah be pleased with him) was once asked about the greatest deed, at which he wept and said: “That He (Allah) looks at your heart and finds it not desiring anything of this world and the Hereafter except Him.” *Abu Nu’aym, 9/256*

867 - Sulaymaan (may Allah be pleased with him) would say when describing the strangers: “Their intent is not the same as the rest of man, their desire for the Hereafter is not the same as the rest of man, and their supplications are not the same as the rest of man.” *Abu Nu’aym, 9/256*

868 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “I wish you knew what I have in my heart for you, but there is no way for you to know except by my actions.” *Taareekh At-Tabaree, 4/409*

869 - Farwah Ibn naufal (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Once I was with Khabbaab (RA), so we went out to the masjid and he grabbed my hand and said to me, ‘Seek nearness unto Allah to the best of your ability for surely you cannot get close to Him with something more beloved to Him than His Speech.’” *Ash-Shu’ab, p.1463*

870 - Abdullaah Ibn ‘Urwah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I asked my grandmother Asmaa (may Allah be pleased with her), ‘How were the Companions of the Prophet (PBUH) when they recited the Quran?’ She replied, ‘Their eyes watered and their skins trembled just as Allah has described them (in the Quran).’” *Ash-Shu’ab, p.1900*

871 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (RA) said: “Recite the Quran in seven days but do not recite it in less than three days, and a man should strictly guard his daily recitation of one juzz.” *Ash-Shu’ab, 2/2173*

872 - Al-Humaydee (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated to us saying: “By Allah, that I should fight against those who reject the ahaadeeth of Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) is more beloved to me than that I should fight against a like number of Turks.” *Siyaar Vol. 10, Pp. 616-621*

873 - Sa’eed Ibn Al-Musayyib (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I used to travel for nights and days, searching out a single hadeeth.” *Jaami’ Al-Bayaan Al-‘Ilm, 1/94*

874 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (RA) said: “Constantly look into the Mushaf.” *Ash-Shu’ab, p.2028*

875 - Uthmaan Ibn Hakeem (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Befriend the one who is above you in the religion and below you in the worldly life.” *As-Samt, of Ibn Abee Dunyaa, p.45*

876 - Yahyaa Ibn Katheer (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The best of brothers are those who say, ‘Come let’s fast before we die,’ and the worst of brothers are those who say, ‘Come let’s eat and drink before we die.’” *Al-Hilyah, 3/71*

877 - Ibn ‘Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “There cannot be a major sin along with seeking Allah’s forgiveness, nor a minor sin while being persistent upon it.” *Ash-Shu’ab, 5/7268*

878 - Bakr Ibn ‘Abdillaah Al-Muzanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever commits a sin laughing will enter the Fire crying.” *Al-Hilyah, 6/185*

879 - Hubayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Consider the people based upon their friends.” *Raudatul ‘Uqalaa, p.108*

880 - Khaalid Ibn Ma’dan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “When a door leading to good is opened up for one of you then he should hasten to it because you don’t know when it will be shut.” *Al-Hilya, 5/211*

881 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) used to offer prayer and then turn towards the youth and say: “If you don’t offer prayer today, then when?” *Al-Hilyah, 7/59*

882 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “There is no relationship between Allah and anyone except through obedience to Him.” *Taareekh At-Tabaree, 4/306*

883 - Al-Qaadhee ‘Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “According to how small you look at the sin is how great it will be in the sight of Allah, and according to how greatly you look at the sin the smaller it will be in the sight of Allah.” *As-Siyar, 8/428*

884 - Al- Awzaa’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Once I heard Bilaal Ibn Sa’d (may Allah be pleased with him) saying, ‘Do not look at how small the sin is but instead look at how great is the One that you have disobeyed.’” *Al-Hilya, 5/223*

885 - Abdullaah Ibn Mas’ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Verily, these hearts are vessels, so fill them up with the Quran and do not fill them up with anything else besides it.” *Al-Musannaf, 7/106*

886 - Abu Haazim Salamah Ibn Deenaar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Look at every act that you would hate to die while committing, and then abandon it.” *Al-Musannaf, 7/194*

887 - Ibn ‘Abbaas (RA) said: “Allah has guaranteed for the one who follows the Quran that he won't go astray in the worldly life nor be miserable in the Hereafter.” Then he recited: “So whoever follows my guidance will neither go astray nor be miserable.” [20:123], *Al-Musannaf, 7/136*

888 - Naafi’(may Allah be pleased with him) reported that Ibn ‘Umar (RA) used to recite in his prayer and pass by a verse in which Paradise is mentioned so he would stop and ask Allah for Paradise, supplicate and cry. He would also pass by a verse in which the Fire is mentioned so he would stop, supplicate and seek the forgiveness of Allah (SWT).” *Az-Zuhd, of Imam Ahmad, p.241*

889 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: “Ask Allah for help against your evil whims and desires just as you ask Him for help against your enemies.” *Al-Faarooq ‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab, by Muhammad rasheed Rida, p. 119*

890 - Al-Awzaa'ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "It used to be said, 'From the major sins is for a man to do a sin and then look down upon it.'" *Ash-Shu'ab*, p.6752

891 - Bishr Ibn Al-Haarith (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "You will not find the sweetness of worship until you place a barrier between yourself and your lusts." *As-Siyar*, 10/473

892 - Ibn Al-Mubaarak (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Once Wuhayb Ibn Al-Ward (may Allah be pleased with him) was asked, 'Will the one who disobeys Allah find the sweetness of worship?' He replied, 'No, nor the one who even thinks about disobeying Allah.'" *Ash-Shu'ab*, p. 833

893 - Abu Ayooob Al-Ansaaree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Indeed a man will do a bad deed and be afraid of it so much so that he will go to Allah in safety." *Ash-Shu'ab*, p.6880

894 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I do not view that one should stand by the grave of the Prophet (PBUH) and make du'aa, rather one should give salaam and then pass by." *Siyaanatul Insaan* (p.264). Also see *Fath Al-Mannaan*, p.358

895 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) rejected those who would touch his body with their hands in order to seek blessings from him, when this was done to Imam Ahmad, he became angered and said: "Who did you get this from?" He firmly and sternly rejected this practice." *Tabaqaat Al-Hanaabilah* 1/228 & *Al-Minhaaj Al-Ahmad* 1/428

896 - Hassaan Ibn Abee Sinaan (may Allah be pleased with him) went out one Eid and when he returned home his wife said: "How many beautiful women have you looked at today?" After she kept asking him, he said: "Woe to you! I have looked at nothing but my toe from when I went out to when I returned to you." *Ibn Abee Al-Dunyaa, Kitaab Al-Wara'*. Article 68

897 - Al-Waki' bin Al-Jarrah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: We went out one Eid with Sufyaan Al-Thawri (may Allah be pleased with him) and he said, "The first thing we will do on this day of ours is to lower our gaze." *Ibn Abee Al-Dunyaa, Kitaab Al-Wara'*. Article 66

898 - Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said: “There is no excuse for anyone regarding a form of misguidance which he embarked upon thinking that it is guidance; nor regarding guidance which be abandoned thinking that it is misguidance. The matters have been explained, the proof is established and the excise has ceased.” *Sharh as-Sunnah by Imam al-Barbaharee, explanation by the noble Shaykh Dr. Saalih al-Fawzan, p.52*

899 - Al-Hasan (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “In this world the believer is like the stranger. He does not become upset when it degrades/humiliates him, nor does he compete with others in chasing after its grandeur. For the people are in one state and his is in a totally different state.” *Ahmad, Az-Zuhd p.321*

900 - Abu Haatim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Rebuking a person’s for their every mistake, even minor ones, constantly, will lead to the love diminishing.” *Rawdhah, p. 182*

901 - Wahb Ibn Munabbih (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Believer intermingles to learn, adopts silence to protect (himself), speaks to teach and adopts isolation for success.” *Siyar A’laam An-Nubalaa*

902 - Shaykh Al-Albaanee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Ahl-ul-Bid’ah are as the christians when it comes to accepting that which suits them. They read the Qur’an and Sunnah and take that which suits them and lure away from that which does not.” *al-Huda wan-Noor 430*

903 - Ibrahim bin Al-Harith (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated a story that there was once a man who was known for weeping from fear of Allah (SWT). One day, when he was asked about his bouts of weeping, he said, "I cry when I remember the many ways in which I have wronged my own self, and when I remember how I have not been modest before He Who has ability to punish me. He (SWT) has given me respite until the day of eternal punishment, the day of eternal misery. By Allah, were I to be asked, 'Which is more desirable to you: for accountabiltiy to be taken of you and for you to then be ordered to be taken to Paradise, or for you to be dust,' I would choose to be dust." *Stories of Repentance by Muhammad Abduh Mughawiri, p.123*

904 - Yahya Ibn Mu'adh (may Allah be pleased with him) said: 'There are two calamities which befall a servant in regards to his wealth when he died, the like of which the creation have not heard.' It was asked, 'and what are they?' He said: 'That all of it is taken from him and he will be asked about all of it.' *Discipline: The path to spiritual growth by Imam Ibn Qudamah al-Maqdisi, P.98*

905 - Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The one who remains silent in the face of falsehood is a tongueless devil." *Ad-Da`u wad-Dawaa'*

906 - Yahya Ibn Mu'adh (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "If you love your Lord and He decreed hunger and nakedness for you, it would be obligatory for you to bear it and withhold it from creation. The lover patiently bears harm from his beloved, so why would you present your complaints to it for something it has not done to you?" *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, p.78*

907 - Ibn 'Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with him) described Ahl as-Sunnah in the following terms: "You will always see a man of Ahl as-Sunnah calling people to the Sunnah and forbidding bid'ah." *Al-Laalikaa'i in Sharh Usool I'tiqaad Ahl as-Sunnah*

908 - Abu Sulayman Darani (may Allah be pleased with him) says, "The root of all goodness in both worlds is the fear of Allah. Every heart that does not have the fear of Allah in it is derelict." *Fear of Allah by Imam al-Ghazali, Imam Ibn Qayyim & Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali, p.19*

909 - Al-Fudayl Ibn 'Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I met the best of people, all of them people of the Sunnah and they used to forbid from accompanying the people of Innovation." *Al-Laalikaa'ee, 267*

910 - Yahya Ibn Mu'adh (may Allah be pleased with him) said: 'The dirham is a scorpion, so if you cannot handle it properly do not touch it otherwise it will sting you and it's poison will kill you.' It was asked, 'How can we handle it properly?' He replied: 'Gain it lawfully and spend it rightfully.' *Discipline: The path to spiritual growth by Imam Ibn Qudamah al-Maqdisi, P.98*

911 - Sufyan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever loves that he should be asked, then he is not worthy of being asked.” *Siyar A’laam Nubulaa*, 8/469

912 - Abul-Harith Al-Awlasi (may Allah be pleased with him) once turned to a man and said, "Do you know how I first repented and mended my ways?" "No," answered the man. "When I was a young man, I was both handsome and energetic. But I was heedless of true guidance. Then one day, I saw a sick man lying down on the side of the road. I drew near to him and asked, 'Is there anything that you desire?' 'Yes,' he replied. 'A pomegranate.' I brought him what he asked for, and when I placed it in his hands, he looked up at me and said, 'May Allah forgive you.' No sooner did the sun set on that day than did my heart undergo a complete transformation. Instead of being preoccupied with frivolous forms of entertainment, I suddenly became preoccupied with the fear of death." *Stories of Repentance by Muhammad Abduh Mughawiri*, p.121

913 - Shaaqiq (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Weeping over past misdeeds, being afraid of perpetrating a sin again, forsaking the company of evildoers, and adhering to the company of the righteous- these are the hallmarks of a sincere repentance." *Stories of Repentance by Muhammad Abduh Mughawiri*, P.71

914 - Ibraheem Ibn Maysarah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever honours an innovator has aided in the destruction of Islam.” *Al-Laalika’ee*, 1/139

915 - Saree as-Saqatee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “One of the best manners of righteousness is having a good heart as regards the brothers and to give them sincere advice.” *Aadaabul-’Ishrah wa Dhikrus-Suhbah wal-Ukhuwwah*, p. 9-20

916 - Ibn al-Sammak (may Allah be pleased with him) entered upon Da’ud al-Ta’i (may Allah be pleased with him) after the latter had died and while (his body) was still on the ground in his house. He said, 'O Da’ud, you imprisoned your soul before it became imprisoned. You torment it before it became tormented. And today you will see the reward of the One for whom you acted.” *Kitab al-muraqaba wa'l-muhasaba by al-Ghazali*, p41

917 - Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said: “Everyone must acquire sound religious knowledge early before he becomes a chief. (Abu Abdulllah) said: “The Companions of the Prophet (PBUH) had studied inspite of the fact that they were old in age.” *al-Bukhari, Vol-1*

918 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Treat Ahlus Sunnah well, for they are the strangers.” *Al-Laalikaa’ee, 49*

919 - Ayyoob as-Sakhtiyaani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whenever I am told of the death of a man among Ahl as-Sunnah, it is as if I have lost one of my limbs.” *Al-Laalikaa’ee in Sharh Usool I’tiqaad Ahl as-Sunnah*

920 - Umar Ibn Abdu'l-Aziz (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Allah does not grant a blessing to a person only to take it away, leaving patience in its place, except that the replacement was better than what was removed." The he recited, "The patient will be paid their wages in full without any reckoning." al-Qur'an 39:10, *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, p.76*

921 - Hatim Bin Al-A’sim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If a respectable good man sits with you, you would be watching every word you utter so that you do not say something wrong. Yet, you know that your words are watched by Allah but you still do not watch the words you utter!” *Aldaa Wa Al Dawaa, by Ibn Al-Qayyim*

922 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “The likeness of this worldly life (dunya) is that of a snake: soft to the touch, it will kill you with its poison. So turn away from what impresses you of it, since what stays with you is so little. And do not be concerned about it, since you are certain about its parting. And be most happy in it when you are most heedful of it; for every time its companion takes solace in one of its delights, it gives way to one of its woes.” *Ibn Abi Al-Dunya, Kitab Al-Zuhd article 164*

923 - Abu Bakr (RA) said: “Let not any Muslim belittle another Muslim, for the lowest of the Muslims is great in the Sight of Allah.” *Ihya’ ‘Ulum ad-Din, 3/400*

924 - After Ar-Rabi' Bin Khaytham (may Allah be pleased with him) became partially paralyzed, he used to go to the mosque helped by two men. He was told: "O Abu Yazid! You have been given permission to pray at home." He said: "You have said the truth, but I heard the caller herald, 'Hayya `ala al-Falah (Come to success)', and I thought that whoever hears this call should answer it even by crawling." *Hilyat Al-Awliya, 2/113*

925 - Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubaarak (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I see every life as unhappy and miserable, except for planting the spear in the shade of the horse, and standing in the dark nights, vigilant, guarding the people in the furthest outpost." *Qadi 'Iyad's Tartib al-Madarik*

926 - Ibrahim al-Taymi (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Allah does not gift a servant with patience at harm, patience at tribulation and patience at calamity except that He has conferred on him the best (gift) after faith in Allah, Mighty and Magnificent.' He derived this from the saying of Allah, Most High,

"...but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous." al-Quran 2:177, *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, p.75-76*

927 - Abdullaah Ibn Al-Mubaarak (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Know that death nowadays is an honour for every Muslim who meets Allah adhering to the Sunnah. Verily, to Allah we belong and unto Him is our return. It is to Allah that we complain of our Alienation, the passing away of our brothers, the lack of support and the emergence of bid'ah (innovation). It is to Allah that we complain of the great calamity that has befallen this Ummah because of the passing away of the scholars and Ahl as-Sunnah, and the emergence of bid'ah (innovation)." *Al-Bia'h wan-Nahy 'anha by Ibn Waddaah*

928 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “It is enough honour for knowledge that he who is not able leaves it and one becomes happy if he is labelled with it, and it is enough of a censure for ignorance that its people disassociate themselves from it.” *Madaarijus-Saalikeen, 1/470*

929 - Yunus Bin ‘Abdullaah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “What is the matter with me? When I lose a chicken I feel concerned, but when I miss the prayer in congregation, it does not grieve me.” *Hilyat al Awliya, 3/19*

930 - Sufyan Bin ‘Uyaynah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Honoring the prayer includes coming before the Iqamah is recited.” *Sifat as Safwah 2/235*

931 - Abd Al-Rahman Bin Mahdi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I dislike people to disobey Allah otherwise I would have wished everyone in this world to backbite me. There is no equal joy to find in your scale in the judgment day a deed you did not know about or even did.” *Aldaa Wa Al Dawaa, by Ibn Al-Qayyim*

932 - Al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If a man who met the early Salaf were to be brought back to life today, he would not recognize anything of Islam” – and he put his hand on his cheek, then said, “apart from this prayer – By Allah, anyone who lives in these strange times and did not meet the righteous salaf, and sees the innovator promoting his bid’ah and the one whose main concern is worldly gains calling others to join him; but Allah protects him from that and causes him to long for the righteous salaf, asking about their path and following their footsteps, and he follows their path, he will be compensated with a great reward. Be like that, In Sha Allah.” *Al-Bia’h wan-Nahy ‘anha by Ibn Waddaah*

933 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said: “The thing I fear for you most is following desires and having extensive hopes (about this worldly life). Following one’s desires blocks you from the truth, and having extensive hopes makes you forget the hereafter. Verily, this worldly life is departing and the hereafter is approaching and each of them has its children. So be children of the hereafter, not children of this world, for today there are (opportunities to do) deeds and there is no reckoning, but tomorrow there will be reckoning and no deeds.” *Abu Nu’aym, Hilyah Al-Awliyyaa’, 1/40*

934 - Al-Awzaa'ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "It used to be said that there were five things that the Companions of Muhammad (PBUH) and those who followed them in goodness were upon:

1. sticking to the jamaa'ah,
2. following the Sunnah,
3. maintaining the masjids,
4. reciting the Quran,
5. and making jihaad in Allah's cause." *Hilyah, 8/142*

935 - Al-Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Patience is one of the treasures of Paradise. Allah only confers it to those He ennobles." *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, p.75*

936 - A man said to Wahb Ibn Munabbih (may Allah be pleased with him): 'A man has defamed you.' Wahb replied: 'Has Shaytan not found a postal method other than you?!' *Discipline: The path to spiritual growth by Imam Ibn Qudamah al-Maqdisi, P.77-78*

937 - Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (RA) said: "Do not allow a ruling that you made in the past, to prevent you from reconsidering it and being guided to your senses concerning it. Indeed reverting back to the truth is better than continuing in something false and wrong." *Ad-Daaraqutnee, 4/207*

938 - Fudayl Ibn 'Iyaad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Follow the paths of guidance and be harmed not, by the small number of those who are guided. Beware of the paths of misguidance and don't be deceived by the great number of those who are in ruin." *Al-'Itisaam, p.62*

939 - Shams ad-Din al-Maqdisi (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If my leg becomes exposed while I am alone, I rush to cover it up while making istighfar." *Al-Mukhtar Al-Masun Min A'lam Al-Qurun, 1/540*

940 - Abu Umamah Al-Baheli (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "In judgment day, the slave of Allah will be given his book of deeds, where he finds rewards for things he did not do, so he

asks: “O My Lord, where did I get these deeds? So Allah replies to him saying: “these are because of the people who backbited you and you did not know about it.” *Aldaa Wa Al dawaa, by Ibn Al-Qayyim*

941 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The last generations of this Ummah can only be reformed by that which reformed its first generations. What was not part of the religion then cannot become part of the religion now.” *Ash-Shifa’ by Al-Qaadi ‘Ayaad, vol. 2, p. 88*

942 - Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The basic principles of Sunnah in our view are: adherence to the way of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (innovation), following their example and forsaking bid’ah (innovation), for every bid’ah is a going astray.” *Al-Laalkaa’i in Sharh Usool Ahl as-Sunnah*

943 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Truly I am only a mortal: I make mistakes (sometimes) and I am correct (sometimes). Therefore, look into my opinions: all that agrees with the Book and the Sunnah, accept it; and all that does not agree with the Book and the Sunnah, ignore it.” *Ibn ‘Abdul Barr in Jaami’ Bayaan al-‘Ilm, 2/32*

944 - Sufyan Ibn Uyaynah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Whenever Uyaynah al-Shami (may Allah be pleased with him) used to pray, he would cry and weep until his weeping becomes loud and his tears run onto the stones on the floor. The ruler of that area sent him a message saying: 'You are ruining the Salah of others with your excessive crying and loudness of your weeping.' Upon hearing this he started to cry and said: 'Having the grief of the Day of Judgement gave me copious tears so they make me comfortable sometimes.'" *Sifat al-Safwah (4/222)*

945 - Abdullaah Ibn ‘Umar (RA) said to a person who asked him about something and said, “Your father forbade that”: “Is the command of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) more deserving of being followed, or the command of my father?!” *Zaad al-Ma’ad by Ibn al-Qayyim*

946 - Maymun Ibn Mihran (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "No Prophets or anyone else has ever attained good except through patience." *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, p.75*

947 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Treat the people of the Sunnah kindly, for indeed they are strangers.” *Sharh Usool ‘Itiqaad Ahlis-Sunnah, 2/64*

948 - Sufyaan Ath-Thawree (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If one man is in the east and another in the west, and they are both from the people of the Sunnah, then send them the salaams and make du’aa for them. How few are the people of Ahlus-Sunnah Wal-Jamaa’ah.” *Sharh Usool ‘Itiqaad Ahlis-Sunnah, 2/64*

949 - Salamah Bin Dinar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Hide your good deeds (from the people) just like you hide your evil deeds.” *Abu Nu’aym, Bayhaqee*

950 - Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said, "The best times of our lives have been those accompanied by patience." *Bukhari, Ibn Hajr, Fath, vol.11, p.309, Ahmad, Ibn al-Mubarak*

951 - Abu Qilaabah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Do not sit with the people of desires (i.e. the people of innovation), nor debate with them, for indeed, I don’t feel safe that they will not drench you in their misguidance and confuse you with regards to that which you used to know.” *Ash-Shu’ab, 7/60*

952 - Imam Abu Haneefah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Adhere to the Athaar (narrations) and the Tareeqah (way) of the Salaf and beware of newly invented matters, for all of it is innovation.” *As-Suyootee in Sawn Al-Mantaq Wal-Kalaam, p. 32*

953 - Zuhree (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “Aboo Salamah used to debate with Ibn ‘Abbaas, (and) because of this, he was hindered from great knowledge.” *Jaami Al-‘Uloom Wa Al-Hikam, 1/518*

954 - Sufyan bin Uyaynah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Allah created Hell out of His mercy (rahma) so that mankind will refrain from sin.” *Abu Na’im, al-Hilyah, 7/285*

955 - Ahmad Ibn Harb (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “There is nothing more beneficial to a Muslim’s heart than to mix with the righteous and to watch their actions, while nothing is more harmful to the heart than mixing with the sinners and watching their actions.” *Al-Bayhaqi, Al-Zuhd Al-Kabeer, p.100*

956 - Ar-Rubai bint Mu’awidh (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “We used to make our children fast, and have a woollen toy for them so that if they cried for food we would give him the toy (to play with) until the time came to break the fast.” *Ramadan an opportunity to connect with your Lord by Shaykh Muhammad Al-Arifi, Page 65*

957 - Muhammad bin Abi Hatim (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: “Some of my Companions said to me: “We were at the house of Muhammad bin Salam, and Muhammad bin Isma’eel Al-Bukhari entered upon him upon his return from Iraq. So, he began to inform us of the tribulation that the people were being put through, as well as what had happened to Ahmad bin Hambal, etc. When al-Imam al-Bukhari exited the house, Muhammad bin Salam said to those present: “Have you ever seen a virgin with as much shyness as this man?” *Siyar A’lam an-Nubala’, 12/418*

958 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “The Sunnah is like the ship of Nooh (AS). Whoever rides in it will be saved and whoever hangs back and does not get on board will be drowned.” *Miftaah al-Jannah fil-I’tisaam bis-Sunnah by As-Suyooti*

959 - Regarding the hadeeth of the Prophet (PBUH) wherein he (PBUH) said, “The Ummah will divide into more than seventy sects, all of them will go into the hellfire except for one...” Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “If they are not the people of hadeeth, then I do not know who they are!” *Sharaf As-haabil Hadeeth, 1/7*

960 - Muslim Al-Makkee (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: “Once I saw Ibn Az-Zubair go into rukoo’ so I read soorah al-Baqarah, Aali Imraan, an-Nisaa’ and al-Maa’idah and he did not raise his head!” *Az-Zuhd of Abu Daawood, p. 348*

961 - Abu Qatn (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: “I never saw Shu’bah making rukoo’ except that I thought he forgot, nor have I ever seen him sitting between the two prostrations except that I thought he forgot.” *As-Siyaar*, 7/207

962 - Imam Ash-Shaafi’ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If I were to see a man from the people of hadeeth, it would be as if I have seen the Prophet (PBUH) living.” *Sharaf As-haabil Hadeeth*, 1/31

963 - Al-Qurtubee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “As for that which is done in our day, by way of the (blameworthy) innovations (bidah) of the Sufi mystics in their addition to hearing songs to the accompaniment of melodious instruments such as flutes, string instruments, etc., such is haraam (forbidden).” *Al-Jaami’u Li Ahkaam Al-Quraan*, 14/54

964 - Talq Ibn Habeeb (may Allah be pleased with him) was asked to define taqwaa so he said: “Taqwaa is acting in obedience to Allah, hoping for His Mercy, upon light from Him; and leaving acts of disobedience to Allah, out of fear of Him, upon light from Him.” *Kitaab Al-Eemaan*, by Ibn Abee Shaybah, 99

965 - Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (RA) said, "Patience with respect to faith is like the head with respect to the body; a person who has no patience has no faith." *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah*, p.75

966 - Ibn Wahb (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: "Once I saw (Sufyaan) Ath-Thawree in the Haram after maghrib prayer offering voluntary prayer. Then he went down into sujood (prostration) and he didn't raise his head until the adhaan for 'Ishaa was made." *As-Siyaar*, 7/296

967 - Ibn Umar (RA) said: “If someone fears his Lord and maintain his ties of kinship, his term of life will be prolonged, he will have abundant wealth and his people will love him.” *al-Adab al-Mufrad*, 58

968 - Abdaan (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: “Hudbah Ibn Hakeen used to make tasbeeh in rukoo’ and sujood more than thirty times.” *As-Siyaar*, 11/99

969 - Abdu'l-Aziz Ibn Abu Ruwwad (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Amongst the Children of Israel there was a devout worshipper who saw a dream in which he was told that so-and-so would be his wife in Paradise. So he went to her as a guest for three nights to see what she did. She would sleep while he prayed by night and she would eat while he fasted. When he left her, he asked her about the greatest deed she felt she did. She replied, 'I do no more than what you have seen me except that I have one quality: If I am trying times, I do not want to be in times of ease. If I am ill, I do not wish to be healthy. If I am hungry, I do not wish to be full. And if I am in the sun, I do not wish to be in the shade.' He said, "By Allah, this is a quality that is beyond the reach of the servants!" *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, p.73-74*

970 - Abu Hamid [Al-Ghazali (may Allah be pleased with him)] said: "Glad tidings to the one who dies and his sins die with him and woe unto the one who dies and his sins remain for one hundred or two hundred years or more! He is punished for them in his grave and he is asked about them until the last one wears out." *Ramadan an opportunity to connect with your Lord by Shaykh Muhammad Al-Arifi, Page 59*

971 - Mujaahid (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Knowledge will not be learnt by one who is too shy, nor one who is too proud." *Ad-Daarimee, 1/138*

972 - Mu'awiyah Bin Aws (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I saw Hisham bin 'Ammar, and when he would walk in the street, he would look down to the ground, and he would never raise his head to the sky, out of shyness from Allah – the Mighty and Majestic." *Siyar A'lam an-Nubala', 11/430*

973 - Abu Bakr bin Maymun (may Allah be pleased with him) came and knocked on the door of al-Humaydi, and assumed that he was given permission to enter. So, he entered, finding al-Humaydi with his thigh exposed. al-Humaydi began to cry, saying: "By Allah, you have just laid your eyes on something that nobody has seen since I have reached adulthood!" *Siyar A'lam an-Nubala', 19/122*

974 - Aa'ishah (RA) said: "I used to enter the building in which the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) and my father were buried while I was dressed lightly, saying: 'These are just my husband and

father.’ However, when ‘Umar (RA) was buried, by Allah, I never entered this building except that my clothing was wrapped tightly around my body, out of shyness from ‘Umar.” *Mustadrak*, 4/7

975 - Imam Al-Ghazali (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "It is prohibited to enter in Lavatory with a bare head or bare feet." *The beginning of the guidance by Imam Al-Ghazali*, P:28

976 - Imam Bukhari (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I heard Aboo ‘Aasim say, ‘Since I have known backbiting to be forbidden, I have never backbitten anyone.’” *Siyaar A’laamun Nubulaa*, Vol. 9, Pp. 480-485

977 - Ibn Ma'sud (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "Rida (contentment) is that you not please the people at the expense of the displeasure of Allah; that you not praise anyone for the provision Allah has granted you; and that you not blame anyone for that which Allah has not given you. The grant of provision is not dictated by the avarice of a person and neither is it withheld because of the aversion of another. By Allah's justice and knowledge did He place relief and joy in certainty and contentment, and worry and distress in doubt and displeasure." *Bayhaqi, Shu'ab* (209)

978 - Hasan Ibn Shaqeeq (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Once we were with Ibn Al-Mubaarak (may Allah be pleased with him) when a man came to him, so he asked him, ‘Are you a Jahmee?’” The man replied, ‘Yes.’ He then said to the man, ‘When you leave me then don’t come back to me.’ The man then said, ‘I have repented.’ He said to him, ‘No, until your repentance becomes clear the likes of which was clear from your innovation.’” *Ash-Sharh Wal-Ibaanah*, p.166

979 - Abu ‘Aasim (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Whoever seeks hadeeth has sought the highest of affairs, so he must be the best of the people.” *Siyaar A’laamun Nubulaa*, Vol. 9, Pp. 480-485

980 - Sa’eed Ibn Jubayr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “For my son to accompany a wicked sinner is more beloved to me than for him to accompany an innovator who performs great worship.” *Ash-Sharh Wal-Ibaanah*, p.149

981 - Ibn Rajab (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Abu Hurairah (RA) used to say Subhanallah (glory be to Allah) more than twelve thousand times everyday. When asked why he did that so much, he said: ‘I am ransoming myself from the Fire with it.’” *Ramadan an opportunity to connect with your Lord by Shaykh Muhammad Al-Arifi, Page 54*

982 - Abu Bakr Bin Aiyash (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If you saw Habib bin Abu Thabit while in Sujud, you would think that he had died because of his long prostration.” *As-Siyar, 5/291*

983 - Matr Al-Warraaq (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A few deeds from the Sunnah are better than many deeds of bid’ah (innovation). Whoever performs a deed from the Sunnah, Allah will accept it from him. And whoever performs an act of bid’ah, Allah will reject his bid’ah.” *Al-Hilyah, 3/76*

984 - Sulayman al-Khawas (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "The station of patience is below that of contentment. Contentment is that a person, before the onset of tribulation, is content whether it is present or not. Patience is that a person, after the onset of tribulation, bears it steadfastly." *Heartfelt advice to a friend by Imam Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, p.72*

985 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “Do not sit with the people of theological rhetoric, even if they defend the Sunnah.” *Manaaqibul Imam Ahmad, p. 205*

986 - Umayr Bin Ishaq (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “I saw from the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) more than I had not seen of them, and I have never seen people greater in softness than them, and I have never seen people less in harshness than them.” *Ad-Darimi in his Sunan, 1/63*

987 - Imam Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “If you see anyone speaking ill of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), doubt his Islam.” *Al-Laalika’ee in As-Sunnah, 2359*

988 - Imam Ash-Shaafi'ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If a man were to include in his will that another man should get his books of knowledge after his death, and amongst them were books containing theological rhetoric, then the books of theological rhetoric could not be included in that, since they are not (books of) knowledge." *Thammul Kalaam, q/213*

989 - Imam Ash-Shaafi'ee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "If Allah puts a man to trial by causing him to do every prohibited thing, except ascribing partners to Allah, then this is better than Allah putting him to trial by misleading him into theological rhetoric." *Manaaqibush Shaafi'ee p. 182*

990 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Whoever seeks knowledge through theological rhetoric will deviate. Whoever seeks wealth through alchemy will become bankrupt. Whoever seeks after strange narrations will become a liar." *Thammul Kalaam (q/173/a*

991 - Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Even if a man commits all of the major sins, except for shirk with Allah, and refrains from all these desires and innovations..." (and from them he mentioned theological rhetoric) "...he shall enter paradise." *Al-Hilyah (6/325)*

992 - Is-haaq Ibn 'Eesaa (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I heard Imam Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) censuring argumentation in the religion, saying, 'Every time someone comes who can argue better than another, he wants us to abandon what Jibreel brought to Muhammad (PBUH) (because of his arguments).'" *Sharaf As-haabil Hadeeth, p. 5*

993 - Imam Al-Barbahaaree (may Allah be pleased with him) said in his Sharh As-Sunnah: "If you see a man criticising the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), know that he is a person of wicked speech and desires, since the Messenger of Allah (PBUH)said, 'When my Companions are mentioned then withhold.'" *At-Tabaraanee from Ibn Mas'ood, and it is saheeh. See Silsilatul Ahaadeeth is Saheehah no. 34*

994 - A'ishah (RA) said: "Avoid rhyming in du'a, for surely, I observed the Prophet (PBUH) and his Companions hating that." *Ibn Hibban 978, Explanation of the concise advices of Ibn Taymiyyah by Shaykh Sulayman ar-Ruhayli, p225*

995 - Abu Haatim Ar-Raazee (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A sign of the people of innovation is their hatred of the people of narrations.” *Ibnut-Tabaree in As-Sunnah, 1/189*

996 - Ibn Umar (RA) said: “The completion of ablution means to clean the parts perfectly.” *al-Bukhari, Vol-1*

997 - Abd-Allah Ibn ‘Umar (RA) said: “People will continue to adhere to the correct way so long as they follow the footsteps [of the Prophet (PBUH)].” *Al-Laalkaa’i in Sharh Usool I’tiqaad Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah*

998 – Umar Ibn al-Khattab (RA) said: “After faith, there is no blessing than a worthy wife.” *al-Ghazzali on marriage, p14*

999 - Abu Sulayman Darani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “A good wife is not of this world; she is of the next world.” That is, she gives you the leisure to attend to the work of the Hereafter.’ *al-Ghazzali on marriage, p13*

1000 - Sulayman (may Allah be pleased with him) explains: “When Allah wishes to destroy people, He takes away their haya (modesty). Once haya goes missing, you will find that person only repulsive and loathsome.” *Fiqh al-Haya (Understanding the Islamic concept of modesty) by Muhammad Ismail al-Muqaddim, p27*

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I end with the statement, which I love by heart, of the Prominent scholar ash-Shaykh al-Albaani (may Allah have mercy on him), as he said:

“If even it is a single reference but sufficient for the true seekers; but for the ignorant people thousands of the references shall bring no benefit. We can teach the one who would like to learn but for the ignorant we don't have anything to do.”

The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said in his last sermon on 9th day of Dhul al-Hijjah, 10 A.H. in the 'Valley of Mount Arafat,

“All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness O God, that I have conveyed your message to your people.”

And He (PBUH) also said:

“May Allah make radiant [the face of] one who heard what I said, learned it by heart, and transmitted it as he heard it.” *at-Tirmidhi*

“Glorified be your Lord, the Lord of Honour and Power! (He is free) from what they attribute unto Him! And peace be on the Messengers! And all the praise and thanks be to Allah, Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).” *Al-Qur'an 37:180-182*

Conclusion

I pray to the Almighty, Exalted be He, bless this small work and forgive me for falling short of my lofty goal. And I pray to the Almighty, All-Wise, that He bless the Prophet, his family and his righteous Companions. May the Almighty, Exalted be He, grant us a place under the Prophet's standard on the Day of Resurrection. Aameen.

“....Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us. Verily! You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.” *Al-Qur'an 2:127*

“My Lord! Inspire and bestow upon me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your Favours which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may do righteous good deeds that will please You, and admit me by Your Mercy among Your righteous slaves.” *Al-Qur'an 27:19*

How perfect You are, O my Lord, to You belong the praise, abundant praise, blessed in it. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but You. I ask for Your forgiveness, and I repent to You. I seek protection for me by Your Perfect Words from every cursed Shaytan, poisonous creature sand every evil eyes.

“and the close of their request will be: Al-Hamdu Lillahi Rabbil-'Alamin [All the praises and thanks are to Allah, the Lord of 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists)].” *Al-Qur'an 10:1*