



Standing Firm by Sitting Still!

Description

Imaam **ÊġAlĤ« ibn al-JaĤd ibn ÊġUbayd**, the **Imam, Hadith Master, Authority in Transmission**, and the **Musnid of Baghdad**, AbĤ« al-ġasan al-BaghdĤġ dĤ«.

His Encounter with al-MaĤ¼mĤ«n

ÊġAbd al-RazzĤġ q ibn SulaymĤġ n ibn ÊġAlĤ« ibn al-JaĤd narrated:

ĤĤ I heard my father say: Al-MaĤ¼mĤ«n once summoned jewel merchants and engaged them in a discussion about their goods. After a while, he left to attend to some business and then returned. When he entered, everyone in the gathering stood up for himĤĤ except for ÊġAlĤ« ibn al-JaĤd.ĤĤ

Al-MaĤ¼mĤ«n **looked at him with displeasure**, then signalled for him to meet him in private.

He asked: ĤĤ O Shaykh, what prevented you from standing?ĤĤ

ÊġAlĤ« ibn al-JaĤd replied:

ĤĤ O Commander of the believers, I refrained from standing **out of reverence for a hadith** that we narrate from the Prophet ġ.ġ.ĤĤ

Al-MaĤ¼mĤ«n asked: ĤĤ And what is that hadith?ĤĤ

He responded:

*â I heard **Mubâ rak ibn Faâ ,â Å lah** say, that he heard **al-â ,asan** say:

The Messenger of Allah ã said:

â **Whoever loves that men should stand for him out of honour, let him take his seat in the Fire.**â â [1](#)

Hearing this, **al-Maâmân fell silent in contemplation.** Then he raised his head and declared:

â *No purchases should be made except from this man!*â

That day, they bought from him thirty thousand dinarsâ worth of goods!.

(Siyar Aâ laamin Nubalaa: 10/459)

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