



Standing Firm by Sitting Still!

Description

Imaam **Ê¿AlÄ« ibn al-JaÊ¿d ibn Ê¿Ubayd**, the **Imam, Hadith Master, Authority in Transmission**, and the **Musnid of Baghdad**, AbÄ« al-á, ¼asan al-BaghdÄ« dÄ«.

His Encounter with al-MaÊ¼mÄ«n

Ê¿Abd al-RazzÄ« q ibn SulaymÄ« n ibn Ê¿AlÄ« ibn al-JaÊ¿d narrated:

â« I heard my father say: Al-MaÊ¼mÄ«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 himâ« except for Ê¿AlÄ« ibn al-JaÊ¿d.â«

Al-MaÊ¼mÄ«n **looked at him with displeasure**, then signalled for him to meet him in private.

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

Ê¿AlÄ« ibn al-JaÊ¿d replied:

â« O Commander of the believers, I refrained from standing **out of reverence for a hadith** that we narrate from the Prophet i·.â«

Al-MaÊ¼mÄ«n asked: â« And what is that hadith?â«

He responded:

*â I heard **MubÄ rak ibn Faá, Ä lah** say, that he heard **al-áasan** say:

The Messenger of Allah ï 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-MaÊ¼mÄ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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