

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**, AbÅ« al-á¸¥asan al-BaghdÄ dÄ«.

His Encounter with al-MaÊ¾mÅ«n

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

â I heard my father say: Al-MaÊ¾mÅ«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-MaÊ¾mÅ«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 ï·º.â*

Al-MaÊ¾mÅ«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·º 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-MaÊ¾mÅ«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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