

11) Friendship with the Ahl al-Bayt (‘a)

Ibn Hanbal says:

A. Ahmad has related from Ibn Numayr from A‘mash from ‘Adiyy bin Thabit from Zirr bin Husbaish from (Imam) ‘Ali (‘a) who narrates:

By Allah! One of the covenants which the Messenger of Allah (S) bound me with is this:

“None will bear enmity towards me but the hypocrite and none will love me but the faithful believer.”¹

Ahmad Shakir regards the isnad of this hadith as sahih and says about ‘Adiyy bin Thabit al-Ansari al-Kufi:

He was one of the trustworthy persons of the first generation of Muslims after the Prophet and his being a Shi‘ah does not affect his narrations since he was trustworthy and truthful.

B. ‘Abdullah bin Ahmad has recorded: Nasr bin ‘Ali Azdi narrates from ‘Ali bin Ja‘far from his brother (Imam) Musa bin Ja‘far (‘a) from his father (Imam) Ja‘far bin Muhammad (al-Sadiq) from his father (Muhammad bin ‘Ali al-Baqir), and he from (his father Imam) ‘Ali bin al-Husayn (‘a), who from his father (Imam Husayn), and grandfather (Imam ‘Ali), who narrates the hadith that the Messenger of Allah (S) holding the hands of Hasan and Husayn said:

“Man ahabbani wa ahabba hadhayn wa abahuma wa ummahuma kana ma‘i fi darajati yawm al-qiyyamah” (Anyone who loves me and these two and their father and mother will be with me and on my station on the Day of Resurrection).²

Ahmad Shakir considers the isnad of this hadith as sahih. It is also worth noting that when Nasr bin ‘Ali Azdi narrated this hadith he was subjected to 1000 whiplashes on the orders of the ‘Abbasid caliph al-Mutawakkil.³

C. Abu Ahmad (Muhammad bin ‘Abdullah bin Zubayr Asadi) has related to us from Sufyan (Thawri) from Abi Jihaf from Abi Hazim from Abi Hurayrah who quotes a hadith from the Messenger of Allah (S),

saying:

“Man ahabbahuma faqad ahabbani wa man abghazahuma faqad abghazani, ya’ni Hasanan wa Husaynan” (Anyone who loves them, I mean Hasan and Husayn, indeed loves me, and anyone who hates them, surely hates me).⁴

Ahmad Shakir considers the isnad of this hadith as sahih.

1. Al-Musnad, hadith no. 642 (Ahmad Shakir). This hadith has been recorded through a slightly different chain of authority (isnad) on pages 102 & 236 of the same book.

2. Ibid, hadith no. 576. This hadith has been added by Ibn Hanbal’s son ‘Abdullah.

3. Ibn Hajar ‘Asqalani, Tahdhib al-Tahdhib, vol. 1, p. 430, printed by Da’irat al-Ma’arif al-‘Uthmaniyyah, Haiderabad Deccan (India).

4. Al-Musnad, hadith no. 7863 (Ahmad Shakir); also refer to hadith nos. 6406 & 7392 of the same edition.

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