

2. The Ethos Of Prophet Sheth

Introduction

Sheth (Gift of Allah) was the executor of Adam's will, who was born five years after Abel was killed by Cain:235 years after the fall of Adam. He was the offspring of Adam from his issue and Jafeth (Yefith) who were brethren. Thursday afternoon, God Almighty sent a Houri for Sheth and the next day another Houri for Jafeth. When those Houris married Sheth and Jafeth, a son from the former and a daughter from the latter were born. These two cousins — Sheth's son and Jafeth's daughter — got married later on and thus Adam's generation multiplied.

According to Nasekh At-Tawarikh, the marriage between brother and sister is completely rejected.

Sheth was residing in Mecca where he constantly performed major and minor Hajj. He founded Ka'aba with mud and stone. Getting sick, Sheth appointed his son, Anoosh as executor of his will and eventually passed away at the age of 912 and was buried alongside his parents in the Cave of Abo-Ghabais.

Teaching Of Divine Injunctions

God appointed Sheth as Prophet and sent him fifty books containing signs precepts, injunctions. Traditions and limits. Sheth used to live in Mecca teaching those books to Adam's children.

و نَبَأَ اللَّهُ شَيْئًا وَأَنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِ خَمْسِينَ صَحِيفَةً فِيهَا دَلَائِلُ اللَّهِ وَفَرَائِضُهُ وَأَحْكَامُهُ وَسُنَنُهُ وَشَرَائِعُهُ وَحُدُودُهُ، فَأَقَامَ بِمَكَّةَ
يَتْلُو تِلْكَ الصُّحُفَ عَلَى بَنِي آدَمَ وَيُعَلِّمُهَا.

Piety

Getting sick, Sheth called his son, Anoosh, making his will and enjoining him to piety (fear of Allah).

فَمَرَضَ فَدَعَا ابْنَهُ أَيُوسَ (انوش) فَأَوْصَى بِهِ إِلَيْهِ وَأَمَرَهُ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ.

His Sixteen Pieces Of Advice

From the words of Sheth, son of Adam: A believer must have sixteen qualities:

- 1- Getting to know God, His angels and people of obedience
- 2- Getting to know good and evil, that is, interest in good and keeping away from evil.
- 3- Listening to and obeying a merciful King whom God has made vicegerent on the earth giving him the affair of cities and servants.
- 4- Being kind to the parents.
- 5- Doing good to the extent of one's ability.
- 6- Helping the poor.
- 7- Being kind to the homeless.
- 8- Being brave in obeying Allah.
- 9- Keeping away from debauchery.
- 10- Patience with faith and certainty.
- 11- Truthfulness.
- 12- Justice.
- 13- Detachment from the world.
- 14- Making a sacrifice as a sign of thanks to God who has bestowed blessings upon His creatures.
- 15- Forbearance and thankfulness to God during calamities in the world without showing impatience.
- 16- Modesty and little disputation.

وَمِنْ كَلَامِ شَيْثِ بْنِ آدَمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: يَجِبُ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِي الْمُؤْمِنِ سِتَّةَ عَشَرَ خُصْلَةً، [الأول]: المَعْرِفَةُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَأَهْلِ طَاعَتِهِ، [الثاني] مَعْرِفَةُ الْخَيْرِ وَالشَّرِّ، أَمَّا الْخَيْرُ فَلْيَرْغَبْ فِيهِ وَأَمَّا الشَّرُّ فَلْيَحْذَرْ مِنْهُ [الثالث] السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ لِلْمَلِكِ الرَّحِيمِ الَّذِي اسْتَخْلَفَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَلَكَهُ أَمْرَ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ، [الرابع] بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ [الخامس] اصْطِنَاعُ الْمَعْرُوفِ بِقَدْرِ الطَّاعَةِ [السادس] الْمُوَاسَاةُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ [السابع] التَّعَصُّبُ لِلْغُرَبَاءِ [الثامن] الشُّجَاعَةُ فِي طَاعَةِ اللَّهِ، [التاسع] الْعِصْمَةُ عَنِ الْفُجُورِ [العاشر] الصَّبْرُ بِالْإِيمَانِ وَالْيَقِينِ، [الحادي عشر] صِدْقُ اللَّهْجَةِ، [الثاني عشر] الْعَدْلُ، [الثالث عشر] التَّوَرُّعُ فِي الدُّنْيَا، [الرابع عشر] الضُّحَايَا وَالْقَرَابِينَ شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَى مَا أَوْلَى مِنَ النِّعَمِ لِخَلْقِهِ [الخامس عشر] الْحُلْمُ وَحَمْدُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَى مَصَائِبِ الدُّنْيَا بِغَيْرِ تَمَلُّلٍ [السادس عشر] الْحَيَاءُ وَقَلَّةُ الْمُمَارَاةِ

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