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It is necessary to mention that this Hadith (tradition) is `Mutawatir' (i.e. narrated by so many people that no doubt can be entertained about its authenticity); and the late Allama Amini in a number of volumes of his celebrated book `Al Ghadir' (of which eleven volumes have been published so far) has given with full references the names of 110 famous companions of the Holy Prophet; who have narrated this Hadith. Just to give an example, I am enumerating the names given under letter 'Alif'. (The years of deaths are given in brackets):

1) Abu Laila Ansari (37 A.H.);
2) Abu Zainab bin Awf Ansari;
3) Abu Fudhala Ansari (38 A.H.);
4) Abu Qudama Ansari;
5) Abu Umra bin Amr bin Muhassan Ansari;
6) Abul-Haitham bin At-Taihan (37 A.H.);
7) Abu Rafey Qibti, the slave of the Holy Prophet;
8) Abu Dhu- waib Khuwailad (or Khalid) bin Khalid Al-Hadhli;
9) Usama bin Zaid bin Haritha (54 A.H.);
10 Ubay bin Ka'ab Ansari (30 or 32 A.H.);
11) As'as bin Zurara Ansari;
12) Asma bint Umais;

13) Ummu Salma, wife of the Holy Prophet;

- 14) Ummu Hani bint Abi Talib;
- 15) Abu Hamza Anas bin Malik Ansari;
- 16) Abu Bakr bin Abi Qahafa; and, of course, Abu Huraira.

If a Hadith is `Mutawatir', there is no need to look at individual `Asnad' (documents) at all. Still to show the hollowness of this charge, I would like to give here opinions of some of the famous traditionalist.

A) Hafidh Abu Isa Tirmidhi has said in his `Sahih' (one of Sihah Sitta) that a Hasan and Sand, (correct) Hadith".

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B) Hafidh Abu Ja'afar Tahawi has said in 'Mushkil-ul-Athar:

"So, this Hadith is Sahih (correct) according to 'Asnad' and no one has said anything against its narrators"

C) Abu Abdillah Hakim Neshapuri has narrated this Hadith from several chains in `Mustadrak' and has said that this Hadith is Sahih (correct).

Abu Muhammad Ahmad bin Muhammad Asimi has said in 'Zainul Fata':

"This Hadith is accepted by Ummah and it is confirming to the Usool".

Likewise, the following traditionalists (among hundreds of others) have said that this Hadith is Sahih (correct):

- 1) Abu Abdillah Mahamili Baghdadi in his 'Amali';
- 2) Hafidh ibn Abdil Bar Qartabi in isti ab';
- 3) Ibn-ul- Maghazili Shafi'i in 'Managib';

4) Ghazali in `Sirrul- Alamin';
5) Abul-Faraj ibn Jauzi in his `Manaqib';
6) Sibt ibn Jauzi in `Tadhkira';
7) Ibn Abil Hadid Mu'tazili in his 'Sharh-e-Nahjul-Baldgha';
8) Abu Abdillah Ganji Shafi'i in 'Kifaya';
9) Alauddin Semnani in 'Al- Urwatul-Wuthqa;
10) Ibn Hajar Asqalani in ` Tahzibut– Tahzib';
11) Ibn Katheer Demashqi in his `Tarikh';
12) Jalaluddin Suyuti;
13) Qastalani in 'Mawahib';
14)Ibn Hajar Makki in 'Sawa'iq';
15) Abdul-Haq Dehlawi in `Sharhul-Mishkat' and many others.
It should be mentioned here that all the names mentioned above are of Sunni scholars.

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