

Planting the Seed of Nahjul Balagha

Session 2- Holy Quran and Hadith in
Nahjul Balagha



Reminder

- * Just like how a seed needs the right elements to grow, the seed of Najul Balagha also needs the right elements to grow in your heart:
- * **Soil:** You will need to have the love of Imam Ali (a) in your heart.
- * **Sun:** You will need the desire of seeking knowledge
- * **Fertilizer:** You will need to seek the help of Allah in acquiring knowledge about Najul Balagha



Thinking Time!

- * What kinds of hadiths do I think are in Nahjul Balagha?

How can Nahjul Balagha be linked to the Quran?



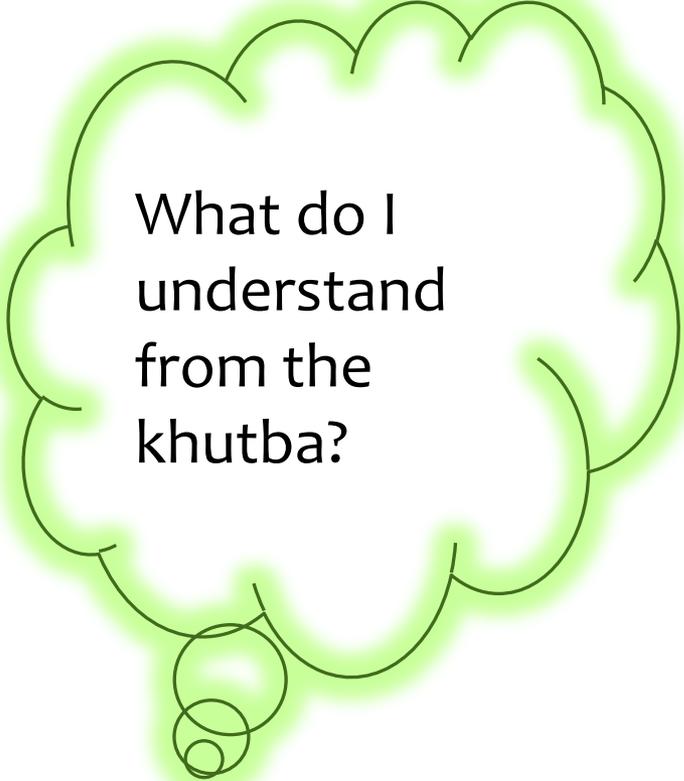
Holy Qur'an in Nahjul Balagha

- Imam Ali (a) spoke about the Qur'an and often quoted from it
- Holy Prophet had said about Imam Ali (a), "Ali is with the Qur'an and the Qur'an is with 'Ali'. They will not separate until they reach the fountain (of Kauthar) on the Day of Judgement"
- Imam Ali (a) was known as the Qur'an an'Natiq (the Qur'an that speaks)



Khutba (sermon 18)

- In khutba (sermon) no. 18 he says:
- Allah the Glorified says: **“We have not neglected in the book [the Qur’an] anything (6:38)”**, and [He] says that one part of the Qur’an verifies another part, there is no contradiction it. As He says, **“Had it been other than God they surely have found in it much contradiction (4:82)”...”**



What do I understand from the khutba?

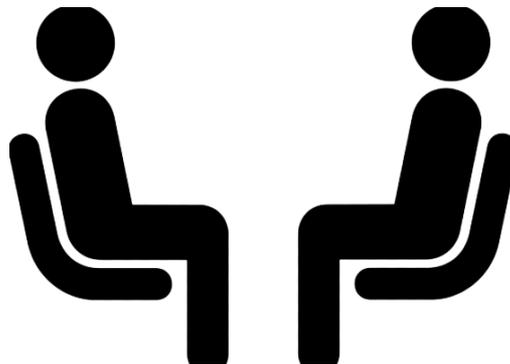
Meanings of the Holy Qur'an

- The Holy Qur'an has an outer meaning (Dhahir of the Qur'an)
- It also has an inner meaning (batin of the Qur'an)
- Lots of depth in the meaning of the Qur'an (explanation of the Qur'an as taught by the Masumeen (a) can be found in tafsir)
- Imam has explained that the Qur'an was not created for one time only and it is deep for all people until the Day of Judgement



Discussion Question

- * How can we strength our relationship with the Holy Qur'an?
- * What is one goal that I can create for myself for strengthening my relationship with the Holy Qur'an?



Reflect on Your Knowledge

- 1) Write a paragraph about what the Quran means to you? How do you feel when you recite it?
- 2) What is your favourite Sura of the Quran? Why?

Hadith in Najul Balagha

- Hadith are the words of the Holy Prophet (s) and the Masumeen (a) that were narrated by those who heard them and later written down for Muslims to benefit from it
- Hadith are like pearls, precious and valuable whoever follows it will get good in this world and in the Hereafter
- The third part of Najul Balagha contains short Ahadith (plural of Hadith)



Examples of Hadith in Najul Balagha

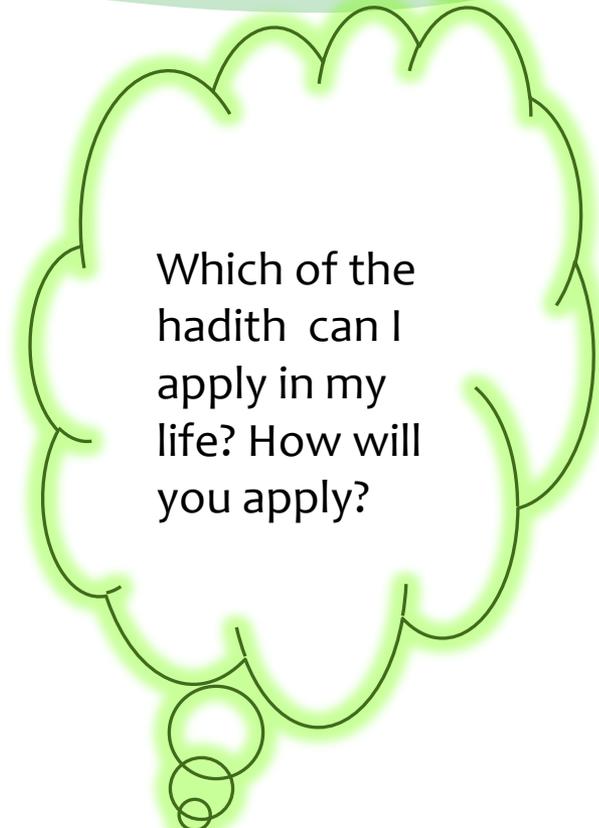
1 Meet people in such a way that if you die they should weep over you and if you live they should long for your company.

2 The doer of good is better than good and the doer of evil is worse than the evil.

3 The sin that displeases you is liked better by Allah than the good deed that makes you proud.

4 Contentment is wealth that does not decrease.

5 The people of the world are like travelers who are being carried while they sleep.



Which of the hadith can I apply in my life? How will you apply?

Group Work!

- * Choose one Hadith to write about. Why did you choose this Hadith? How does it relate to you?
- * Optional: Include a verse if the Qur'an and a story in your writing about the Hadith. Draw a picture for your hadith.

- * **The Hadith I Chose:**

- * **I Chose This Hadith Because:**

- * **Relating to the Hadith:**

Assignment

Using the hadith on the previous slide and the hadith in the textbook:

1) Find a Hadith that matches the following words and write the number beside it.

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Pride

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Charity

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Friends

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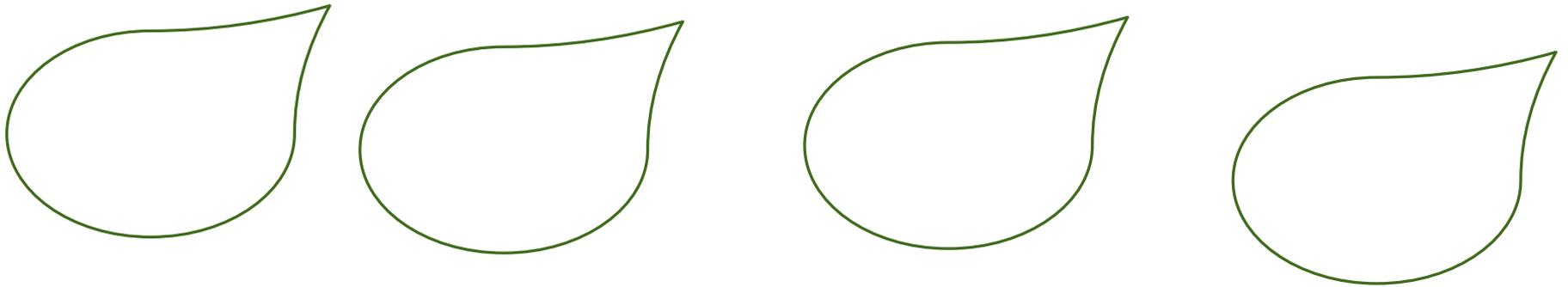
A. A group collecting funds for Orphans in Iraq come to ask for help.

B. A friend comes to help you with your homework when you are having a hard time understanding the work.

C. You see a person in the mosque who is very popular and everyone likes to talk to them.

Planting Time!

- * Using the template, trace four of the leaves and on each leaf write one new fact that you learned about Nahjul Balagha.



Preparing the Tree for the Blossom

- * The leaves you create will be added to your tree of knowledge about Nahjul Balagha. The more leaves that get added to your tree, the better your tree will look.

