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Summary of Quranic Sciences

Lesson 16: Integrity of the Quran and Hadiths Discussing Distortion

The discussion surrounding the integrity of the Quran has led to the categorization of hadiths that mention potential distortions. The first category includes hadiths that use the word “تحريف” and its derivatives, which refers to distortion in meanings, not the text itself. These hadiths generally suggest that alterations occurred in the interpretation of certain verses, rather than in the Quranic text.

The second category of hadiths alludes to the mention of the Imams' names in the Quran. However, these names are not part of the Quranic text but are often viewed as interpretations or characteristics attributed to the Imams within the framework of tafsir.

The third category suggests that some words in the Quran were changed, added, or omitted. This claim contradicts the widely accepted consensus among scholars that the Quran, as preserved, has not been subject to textual alteration. Such hadiths are considered weak (ضعيفة) and stand against the consensus (إجماع) that no words were added or removed from the Quran.

Further analysis of these hadiths shows that some Surahs, such as Al-Hamd and Al-Jum'a, were regularly recited in prayers. If any alterations had taken place, the early Muslim community would have noticed them. Additionally, many hadiths provide interpretations of verses without



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mentioning any textual changes, reinforcing the idea that these reports may merely be exegetical in nature.

Examples like the phrase "سَيُطَوَّقُونَ مَا بَخِلُوا بِهِ" being interpreted with "من" "الزكاة إلى يوم القيامة" reflect how interpretations were sometimes integrated with the verse's recitation but were not considered part of the Quranic text itself. This aligns with the cautionary statement of Abdullah ibn Mas'ud:

"اخلصوا القرآن و امحضوه" and the Prophet's instruction: "لاتخلطوا بكتاب الله ما ليس فيه"
– urging the preservation of the Quran in its pure, unaltered form.