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Munyat al-Murid – Lesson 49

Summary

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Topic: Relying on Allah SWT (al-Tawakkul)

Divine Assurance for the Seeker of Knowledge

The principle of al-Tawakkul emphasizes complete reliance upon Allah SWT in all matters, particularly for those pursuing knowledge. The Holy Prophet (S) stated, "God, the Exalted, is especially careful about the sustenance of a person who is in pursuit of knowledge." He provides this sustenance uniquely, so seekers of knowledge need not struggle for their income as others do.

A Historical Lesson: Hope Placed Solely in Allah

Historical examples illustrate this principle. Muhammad Ibn Ya'qub al-Kulayni narrates that Husain ibn 'Alwan, while studying and having exhausted all his money, was questioned by a friend about whom he placed his hope in. Imam Sadiq (AS) emphasized that anyone placing hope in other than Allah SWT faces disappointment, shame, and severance of their connection with Him. Allah SWT maintains the trust of His servants and surrounds them with angels who safeguard and glorify Him, yet many fail to rely fully on His promises.



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The Essence of True Reliance: Exclusivity and Omnipotence

Al-Tawakkul requires recognizing that all sustenance, success, and protection come exclusively from Allah SWT. Even if all creatures place their hope in Him simultaneously, nothing of His dominion diminishes. A believer must avoid seeking ultimate reliance in worldly means or intermediaries, understanding that Allah SWT alone holds the keys to overcoming tribulations.

A Personal Resolution: The Fruit of True Tawakkul

The hadith concludes with a personal reflection: after receiving guidance from Imam Sadiq (AS), one resolves, "I swear to God, I will never ask anyone for anything after this!" This underscores the essence of tawakkul: placing hope and trust solely in Allah, abandoning dependence on worldly supports, and recognizing His omnipotent mercy and provision.