

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِي بَأْنُ يُصْلِي عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Imam Shafeeq and Imam Shu'bah

Imam Shafeeq bin Abi Salamah – *may Allah be pleased with him* – title is “Abu Awaa’il Asadi”. He lived in the time of the Holy Prophet – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – but never had the opportunity of meeting the Holy Prophet – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. He did meet many of the blessed Ashaab and attained knowledge of the Ahadith from them.

Imam Shafeeq bin Abi Salamah – *may Allah be pleased with him* – is also considered as being among the favourite student of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Mas’ud – *may Allah be pleased with him*. Among his students were such giants as Imam ‘Amash, Imam Mansur, Imam Hammad bin Abu Sulayman, etc. – *may Allah be pleased with him*.

Imam Shafeeq bin Abi Salamah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - displayed immense fear for Allah Almighty and just before making Tawaaf, he used to say, "How can I use these feet to walk around the blessed House of Allah Almighty when these feet have also walked towards transgression." After saying this, he used to weep a lot. It is mentioned that when anyone spoke about the Great Wrath of Allah Almighty, he used to fall to ground in fear.

Once, someone said to Imam Shafeeq bin Abi Salamah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - that a certain person was very pious. He shouted at the person, "Keep your mouth quiet. Have you actually seen a pious person? A pious person is that person in front of whom if mention is made of the Fire of Hell, in fear of Allah, his soul would also immediately leave his body." He used to perform immense Ibadah and performed many miracles. It is said that he passed away in 82 A.H. and some say he passed away in 99 A.H. (Akmaal, Tabqaat, Tahzeeb)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shu'bah's - *may Allah be pleased with him* - full name is Aamir bin Sharjeel - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He was from Kufah and considered as one of the eminent Taaba'een. It is reported that he met nearly five hundred Ashaab and also heard many Ahadith from these blessed Ashaab. Many eminent teachers of Ahadith are his students including Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Abu Hanifah - *may Allah be pleased with him*.

It is also said that Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shu'bah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - personally never recorded any Hadith. Every Hadith Shareef which he knew and taught was done from memory. He also mentions that for nearly twenty years, he had never meet anyone who had more knowledge of Ahadith than him personally. Imam Shu'bah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - states that, "There are only four people who are entitled to be referred to as authorities of Hadith or the most learned in this field. They are Imam Shu'bah in Kufah, Imam Hasan Basri in Basrah, Imam Sa'eed bin Musayyib in Madina Shareef and Imam Mak-hul in Syria - *may Allah be pleased with them*."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shu'bah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to display immense respect for the city of Mecca Shareef. Once the inhabitants of this city insisted that he establish his classes in this blessed city but he mentioned that he preferred being in a hot bath than living in Mecca Shareef due to its sacred status. He mentioned that as

the Divine Mercy of Allah Almighty is also present in this city, in like manner, the Divine Wrath of Allah Almighty is also present. He used to also advise people to refrain from the company of bad mannered scholars and ignorant ‘sufis’ because both of them constitute great fitnah in this Ummah. Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shu’bah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - also mentioned that a true Islamic scholar is one who protects the law of Islam and a true Islamic scholar is someone who is blessed with true fear for Allah Almighty.

Besides being a great authority in Hadith, he was also a great authority on Islamic law and considered a “Mufti A’zam” of his era. He was also extremely pious and spent most of his moments in Ibadah. Most of his time was also spent in Salaah and reciting the Qur’an.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shu’bah’s - *may Allah be pleased with him* - generosity was such that he used to pay off the debts of his all his family members and never turned away any person who came to his front door. He never once shouted or abused his servants and was highly respected among his contemporaries. In fact, the common people respected him for his miracles and his piety. He passed away in 104 A.H. or 109 A.H. (Akmaal, Tabqaat, Tadkiratul Huffaaz, Tahzeeb)