

Topic: **The excellence of Learning and Teaching in narrations, in the words of the sages and in ancient Holy Books**

- ✓ 11th Imam, Imam **Hasan** Askari (a):
 - Students will take up **residence in houses and palaces in Heaven** which are prepared for them **in the vicinity of their teachers**. They will be **in the presence of the Imam** who they became familiar with due to the struggles of these scholars.
 - On the other hand, **the enemies will not be able to tolerate** the rays which are given off by these crowns. It will make them blind, deaf and take away their power of speech.
 - These rays become such a penetrating power that they are **more severe than the flames of hell**.
- ✓ 12th Imam, Imam **Mahdi** (a):
 - The Imam introduces the scholars, who are aware of the traditions, as authorities and the **real places of refuge** in solving the intricacies and incidents which come up in life.
 - They should be **referred to in order to know ones human and spiritual duty** when dealing with the various complications in life.
 - In dealing with any complications in life refer to those who narrate our traditions, because they are my proclamation for you and I am God's proclamation (hujjat)
- ✓ In the View of the Sages and Ancient Holy Books
 - Luqman: "My dear child,
 - **Open your eyes in your choices of gatherings**. If you see that the gathering is composed of people who remember God with their hearts, souls and tongues, then participate in them.
 - And when you come upon a group who are unaware of God, then do not associate with them."
 - The Torah: God tells P. **Moses** (a);
 - Know that knowledge, wisdom and firmness in thought, words, and behavior are wondrous things. Honor them!
 - The Book of Psalms: Gods tells P. **David**(a);

David, make aware the priests, scholars, and monks of the children of Israel to **have discussion with the pious people, If not, then scholars, if not, then sit with the wise men**, because piety, knowledge and wisdom are three stages. God wants people to go through these 3 stages so that they don't suffer a lapse in morality.