



Standing Firm by Sitting Still!

Description

Imaam **‘Alī ibn al-Ja’d ibn ‘Ubayd**, the **Imam, Hadith Master, Authority in Transmission**, and the **Musnid of Baghdad**, Abū al-Ḥasan al-Baghdādī.

His Encounter with al-Ma’mūn

‘Abd al-Razzāq ibn Sulaymān ibn ‘Alī ibn al-Ja’d narrated:

“I heard my father say: Al-Ma’mūn once summoned jewel merchants and engaged them in a discussion about their goods. After a while, he left to attend to some business and then returned. When he entered, everyone in the gathering stood up for him—except for ‘Alī ibn al-Ja’d.”

Al-Ma’mūn **looked at him with displeasure**, then signalled for him to meet him in private.

He asked: *“O Shaykh, what prevented you from standing?”*

‘Alī ibn al-Ja’d replied:

*“O Commander of the believers, I refrained from standing **out of reverence for a hadith** that we narrate from the Prophet .”*

Al-Ma’mūn asked: *“And what is that hadith?”*

He responded:

*"I heard **Mubārak ibn Faḍālah** say, that he heard **al-Ḥasan** say:

The Messenger of Allah said:

‘Whoever loves that men should stand for him out of honour, let him take his seat in the Fire.’“[1](#)

Hearing this, **al-Ma’mūn fell silent in contemplation**. Then he raised his head and declared:

“No purchases should be made except from this man!”

That day, they bought from him thirty thousand dinars’ worth of goods!.

(Siyar A’laamin Nubalaa: 10/459)

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