

Imaam Qataadah Ibn Diaa'amah Sadoosee Basree [died 117H or 118H]

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His Birth and Lineage: His kunyah was Abul-Khataab. He was a great scholar and a famous memoriser of hadeeth. He was also blind.

He was born in 60H and was a well known explainer of the Qur'aan.

His Teachers and Those he Narrated from: He learnt hadeeth from:

Abdullaah Ibn Sarjiss,
Anas Ibn Maalik,
Hasan al-Basree,
Abul-A'aliyyah,
Zarah Ibn Afaa,
A'taa,
Mujaahid,
Muhammad Ibn Seereen,
Masrooq,
Abu Majliz,
Sa'eed Ibn Musaayab,
Mu'adhah,
Abu Tufail,

And from a great majority of the successors.

His Students and Those who Narrated from him: Those who learnt from him include:

Mis'ar,
Sa'eed ibn Abee A'aroobah,
Shaibaan,
Ayoob,
Humaid,
at-Taweel,
Shu'bah,
A'amash,
Awzaa'ee,
Mu'ammam,
Abaan Ibn Yazeed,
Abu Awaanah,
Hammaad Ibn Salamah,
Humaam,

And many more...

The Scholars Praise of Imaam Qataadah: Imaam adh-Dhahabee said, "A scholar from the people of Basrah and Mu'ammam narrated from him."

Imaam Mu'ammam said, "Qataadah stayed with Sa'eed Ibn Musayyab for 8 days and after the 3rd day Sa'eed said to him, 'O blind man, go elsewhere now, you have acquired all the knowledge I have.'"

Imaam Qataadah himself said, "I have never asked a scholar of hadeeth to repeat a hadeeth for me because whatever enters my ears my heart immediately memorises."

Imaam Ibn Seereen said, "Qataadah was the strongest person in memorisation from amongst the people."

Imaam Mu'ammam said, "I have heard Qataadah saying, 'There is no verse of the Qur'aan about which I have not heard anything.'"

Imaam Ahmad said, "Qataadah knew the explanations of the Qur'aan and the differences of the scholars."

Imaam Humaam said, "I heard Qataadah say, '20 years have passed and I have never issued verdicts based on opinion or analogical reasoning.'"

Imaam Sufyaan would say, "Is there a person like Qataadah?"

Imaam Mu'ammār said, "I asked Zuhree, 'Is Qataadah a bigger scholar or Makhool?' He said Qataadah was the bigger scholar."

Imaam Mu'ammār also said, "I have not seen anyone more of a jurist than Zuhree, Hamaad and Qataadah."

Imaam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal said, "Qataadah was the most preservant of hadeeth from the people of Basrah. Whatever he would hear he would memorise. Once the Saheehfah (hadeeth manuscript) of Jaabir was read to him and he memorised it."

Imaam Shu'bah said, "I read 70 ahaadeeth to Qataadah and apart from 4 he said he had heard them from Anas Ibn Maalik."

Imaam Ibn Katheer said, "The people acknowledged his knowledge, understanding of the religion and his expertise in the explanation of the Qur'aan."

Imaam adh-Dhahabee said, "Apart from being a great memoriser of hadeeth and a scholar of hadeeth, Qataadah was also an expert in Arabic, historical incidences of the Arabs and genealogy."

Abu Amr E'laa said, "Qataadah knew the most from all of the people the subject of genealogy."

Bakr Ibn Abdullaah said, "If the people want to note the memories of the people who met us then they should look at Qataadah."

The leader of the jurists Sa'eed Ibn Musaayab said, "No one more greater a memoriser of hadeeth came to us, in A'raaq, than Qataadah."

His Death:

He died in 117H or 118H in the city of Waasit due to plague. He lived a total of 57 years.

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