

ḤADĪTH OF THE WEEK – WEEK TWENTY-SIX

On the authority of the father of Najīh, al-'Irbād, the son of Sāriyah, may Allāh be pleased with him, who said:

The Messenger of Allāh, may Allāh's blessings and peace be upon him, gave us a sermon by which our hearts were filled with fear and tears came to our eyes. So we said, "O Messenger of Allāh, it is as though this is a farewell sermon, so counsel us." He said, **"I counsel you to have taqwā of Allāh and to listen and obey, even if a slave were to become your leader. Surely he among you who lives long will see great controversy. You must keep to my sunnah and to the sunnah of al-Khulafā' u r-Rāshidūn (the rightly-guided successors), who guide to the right way. Cling to them stubbornly [literally: with your molar teeth]. Beware of newly invented matters, for verily every bid'ah (innovation) is misguidance."**

It was related by 'Abū Dāwūd and at-Tirmidhiyy, who said that it was a good and sound ḥadīth.