

LESSON 3

Bearing good news and Warning



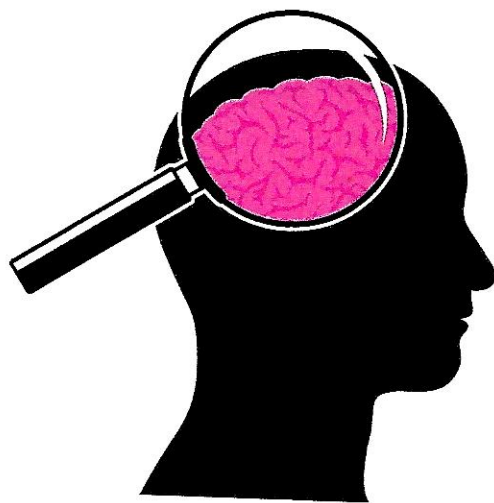
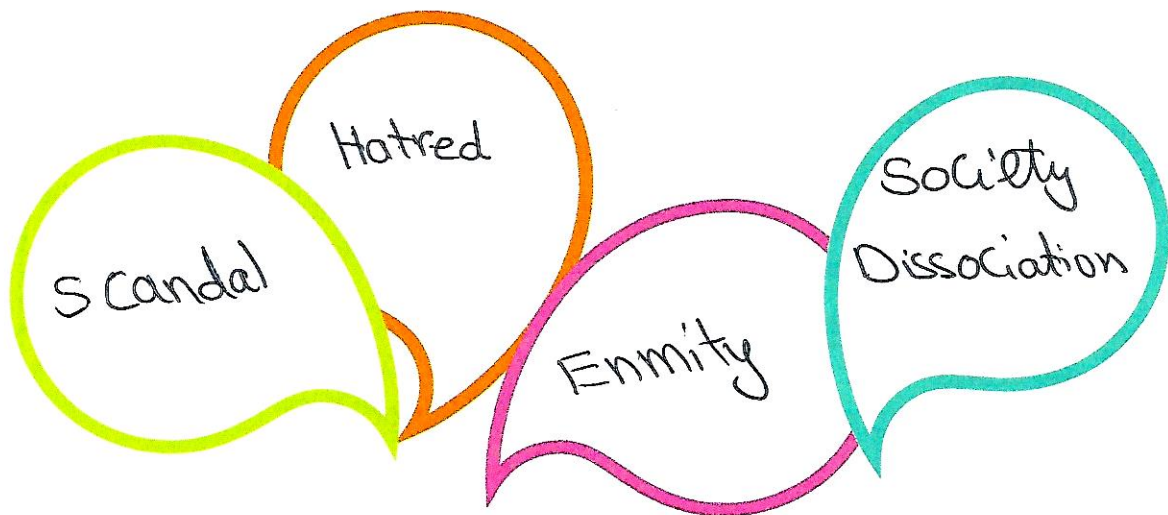
This lesson teaches me to

- ❖ read the holy Hadith loudly by heart in an expressive way.
- ❖ conclude the guidelines contained in the holy Hadith.
- ❖ indicate the relationship between belief in Allah (ﷻ) and fear of Him in private and in public.
- ❖ conclude the effects of forbidden acts.
- ❖ am keen to cover others' misdeeds and refrain from spreading slander.

I take the initiative to learn:

I expect

the adverse effects of an electronic device that has been manufactured to read our memory and detect out previous deeds.



I use my skills to learn

I read and memorize

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ أُمَّتِي مُعَافَى إِلَّا الْمُجَاهِرِينَ، وَإِنَّ مِنَ الْمُجَاهِرَةِ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ الرَّجُلُ بِاللَّيْلِ عَمَلًا ثُمَّ يُصْبِحُ وَقَدْ سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ فَيَقُولُ: يَا فُلَانُ، عَمِلْتُ الْبَارِحَةَ كَذَا وَكَذَا، وَقَدْ بَاتَ يَسْتُرُهُ رَبُّهُ، وَيُصْبِحُ يَكْشِفُ سِتْرَ اللَّهِ عَنْهُ.»
(متفق عليه)

Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported that he heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ say, "Every one of my followers will be forgiven except those who expose (openly) their wrongdoings. An example of this is that of a man who commits a sin at night which Allah has covered for him, and in the morning, he would say (to people): 'I committed such and such sin last night.' During the night Allah has covered it up for him, yet in the morning he tears up the cover provided by Allah for him."
[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

I learn the meaning of the words of the noble Hadith:

memorize

معافى	Given health and safety from adverse things in this life and in the hereafter.
المجاهرين	Those who expose and boast of their sins.
عملاً	Sin.
البارحة	The day before.
كذا وكذا	Any bad deeds.
بات	Slept.
يكشف ستر الله عنه	Expose his sins.

Remarks:

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I understand the significance of the noble Hadith:

The general meaning of the Hadith:

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This noble Hadith contains good news for the nation of our Prophet that it is the nation of safety and forgiveness in this worldly life and the Hereafter. If one of us commits a sin in secret for he is ashamed and afraid of Allah (تعالى), he will hopefully be forgiven by Allah on the Day of Judgment. However, those who boast of sins and speaks out about them to others, belittling what he committed, are warned of Allah's wrath and punishment.



We cooperate and arrange:

Sinners are multiple kinds:

- 1 - Some of them commit a sin openly.
- 2 - Some of them commit a sin in secret and Allah (تعالى) covers for them but they expose their forbidden deeds by speaking to others proudly about their wrongdoing.
- 3 - Some of them commit a sin in secret, but they feel ashamed of what they have done. So they repent and intend not to commit the sin again.
- 4 - Others commit a sin in secret and Allah (تعالى) covers for them, yet they boast that they have not been discovered due to their cleverness, and so they continue his disobedience.

We arrange the above cases from the worst case to the least worse, giving reasons.

H.w

Number of case	Reason for my choice
2
1
4
3

Allah (ﷻ) covers for His servants:

عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْنِي الْمُؤْمِنَ، فَيَضَعُ عَلَيْهِ كَتْفَهُ، وَيَسْتُرُهُ، فَيَقُولُ: أَتَعْرِفُ ذَنْبَ كَذَا؟ أَتَعْرِفُ ذَنْبَ كَذَا؟، فَيَقُولُ نَعَمْ: أَيُّ رَبِّ. حَتَّى إِذَا قَرَّرَهُ بِذُنُوبِهِ وَرَأَى فِي نَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ هَلَكَ قَالَ: سَتَرْتُهَا عَلَيْكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا، وَأَنَا أَغْفِرُهَا لَكَ الْيَوْمَ فَيُعْطَى كِتَابَ حَسَنَاتِهِ».

Ibn `Umar (رضي الله عنهما) said, "I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, "Allah will bring a believer near Him and shelter him with His Screen and ask him: Did you commit such-and-such sins? He will say: Yes, my Lord. Allah will keep on asking him till he will confess all his sins and will think that he is ruined. Allah will say: 'I did screen your sins in the world and I forgive them for you today', and then he will be given the book of his good deeds."

Allah (ﷻ) covers for His servants, so people had better cover for themselves.

Don't speak about their sins.

I explain

The significance of Allah's saying to a sinful servant, "I did screen your sins in the world".

Allah is merciful and covers. Cover is better than scandal.

I expect

the reasons for Allah's coverage for this servant in worldly life:

★ Mercy

★ Give a chance For repentance.

I Investigate:

the reason that motivates people to tell others about their sins that Allah (ﷻ) has covered for them.

★ Ignorance

★ Vanity

★ Forget Allah's Punishment.

The effects of revealing one's sins

The effects of sins go beyond an individual to the whole community especially when the sinner reveal them, thereby disrespecting his religion and community and losing people's trust and respect. Some people may even imitate him or like his bad deeds. The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "If anyone invites others to follow error, the sin will be equivalent to that of the people who follow him in sinfulness without their sins being diminished in any respect." (Muslim) Thus they (both the sinner and the imitator) will have the same punishment. Revealing sins also leads to feeling that sinning is easier, and thus disobedience spreads in society and people get used to it, which weakens the cohesion of society and expose it to Allah's anger.

Allah (تعالى) says:

﴿ وَأَتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴾

(الأنفال)

[25 Wa Attaqū Fitnatan Lā Tuṣībanna Al-Ladhīna Žalamū Minkum Khāṣṣatan
WaA`lamū `Anna Al-Laha Shadīdu Al-`Iqāb]

“25. And guard yourselves against a chastisement which cannot fall exclusively on those of you who are wrong doers, and know that Allah is severe in punishment.”
(Surat Al-Anfal)

I summarize

The effects of spreading sins on:

Sinner	Society
1. Allah's anger.	1. Spreading of Crimes.
2. Bad reputation	2. Weaken the Cohesion of Society.

I give reasons:

Allah (ﷻ) asked us to cover for ourselves and not to reveal our sins.

1 – Revealing sins means disregarding the One Who is disobeyed, namely Allah (ﷻ).

2 - Spreading sins between People

3 - Have the sins of the people followed him

What should a sinner do?

If a Muslim commits a sin, he should:

A – conceal his sin and not speak about it to others.

B – resort to repentance, asking for forgiveness and supplications to Allah (تعالى).

C – perform good deeds frequently, including prayer, alms and good manners.

I classify

the following actions as per the table:

Action	In public	In private
Enquires the General Authority of Islamic Affairs & Endowments how to repent of a sin he committed.		✓
He posts his photo with a bottle of wine in his hand on his profile on social networking websites.	✓	
He cheats in the examination and tells his classmates about his ways of cheating.	✓	

I analyze and link

the following Hadith to the Hadith about exposing sins subject of the lesson:

It was narrated from Anas bin Malik (رضي الله عنه) that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

“Every religion has its distinct characteristic, and the distinct characteristic of Islam is modesty.” (Ibn Majah)

The noble Hadith speaks about modesty and the lesson speaks about openness which is the ~~oppo~~ **contrary of modesty**.
I cooperate and decide:

Use the following table to make an appropriate decision:

Case: A student cheated in the exam

First option		Second option	
covers for himself, repents and asks Allah for forgiveness		He tells his fellow students about what he did proudly.	
Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages
Covered himself	Took what isn't belong to him	Nothing	Allah's anger
Repented to Allah			* Sins of who will follow him

My decision / the appropriate Choice:

Cover myself, repent and ask forgiveness

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I design:

the agenda of a symposium about (The Role of Youth in Preserving Society from vices).

I write

a summary about Abu Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) and present it to my classmates.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 15 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

I organize my concepts:

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The good news in the Hadith:	Allah covers his servants and accept their repentance
The warning in the Hadith:	The punishment who boast of sins.
The effect of exposing sins	<p>on individuals: Great Sin. People's Disrespect</p> <p>on society: Spreading crimes weakens the cohesion of it.</p>
Cases in which it is permissible to tell others about sins:	<p>Ignorance - Vanity</p> <p>Forget Allah's Punishment</p>



Student Activities

I answer by myself:

First: Explain the vocabulary: *H.w*

❖ معافى:

❖ المجاهرين:

Second: Draw from the Hadith what signifies the following:

❖ Allah (تعالى) covers for His servants.

وقد بات يستتره الله

❖ He tells others about his sin and invites them to listen to him.

فيقول يا فلان لقد علمت البارحة كذا وكذا

❖ Allah (تعالى) does not cover for a person who reveals sins.

ويخرج يمشي لا يستر الله عليه

Third: What are the major adverse effects of revealing sins on individual and society.

① Allah's anger.

② weakens of society .

③ Feeling that sinning is easier.

Fourth: Justify:

- ✦ Whoever covers for himself is covered for by Allah (تعالى) in this life and in the Hereafter.

Will be rewarded for his deed.

- ✦ Islam has forbidden the dissemination of sins.

To protect Muslims and Islamic Society from

Fifth: Indicate the duty of:

Corruption.

- ✦ A sinner toward himself.

Repent, conceal his sin and perform good deeds.

- ✦ People toward a sinner.

Advice him nicely to repent.

Enriching my experience:

I write a report on the narrator of the Hadith, Abu Hurairah, indicating his characteristics and his key works.