

Chapter on the Sword of Sayyidina Rasullullah

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The Ulama have stated that the reason for writing this chapter after the chapter of the ring is because of a special system, which also points towards a governmental rule. First letters inviting the kings to Islam are to be sent. If they accept Islam they will benefit in this world and the hereafter, otherwise they should decide between themselves and the sword. The Prophet of Allah Sallallahu alaihe wasallam had several swords, each of which had a special name. For example the first sword was named 'Ma-thur' which was inherited from his father. The name of another sword was 'Qadib', one was 'Qil-ee', one was 'Tabaar' and one was 'Dhulfiqaar' etc. Imam Tirmidhi has quoted four ahaadith in this chapter.

(99) Hadith 1

Hadhrat Anas radiallahu anhu reports that the handle of the sword of the Prophet of Allah Sallallahu alaihe wasallam was made of silver.

Commentary

Allamah Bayjuri writes, about the sword named 'Dhulfiqaar', "At the time of conquering Makkah, the Prophet of Allah sallallahu alaihe wasallam had this sword."

(100) Hadith 2

Hadhrat Saeed bin Abil Hasan Basri radiallahu anhu has related the same hadith that the handle grip of the sword of the Prophet of Allah Sallallahu alaihe wasallam was made of silver.

(101) Hadith 3

Hadhrat Mazedah bin Malik, the (maternal) grandfather of Hud says that when the Prophet of Allah Sallallahu alaihe wasallam entered Makkah on the day it was conquered, his sword had gold and silver on it. Talib who is one of the narrators of this hadith says that he asked the ustaadh, "On which part of the sword was the silver?" He replied, "The cap of the grip handle was made of silver."

Commentary

According to the majority of the Ulama it is not permissible to use gold on a sword. This hadith cannot be used as proof, as it has been declared to be weak. Allamah Turpishti says, "This hadith cannot be used as an argument because its sanad (chain of narrators) cannot be relied upon. The use of silver for the handle etc. is permissible according to the previous hadith." It is said that since it is not permissible to use gold, the narrator did not care

to investigate which portion of the sword was made of gold. He only investigated those portions that were made of silver.

(102) Hadith 4

Ibn Seereen says, "I made my sword like the sword of Samurah bin Jundub radiallahu anhu. He said that he had his sword made in the same manner as the one the Prophet of Allah Sallallahu alaihe wasallam had. The sword was the type used by the tribe of Banu Hanifah."

Commentary

Banu Hanifah was a tribe in Arabia who were famous for manufacturing good quality swords. These people, one after another, in imitating the Prophet of Allah Sallallahu alaihe wasallam, made a replica of his sword.