

Lecture Summary – Thursday 21st August 2025

“The Calamity of Thursday” – Sheikh Ali Abbas Malik

Opening

- **Qur’anic principle:** “*He does not speak from desire; it is only revelation revealed.*” (53:3–4)
 - Every word of the Prophet (ﷺ) is truth and guidance.
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1. Suffering of the Prophet (ﷺ)

- “*No prophet was harmed like I was harmed.*”
 - Faced hostility not only from enemies, but also **hypocrites within the community**.
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2. The Final Illness

- Prophet (ﷺ) requested **pen and paper** to dictate guidance.
 - **Two groups emerged:**
 - **Supporters:** Ready to bring writing materials.
 - **Opponents:** Claimed “*The Prophet is overcome by illness*” (غلبه الوجد) or “*wandering in speech*” (يهجر) → implying delusion.
 - Grave insult: Contradicts Qur’an which affirms his words are **never false**.
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3. “The Book of Allah is Sufficient”

- Some companions argued Qur’an alone is enough.
 - Refuted because:
 - Qur’an commands obedience to **Allah AND His Messenger** (33:36, 33:71).
 - Rejecting the Prophet’s will = disobedience + arrogance.
 - **Ijtihad (personal reasoning) cannot override clear Prophetic command.**
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4. Conspiracy Against Ahlul Bayt (ع)

- Refusal to write linked to **diverting leadership** away from Imam Ali (ع).
 - Qur’an: “*The Prophet has a greater right over believers than themselves.*” (33:6).
 - Incident was part of a larger **political conspiracy** after Ghadir Khumm.
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5. Prophet's Sorrow for His Family

- Looked to **Fatima (ع)** → foresaw her oppression (broken rib).
 - Thought of **Hasan (ع)** → would be poisoned.
 - Thought of **Husayn (ع)** → slaughtered in Karbala, denied water, his infant son martyred.
 - His grief was for **future injustices**, not himself.
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6. The Final Testament – Thaqalayn

- Prophet (ﷺ): *"I leave behind two weighty things: the Qur'an and my Ahlul Bayt. Hold fast to both and you will never go astray."*
 - This was his **last safeguard** for the Ummah.
 - Ignoring it led to deviation and tragedy.
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✨ Key Takeaways

- Prophet's words = **divine revelation** → rejecting them is betrayal.
- The **pen-and-paper incident** exposed divisions and arrogance.
- Leadership of Imam Ali (ع) was being opposed even before Prophet's passing.
- Prophet's greatest pain = knowledge of what his family would endure.
- **Guidance after Prophet = Qur'an + Ahlul Bayt (ع)**, inseparable.