



Lecture Summary – Thursday 18th September 2025

Following the Light – Sheikh Ali Abbas Malik

1. Meaning of “Light” in the Qur’an

- The Qur’an repeatedly uses the metaphor of *nur* (light).
 - This *light* is not just physical light (photons perceived by the eyes), but a **spiritual illumination**, visible only to the heart.
 - Allah is Himself called *Nur* (“Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth”).
 - Blindness of the heart, not of the eyes, prevents people from perceiving this divine light.
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2. Light as Guidance

- Light enables us to see, understand, and distinguish truth from falsehood.
 - The Prophet ﷺ is described as “*siraj munira*” (a radiant lamp). He both possesses the light and spreads it to others.
 - His complete submission to Allah makes him the purest vessel of divine illumination.
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3. Following the Prophet ﷺ and the Nur with Him

- Believers are commanded to:
 1. Believe in the Prophet ﷺ.
 2. Support him.
 3. Follow the *nur* revealed with him.
 - The *nur* is understood to be:
 - The Qur’an.
 - The Ahl al-Bayt عليهم السلام, who continue the Prophet’s guidance after him.
 - The Prophet ﷺ said: “*I leave behind two weighty things: the Qur’an and my Ahl al-Bayt.*”
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4. Historical Context & Lessons

- After the Prophet’s victories (e.g. conquest of Makkah, battles of Hunayn and Tabuk), Islam spread rapidly, but challenges also arose from hypocrisy and disobedience.
- True supporters (like the Ansar) sacrificed comfort for faith, motivated by the beauty of the Prophet’s message.

- Others spread Islam outwardly but lost the inner flame of sincerity.
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5. Obedience and Submission

- Real faith requires *taslim* (submission) to divine commands without hesitation.
 - Complaints about prayer, fasting, hijab, or other obligations reveal inner hardness of the heart.
 - Allah swears that belief is incomplete until believers accept the Prophet ﷺ as final judge without resistance.
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6. The Tragedy of Karbala as Preservation of Nur

- The light of Allah was opposed by those who sought to extinguish it.
 - The martyrs of Karbala (Imam Husayn عليه السلام, Ali Akbar, Qasim, Abbas, companions) sacrificed themselves to ensure the light of truth survived.
 - Even when their bodies were cut down, their radiant example illuminated history.
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7. Concluding Reflections

- The *nur* revealed with the Prophet ﷺ is life-giving, like the sun that sustains all living beings.
 - This nur remains among us through the Qur'an and the Ahl al-Bayt عليهم السلام.
 - Believers must strive to gather and live by this light, rather than being distracted by the fleeting glitter of dunya.
 - The lecture closes with a prayer to be among those who truly submit, follow the divine light, and remain loyal to the Prophet ﷺ and his family.
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✓ Key Takeaway:

True faith is not just in words or rituals—it is in supporting the Prophet ﷺ, following the Qur'an and Ahl al-Bayt, and allowing the divine light to illuminate our hearts, leading to full submission to Allah.