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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

We are not Shee'ah: "It is not allowed for us to take a specific person to be an Imaam and not benefit from the knowledge of others ..."

The Imaam said, "It is not allowed for us to take a specific person to be an Imaam and not benefit from the knowledge of others because the truth which Allaah (تبارك وتعالى)¹ revealed to His Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² is not restricted to being found in one man after him (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

We do not believe about the Companions who succeeded him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) what the Shee'ah believe about 'Alee ibn Abee Taalib, [i.e.,] that all of the knowledge which the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) had in his chest was transferred to 'Alee, we do not believe this, for this reason they believed him to be infallible and held him to be like the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) in terms of infallibility.

We say: the knowledge which was in the Prophet's chest (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was transferred to the Companions—not just one Companion—for this reason, whoever wants to gain knowledge or gain an abundant portion of it cannot do so from only one person, rather he must benefit from all of them, for if not, he will have forfeited a great deal of it."

¹ (تبارك وتعالى) (Tabaraka wa Ta'ala) The Blessed and the Most High

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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