

The Importance Of Fiqh



After the branches of knowledge of *tafsîr*, *hadîth* and *kalâm*, the most honoured branch of knowledge is *fiqh*. It brings more *thawâb* to study the knowledge of *fiqh* than to perform supererogatory prayers of *namâz* at night. And it brings more *thawâb* to learn it from a teacher than to study it alone. The following six *hadîths* are sufficient to indicate the honour in *fiqh*:

"When Allâhu ta'âlâ wishes to do a favour to a slave of His, He makes him a *faqîh* in religion."

"If a person becomes a *faqîh*, Allâhu ta'âlâ sends the things which he longs for and his food by means unanticipated by him."

"The person whom Allâhu ta'âlâ calls the highest is the one who is a *faqîh* in the Dîn. This *hadîth* alone would suffice to show the greatness of Imâm-i a'zâm."

"Against the devil, one *faqîh* is stronger than a thousand 'âbîds (those who worship much)."

"Everything is based upon a pillar. The basic pillar of the Dîn is the knowledge of *fiqh*."

"The best, the most valuable act of worship is to learn and teach *fiqh*."