

OBEYING THE MESSENGER IS CONDITIONED

One complete Sura illustrates the fact that we are to obey Muhammad ONLY in his Quranic utterances, and NOT in his personal utterances or personal behavior. This rules out the so-called "Hadith" and the so-called "Sunna" as legitimate sources of religious guidance.

The Sura is entitled " 'Abasa = He Frowned", and narrates an incident where Muhammad ignored a poor blind man, and gave his full attention to a rich man:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
عَبَسَ وَتَوَلَّى ۖ أَنْ جَاءَهُ الْأَعْمَى ۚ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّهِ يُتْرَكَ ۚ
أَوَيْدَكَرُفَنَفَعَهُ الذِّكْرَى ۚ أَمَا مِنْ أَصْغَى ۚ فَأَنْتَ لَهُ
تَصَدَّى ۚ وَمَا عَلَيْكَ أَلْيَزْكَى ۚ وَأَمَا مِنْ جَاءَكَ يَسْعَى ۚ
وَهُوَ يَخْشَى ۚ فَأَنْتَ عَنْهُ تَلَهَّى ۚ كَلَّا إِنَّهَا لَذِكْرَةٌ ۚ لِمَنْ
شَاءَ ذَكْرَةٌ ۚ

"He (Muhammad) frowned and turned away, when the blind man came to him. How do you know; he may be saved? Or, he may heed the message and benefit by such heeding. As for the rich man, you (Muhammad) gave him your attention. Even though you cannot guarantee his salvation. But the one who came to you seeking salvation, and sincerely reverent, you disregarded him. Indeed, THIS IS A REMINDER, for those who choose to remember. (80: 1-12)