

### **Harms of Lying and Virtue of Telling the Truth**

We previously learned in the lesson about Musaylama the liar, about how evil it is to have the quality of lying. Now we shall go over some of the ahadith of the Messenger (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) about the harms of lying and the virtues of telling the truth.

1.) Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-Aas (radhiAllahu anhu) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: **"Four characteristics, if they are found in an individual, then he will be a pure hypocrite and anyone who has one of these characteristics, then he will have one of the characteristics of hypocrisy until he leaves it:**

- 1- When he is trusted with something, he fails to keep his trust,**
- 2- When he talks, he tells a lie;**
- 3- When he makes a promise, he breaks his promise; and**
- 4- When he argues, he utters foul language."**

(Bukhari and Muslim)

2.) Ibn Mas`ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said, **"Truth leads to piety and piety leads to Jannah. A man persists in speaking the truth till he is recorded with Allah as a truthful man. Falsehood leads to transgression and transgression leads to the Hell-fire. A**

**man continues to speak falsehood till he is recorded with Allah as a great liar."**

(Bukhari and Muslim)

**Commentary:**

1. Whatever attitude one adopts becomes his special trait and then he becomes known by it. Therefore, one should always adopt virtues and good conduct so that he may attain a high esteem with Allah and be also remembered well by people.

2. Truth is the way to salvation while falsehood is the way to destruction.

3.) Ibn Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: **"When a person lies, the angels distance themselves one mile away from the person due to the stench that comes out of his mouth."**

(Tirmizi)