3151 - Learning from trustworthy scholars

the question

I am a seeker of knowledge; I love to learn and I strive hard in the pursuit of knowledge. I am studying with one of the scholars (i.e., a Sayyid), leaning fiqh, nahw (grammar) and tajweed. Some of the brothers told me that these people slander some of the Sahaabah, and in fact I have found that this is true in some cases, but I am still studying with them. I hope that you can tell me which is best – should I complete my studies, or look for other scholars? I also wrote to the land of Persia, and they sent me some religious books and other material, but they are Imaamiyyah, i.e., they exaggerate too much about the Ahl al-Bayt (members of the Prophet's household). Do you advice me to complete my studies with them? I read the Qur'aan a great deal in Ramadaan, but I found that I make mistakes in my reading. I went to one of the scholars and asked him to teach me, but I discovered that he makes mistakes, and I do not know what to do. In my area there is no haafiz, and during Ramadaan I stay in my village. Is it permissible for me to buy tapes of Qur'aan? or should I look for a scholar who can teach me Qur'aan?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

You have to study with scholars who are known for their knowledge and whose 'aqeedah is sound, and keep away from these innovators who go against the Ahl al-Sunnah. These include the Shee'ah and Imaamiyyah. Do not study with them or sit with them or correspond with them or read their books, lest they lead you astray from the path of Allaah. Study Qur'aan with someone who reads it well and whose 'aqeedah and religious commitment are sound. There is no reason why you should not listen to tapes of Qur'aan in order to benefit from them.