



Imām al- Ājūrī رحمته الله By Sidi Abu Hasan

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Imām Abū Bakr Muḥammad ibn al-Ḥusayn al-Ājūrī was a famous muḥaddith and jurist from the fourth century after Hegira. He was born and grew up in the western part of Baghdād named Darb al-‘Ajūrr, hence the appellation. Ibn Khallikān says: ‘He was a Shāfi’ī jurist and a muḥaddith; he is the author of the famous book *Al-Arba’in*. He was a righteous and a pious man.’ Dhahabī says about him: ‘The Imām, the muḥaddith; he was the Imām of the grand mosque in Makkah (*Imām al-Ḥaram*); a truthful, charitable and a pious man; a man of exemplary character.’

His teachers:

- ❖ Imām Abū Muslim Ibrāhīm al-Baṣrī al-Kajjī (d.292 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abu al-‘Abbās Aḥmed ibn Sahl al-Ashnāni (d.307 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abū ‘Abdullāh Aḥmed ibn al-Ḥasan (210-306 AH)
- ❖ Imām Ja’far ibn Muḥammad al-Firyābī (207-301 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abū Ja’far Aḥmed ibn Yaḥyā al-Bajali (d.296 AH)
- ❖ Imām Yaḥyā ibn Zanjway ibn Mūsā al-Qaṭṭān (d.304 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abū’l Qāsim ‘Abdullāh ibn Muḥammad al-Baghawī (214-317 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abū Muḥammad Khalaf ibn ‘Amr al-‘Ukbarī (206-296 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abū Bakr ‘Abdullāh ibn Sulaymān al-Sajistānī (230-316 AH) the son of Imām Abū Dāwūd, the author of the famous ‘*Sunan*’.

His prominent students:

- ❖ Imām Abū Nu’aym al-Aṣbahānī (336-425 AH), the famous muḥaddith and the author of *Hilyat al-Awliyā*.
- ❖ Imām Abu al-Qāsim ‘Abd al-Malik ibn Bishrān (339-430 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abu al-Ḥusayn ‘Alī ibn Bishrān (338-415 AH)
- ❖ Imām Abū Muḥammad ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Mālīkī al-Bazzāz (323-416 AH)

Some of his works:

- ❖ Akhlāq Ahl al-Qur'ān
- ❖ Akhbār 'Umar ibn 'Abdul 'Azīz
- ❖ Kitāb al-Arba'in
- ❖ Taḥrīm al-Nard wa al-Shaṭranj wa al-Malāhī
- ❖ Al-Sharī'ah
- ❖ Kitāb al-Taṣdīq bi al-Naẓr ila Allāh ta'ālā
- ❖ Kitāb al-Ghurabā min al-Mu'minīn

It is said that he went to Makkah once and he really liked it there. He said: 'O Allāh, let me stay here for a year' and he heard someone say: 'rather, thirty years.' Thus he stayed there for thirty years until he passed away in Muḥarram, 360 AH. Abū Bakr al-Khaṭīb [Baghdādi] says, 'I saw this written on his tombstone (*balāṭah*) in Makkah.'

