

Ibn Mahdee said, "My eyes have not seen anyone better than four like four. I have not seen anyone with better memory of hadeeth than Sufyaan, nor anyone more strict in leading a life of ascetism/simplicity than Shu'bah, nor more intelligent than Maalik, nor anyone more sincere to the ummah than Ibn al-Mubaarak.

Ibn 'Uyainah said, "I have not seen a man knowing the halaal and the haraam better than Sufyaan ath-Thawree."

Imaam Sufyaan Ath Thawree

(Raheemahullaah)

Born in :

97 AH in Al Koofa,
Iraaq

Father :

Muhaddith Sa'eed
ibn Masrooq ath-
Thawree

His Name:

Sufyaan Ibn Sa'eed
Ibn Masrooq ath-
Thawree

His Kunya:

Aboo Abdullaah

Aboo Qatb reports from Shu'bah that he said, "Sufyaan gained precedence over the people through war' (piety) and knowledge." Yaq'ooab al-Hadramee said, "I heard Shu'bah say, 'Sufyaan is the Ameerul-Mu'mineen (the Chief of the Believers) in hadeeth.'"

Some of his Teachers:

Aboo Ishaq as-Sabee'ee,

al-A'mash,

Sulaymaan at-Taymee,

Ibraaheem Ibn Maysarah,

Ibn 'Awn,

Zayd Ibn Aslam,

'Amr Ibn Deenaar,

'Abdur-Rahmaan Rustah said, "I heard Ibn Mahdee say, 'Sufyaan spent the night at my house and he was weeping. So it was mentioned to him, so he said, 'My sins to me are less important than this...' and he picked up a piece of earth, '...but indeed I fear that eemaan should be removed from me before death.'" He also said, "Prosperity lies in not loving that you be known."

Some of his
Golden Sayings!

Some of his
Students:

Shu'bah,

al-Awzaa'ee,

Maalik,

'Abdur-Rahmaan Ibn
Mahdee,

Yahyaa Ibn Sa'eed al-
Qattaan,

Ibnul-Mubaarak,

Hafs Ibn Ghiyaath,

'Abdullaah Ibn Wahb,

'Abdur-Razzaaq,

Fudayl Ibn 'Iyaad,

Al-Marroodhee reports from Ahmad ibn Hanbal who said, "Do you know who is the Imaam? The Imaam is Sufyaan ath-Thawree, no-one takes precedence over him in my heart."

His Death

He became ill with an ailment of the stomach, so he made wudoo that night sixty times. Until when he saw what had come to him, he descended from the bed and placed his cheek upon the ground, and he said, 'O 'Abdur-Rahmaan, how severe death is.'

his funeral was taken out unexpectedly to the people of Basrah, and a large number attended it, and 'Abdur-Rahmaan ibn 'Abdul-Maalik ibn Abjar al-Koofee led the Prayer, as Sufyaan had requested.

Sufyaan Ath Thawree died in Sh'baan in the year 161 AH

May Allaah have mercy upon him.

His life :

- He began seeking knowledge as a boy due to the care of his father.
- He was the Shaykhul Islaam, one of the stores of ilm
- Imaam of the memorizers.
- He was the most noble of the scholars who acted upon their ilm during his time.
- when the 'Ulamaa' (Scholars) are mentioned, then Sufyaan is a dazzling star. His biography is famous and fills the books of Jarh wat-Ta'deel, history and fiqh
- It is said that Sufyaan had more than six hundred Shaikhs
- He narrated hadeeth when he was still very young

"Have concern for the people of the Sunnah because they are strangers." And he said, "A man should compel his son to knowledge since he is accountable for him."

"The isnaad (chain of narrations) is the weapon of the Believer, so whoever does not have a weapon then with what will he fight?"

It was said to Sufyaan ath-Thawree, 'For how long will you continue to seek Hadeeth?' He said, "And what is better than Hadeeth that I should prefer it? Hadeeth is the best of the knowledge of the world."

"Never has a hadeeth reached me from Allaah's Messenger (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam), except that I would act upon it even a single time."

What some scholars said about him!