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The studies of al-Habib نفعنا الله at the Ribat (hospice / academy) in Qaydun, Hadhramaut and his daily routine

He (my shaykh) said, may Allah سبحانه be pleased with him.

I memorized Az-Zubad by Ash-Shaykh Ahmad ibn Raslan Ash-Shafi'i رحمته الله, and Mulhatu'l I'rab by al-Qasim ibn 'Ali ibn Muhammad al-Basri رحمته الله, at the age of 16. And I memorized Al-Alfiyyah of Ibn Malik رحمته الله (Muhammad bin 'Abdallah bin Malik al-Andalusi ad-Dimashqi), with al-Habib Salih bin Abdallah al-Haddad نفعنا الله, sahib nisaab, at the age of 17. And I recited the whole Hashiya of al-Khudri to my uncle 'Alawi bin Tahir نفعنا الله.

Those were our days of seeking knowledge in the academy of Qaydun with my uncle 'Abdallah and my uncle 'Alawi to preoccupy all of us in learning, not in worldly or material matters. And I used to esteem the time in the academy. I did not go home to my mother except at meal-time. Sometimes, I slept over at the academy and slept on a mat until the marks of the mat could be seen on my back. And we used to get up before al-Fajr and go to the masjid of Ash-Shaykh Sa'id (al-'Amudi) نفعنا الله. And when the mu'adhdhin called the adhan, we prayed two rak'ah Salat al-Fajr, followed by the du'a.

And after the Salah and the recitation of the recommended additional supplications to Allah سبحانه, we busied ourselves in seeking knowledge at all times. Most of the recitation was in the academy and some in Masjid Jami' of Ash-Shaykh Sa'id.

In the month of Ramadan, we prayed As-Salat u't-Tarawih two times, first in the academy with my uncle 'Alawi bin Tahir نفعنا الله, and at the end of the night in Masjid Jami' with my uncle 'Umar bin Tahir bin 'Umar al-Haddad نفعنا الله. And after Salat al-'Asr, we attended the talk of my uncle 'Alawi in Masjid Jami' of Ash-Shaykh Sa'id.

Or, as my shaykh said (in his own words).