What is Hadith?

ANSWER

 According to the majority of the Muhadditheen (experts of Hadith) it means:

THE SAYINGS, ACTIONS, AND APPROVAL OF PROPHET (SAW)

What does Approval mean?

 Those occasions where any person carried out an action or stated something in the presence of Prophet (saw) and he did not go against it neither he prevented it, rather prophet (saw) maintained silence, thereby granting them permission for what they said or did.

Do we need Hadith when we have the Qur'an? Why can't we just follow the Qur'an?

• ANSWER

Yes we need Hadith, and to follow it is obligatory (a must), as it explains a lot of things from the Qur'an, and without the explanation it will be literally impossible for us to understand. For e.g. Salah, we all know Salah is one of the main pillars of Islam, it is a command from Allah, as he states in the Qur'an "Establish Prayer" but regarding the number of prayers for a muslim to pray each day is not mentioned, we all know as a muslim we should pray 5 times a day, but the number of prayers is not mentioned, so where did we find the answer? Answer is , from HADITH, which are the words of our beloved prophet (saw) as he beautifully explained regarding all the details of it.

E.G.

Qur'an states, "ESTABLISH PRAYER"

But Number of prayers is not mentioned, which we all know is 5, but where did we find it? and who was it explained by?