

He said: **“Then inform me about its *amaaraat* .”**

He (*sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*) said:

**“That the slave-girl will give birth to her mistress...**

**The Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan *hafidhahullaah* mentions in his explanation:**

**Q1. That when the questioner asked “*then inform me about its amaaraat*”:**

- a) he was asking about its signs
- b) he was asking about the signs to suggest that the Hour is close
- c) he knew when the Hour was to take place
- d) he knew that the Hour would not be established at least 1000 years afterwards

**Q2. That from the *amaaraat* of the Hour are those that are:**

- a) major signs
- b) minor or lesser signs
- c) signs that will occur close to the establishment of the Hour
- d) signs that will never occur

**Q3. That with regard to the minor signs of the Hour:**

- a) none of them have yet taken place
- b) they are different from the signs which are major signs
- c) they include the descent of ‘Eesaa *‘alaihissalaam*
- d) they will only occur very close to the establishment of the Hour

**Q4. That the slave girl giving birth to her mistress:**

- a) may occur as a consequence of having physical relationships with one’s slave girls
- b) may be referring to the abundance of evil manners towards one’s parents
- c) is one of the signs of the Hour
- d) cannot take place since slavery has been removed from the face of the Earth

**...and that you will see the barefooted, unclothed and destitute shepherds competing in the building of tall buildings.”**

**The Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan *hafidhahullaah* mentions in his explanation:**

**Q1. That the people referred to here:**

- a) have no shoes due to their poverty
- b) are allergic to clothes so they do not wear them
- c) normally live a nomadic lifestyle in the open air
- d) have not yet appeared

**Q2. That the actions of the people mentioned here:**

- a) are different from the actions that we have seen from them in the past
- b) reflect their new found wealth
- c) are a proof for the truthfulness of our Prophet *sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*
- d) are from the Signs of the Hour

He ('Umar) said: So he left, and we remained for some time, then he *sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam* asked: **“O 'Umar, do you know who the questioner was?”**

I replied: **“Allaah and His Messenger know best.”**

He *sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam* said: **“That was Jibreel, he came to you to teach you your religion (*deen*).”**

**The Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan *hafidhahullaah* mentions in his explanation:**

**Q1. That with regards to the one who asked the questions:**

- a) the Companions did not wait before asking who the questioner was after he had left
- b) the Companions refused to identify the questioner despite knowing who he was
- c) Jibreel came in the form of a human being so as to teach the people
- d) that 'questions and answers' are a method of teaching which contains no benefit

**Q2. That the *maraatib* (levels) of the religion:**

- a) are three in number
- b) each have only one pillar
- c) have *eemaan* as the lowest and *ihsaan* as the highest
- d) are the three masjids in Makkah, al Madeenah and Jerusalem

**Q3. That using questions and answers as a method for teaching:**

- a) is a method that keeps the student's mind focused and attentive
- b) can only be done through weekly postings on the internet
- c) results in information being more firmly grounded in the student's mind
- d) was the method employed by the questioner in this hadeeth

**Q4. That when a person is asked a question for which he does not know the answer:**

- a) he should refer the knowledge back to one who knows it
- b) he should always at least have a guess
- c) it is forbidden for him to say, "*I don't know*"
- d) he should refute the person who asked him the question in the first place

**Q5. That when Imaam Maalik *rahimahullaah* was asked 40 questions by a man:**

- a) the Imaam answered 6 of them and guessed at the rest
- b) he initially answered 6 then answered the rest after he saw how disappointed the man was
- c) the Imaam asked the man to cover up the fact that he had not been able to answer them all
- d) he replied "*I don't know*" to most of the man's questions

**Q6. That when the Prophet *sall Allaahu alaihi wa sallam'* was asked about something from the *deen* which he had not received any revelation about:**

- a) he waited for revelation to descend upon him so that he could then answer
- b) he had a guess at the answer
- c) he waited for revelation – so how much more so for the rest of us?
- d) none of the above

**Q7. That when a person sits with a scholar:**

- a) he should observe the correct manners
- b) he displays exactly the same manners as he would to all other Muslims
- c) it is upon the scholar to show humility and subservience to the student
- d) the student must never speak to the scholar

**Q8. That this hadeeth also contains:**

- a) a mention of all the signs that will occur before the Hour
- b) a description of all the obligations in Islaam
- c) a description of all the levels of the religion
- d) a mention of the matters which nullify a person's Islaam