

Brief Explanation of Hadith 1

لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ

There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm

Ibn Majah, ad-Daraqutni and others

Vocab

وَلَا

and no

ضَرَرَ

harm

لَا

no

ضِرَارَ

harm others

General Meaning

Muslims should not initiate harm, either towards themselves or others, nor respond to the harm that they have received with another harm.

Points of Benefit

- 1 Harm should be prevented from happening as much as possible
- 2 Harm should not be removed with a similar harm
- 3 A greater harm can be removed with a lesser harm if there is no other options
- 4 Preventing harm takes precedence over gaining or attaining benefits
- 5 Examples related to the hadith