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From Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه)¹ who said, “The Prophet of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² was asked, ‘Who is the most honourable of people?’ He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, ‘The one who is the most pious and righteous [has the greatest taqwaa].’ They said, ‘It is not about this that we ask.’ He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, ‘Then the most honourable of the people is Yusuf, the Prophet of Allaah, son of the Prophet of Allaah, son of the Prophet of Allaah, son of the Khaleel [Friend] of Allaah [i.e., Ibraaheem (عليه السلام)]³.’ They said, ‘It is not about this that we ask.’ He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, ‘Then is it about the tribes of the Arabs that you ask? The people are of [differing] tribes. The best of them in the Days of Ignorance [i.e., before Islaam] are [also] the best of them [when they embrace] Islaam—as long as they gain understanding of it.’”⁴

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ (عليه السلام) (alaihis-salaam) Peace be upon him

⁴ As-Saheehah, no. 3996

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