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*In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent,
the Most Merciful.*

Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal

His Name and His Lineage:

He is Ahmad bin Muhammad bin Hanbal bin Hilal bin Asad bin Idrees bin 'Abdillah bin Hayyan. His agnomen was Abu 'Abdillah.

'Abdullah bin 'Ata' said: "Ahmad bin Hanbal and the Prophet ﷺ have a common ancestor, Nizar, because the Prophet ﷺ was one of the descendants of Mudhar bin Nizar and all of Quraish are from Mudhar, while Ahmad bin Hanbal was descended from Rabee'ah bin Nizar, who was the brother of Mudhar bin Nizar. Nizar's sons were four in number: Mudhar bin Nizar, Rabee'ah bin Nizar, Iyad bin Nizar and Anmar bin Nizar, and from these four all of the Arab tribes are descended.^[1]

Al-Asma'i said: "Abu 'Abdullah Ahmad bin Hanbal was from Zuhl and his father was a leader."^[2]

Muhammad, the father of Abu 'Abdillah was one of the soldiers of Merv^[3] and he died while still a young man, aged around thirty years. Ibn Al-Jawzi said: "His father was a professional soldier.

Imam Ahmad was originally from Basrah; his grandfather was Hanbal, who was one of the supporters of the 'Abbasid call and the Governor of

[1] *Manaqib Al-Imam Ahmad*, p. 20.

[2] *Manaqib Al-Imam Ahmad*, p. 31.

[3] Merv: A town in Turkmenistan.

