130522 - Baseless Report About Times of Eating and Drinking Being ‘Awrah

the question

“Eating and drinking are two ‘awrahs (times of exposure/weakness) , so cover them.” Is this a saheeh hadeeth (authentic narration)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

After looking for this hadeeth in the books of Sunnah (prophetic traditions), we could not find any basis for it. This hadeeth was not even mentioned by the scholars who compiled collections of weak and fabricated hadeeths. Perhaps it is one of the false hadeeths that were fabricated in recent times.

The meaning indicated by the hadeeth has no basis in the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Eating and drinking are not among the ‘awrahs which must be covered.

The Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to eat with his Companions, so how can eating and drinking be ‘awrah?

And Allah knows best.