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All thanks and praises are due to Allâh, Who grants refuge, but none grants refuge from Him. He Alone governs all affairs and none is like or similar to Him. I thank and praise Him, just as a slave who admits his slavery and submissiveness would praise his Lord. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allâh Alone without partners, just as a slave would testify while admitting to Allâh's Oneness and Richness. I bear witness that Muhammad is Allâh's slave and Messenger whom He sent with guidance and the religion of truth to prevail above all other religions. Certainly, the Prophet ﷺ conveyed the Message and delivered what he was entrusted with until he fulfilled all of what he was commanded to fulfill. O Allâh! Grant Your best blessings and mercy on our Prophet Muhammad, Your slave and Messenger, and on his Companions and family members who adhered by his guidance until they died.

O Muslims! Fear Allâh as He should be feared and hold on to Islam by its firm handholds. Thank and praise your Lord Who bestowed on you this honorable, compassionate, merciful Messenger.

﴿لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ  
وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ  
مُّبِينٍ﴾

“Indeed, Allâh conferred a great favour on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Qur'ân), and purifying them (from sins by their following him), and instructing them (in) the Book (the Qur'ân) and *Al-Hikmah*, while before that they had been in manifest error.” (3:164)

In this *Āyah*, Allâh states that He has granted a tremendous favor on the believers when He sent to them a Messenger from among themselves, revealed to him a clear Book and ordered them to follow

him and obey his *Sunnah*.

﴿ وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا ﴾

“And whatsoever the Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) gives you, take it; and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it).” (59:7)

Also, the Prophet ﷺ said:

« تَرَكْتُكُمْ عَلَى الْمَحَجَّةِ الْبَيْضَاءِ لَيْلُهَا كَنَهَارِهَا لَا يَزِيغُ عَنْهَا إِلَّا هَالِكٌ »

“I have left you on the white (clear) path, its night is as bright as its day. None except the destroyed one will deviate away from it.”

He was reported to have said, “I have left with you what, if you adhere by, you will never be led astray: the Book of Allâh. In it, there is the news of those who were before you and the news of those who will come after you. It is Allâh’s Thick Rope, the wonders of which never cease to come, nor does it become old, no matter how repeatedly it is recited. He who uses it in his speech will have said the truth, he who adheres by it will attain guidance, he who judges by it will be just and he who holds to it will be directed to the Straight Path.”<sup>1</sup>

O Allâh’s slaves! Know, may Allâh grant you His Mercy, that obeying the Messenger ﷺ is an obligation on every Muslim, while contradicting him might cause one’s Islam to vanish. The Messenger of Allâh ﷺ was reported to have said:

« لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ يَكُونَ هَوَاهُ تَبَعًا لِمَا جِئْتُ بِهِ. »

“One of you will not attain Faith until his desire conforms to what I was sent with.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> **Editor’s Note:** This is taken from a lengthy *Hadith* reported by At-Tirmidhi in his *Sunan*, chapter: The Virtues of the Noble Qur’ân, 2908. However, this narration is not authentic (*Da’eef*).

<sup>2</sup> **Editor’s Note:** This *Hadith* has been graded unauthentic (*Da’eef*) by Shaikh Muhammad Nasir ud-Deen Al-Albaani, Shaikh Muqbil bin Haadi Al-Waadi’i, ‘Ali Al-Halabi and Al-Hafiz Ibn Rajab Al-Hanbali, of our *Salaf*.

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«مَنْ أَحْيَا سُنَّتِي فَقَدْ أَحْيَانِي وَمَنْ أَحْيَانِي فَقَدْ أَحْيَيْتِي، وَمَنْ أَحْيَيْتِي كَانَ مَعِيَ فِي الْمَجَنَّةِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ».

“Whoever resurrects my *Sunnah*, will have resurrected me, and whoever resurrects me will have loved me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Paradise on the Day of Resurrection.”<sup>1</sup>

The *Sunnah* that we refer to here is that practiced and conveyed to us by the righteous generations of Islam, such as the Prophet’s generation, the Four Rightly Guided Caliphs, the next and third generations. After them, the *Ummah* divided. Therefore, whatever came afterwards that defies the way and method of the *Salaf* is indeed a type of *Bid'ah* and, as such, a heresy.

O Allâh’s slaves! Thank and praise Allâh for the great favor and tremendous bounty He has endowed His believing slaves with, by sending this honorable Prophet ﷺ with whom He has completed the religion. Surely, the Qur’ân and *Sunnah* complete the religion for the Muslim *Ummah*, provide them with knowledge in the major and minor aspects of the religion and brings guidance and correctness to all mankind. What a grace and what a good favor that can only be appreciated by the thankful believers.

﴿لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ﴾

“Verily, there has come unto you a Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) from amongst yourselves (i.e. whom you know well). It grieves him that you should receive any injury or difficulty. He (Muhammad ﷺ) is anxious over you (to be rightly guided, to repent to Allâh, and beg Him to pardon and forgive your sins in order that you may enter Paradise and be saved from the punishment of the Hell-fire); for the believers (he ﷺ is) full of pity, kind, and merciful.” (9:128)

<sup>1</sup> Editor’s Note: This *Hadith* was graded weak (*Da’eef*) by Shaikh Al-Albaani in *Silsilah Ad-Da’eefah*, and *Da’eef ul-Jami’*?

Indeed, the Prophet ﷺ was kind and easy going with people, accepted invitations from them, helped those who sought him for help, was kind with those who asked him anything and never returned any request away empty handed. He used to accept the good deeds from those who did good and forget and forgive those who did wrong. His tremendous and exalted standard of character cannot be duly explained here, so may Allāh's peace and blessings be on Him. The Prophet ﷺ has directed us all to what benefits us, when he said:

«ثَلَاثٌ لَا يَغْلُ عَلَيْنَهُنَّ قَلْبُ مُسْلِمٍ: إِخْلَاصُ الْعَمَلِ لِلَّهِ، وَمُنَاصَحَةُ وُلَاةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَكُرُومُ جَمَاعَتِهِمْ - أَيَّ جَمَاعَةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ - فَإِنَّ دَعْوَتَهُمْ تُحِيطُ مِنْ وَرَاءَهُمْ».

“Three qualities will not cause the heart of a Muslim to be deceived: having sincerity with Allāh in actions, being sincere and advising to Muslim Leaders and adhering by their *Jama'ah* (i.e., *Jama'atul Muslimin*) for their supplication benefits all those who are with them.”

Therefore, those who perform good deeds with sincerity to Allāh, are honest with Allāh's slaves, hold to the *Jama'ah* by avoiding division and adhering by unity, and whose hearts are purified and cleansed, then each one of them becomes a *Wali* (a loyal friend) of Allāh. Contradicting these good qualities will fill one's heart with every type of evil and wickedness.

Therefore, O Muhammad's Nation! Fear Allāh, follow in the footsteps of your Prophet ﷺ, obey the orders of your Lord, remove all types of division and hatred from amongst yourselves and never be deceived by this life and its delights. O, Allāh's slaves! Allāh has bestowed on us many great favors that can only be counted and appreciated fully by Him, and none can duly thank Allāh for them: peace and tranquility, health, wealth and many other bounties and favors from the Most Beneficent.

﴿لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ﴾

“If you give thanks (by accepting Faith and worshipping none but Allāh), I will give you more (of My Blessings); but if you

are thankless (i.e., disbelievers), verily, My punishment is indeed severe.” (14:7)

Repent to Allâh, all of you, O believers, so that you might attain success. Know, O Allâh's slaves, that each one of us shall meet his actions and will not leave this life until, and unless, he sees the goodness or evilness of what he has done. Verily, the actions are connected to the goodness or evil of the last among them (just before death), while the day and the night are the vessels in which one spends this life. Therefore, travel well in these two vessels to the Last Life and beware of delaying and having prolonged hope.

Surely, death comes all of a sudden, and this is why none of you should ever be deceived by Allâh's patience with him or her. The Fire and Paradise are closer to one of you than the top of his own slippers. Know that your Prophet ﷺ said to 'Āishah, رضى الله عنها, that whenever Allâh knows of a slave's sorrow in his heart for a sin, He forgives him for it, even before he seeks His forgiveness for it.

Allâh said:

﴿ إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا وَجَاهَدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ ﴾

“Only those are the believers who have believed in Allâh and His Messenger, and afterward doubt not but strive with their wealth and their lives for the Cause of Allâh. Those! They are the truthful.” (49:15)

May Allâh direct all of us, and you, to the blessings of the Glorious Qur'ân and benefit us and you in whatever it contains of the *Āyat* and Wise *Dhikr*. I say this and ask Allâh the Great, Most Honored for forgiveness for me, you and all Muslims for every sin, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Al-Khutab Al-Minbariyyah*, by Shaikh Ibrahim Al-Yusuf, p. 197