

A photograph of a mosque interior. In the foreground, a prayer rug with intricate blue and gold patterns is laid out on a wooden floor. A golden, ornate chandelier hangs from the ceiling. In the background, a large white dome is visible through an arched opening, with a minaret on top. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a serene atmosphere.

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All thanks are due to Allâh, Who has sent His Messenger Muhammad with guidance and the religion of truth, that He may make it superior to all religions, and All-Sufficient is Allâh as a Witness. I hereby testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allâh Alone without partners, in submission to Islamic Monotheism. I also testify that Muhammad is Allâh's slave and Messenger, may Allâh's peace and blessings be on him, his progeny and companions.

O people! The *Shahadah* (Testimonial) "*Muhammadun Rasulallah*" asserts that Muhammad ﷺ is a Messenger from Allâh and requires that this testimony reside in the heart. There are four implications to this *Shahadah*. They are obeying the Messenger in all of what he has commanded, believing in the news that he has delivered, avoiding what he has forbidden and worshipping Allâh only through what he has legislated. Testifying that Muhammad ﷺ is the Messenger of Allâh requires you to obey all of what he has commanded you to do, avoid all of what he has disallowed for you, believe in all of what he has conveyed to you from Allâh (about the past and future) and draw closer to Allâh only through the acts of worship that he has legislated. You are also required to shun all types of innovations in the religion and abandon all statements or opinions that contradict the Prophet's *Sunnah*, no matter how knowledgeable those who said these opinions and statements are. Each one of us will have some of what he says accepted or rejected, except for the Messenger of Allâh. Imam Malik said, "Each one of us refutes and gets refuted, except for he who is buried in this grave," alluding to the Messenger of Allâh. Furthermore, Imam Muhammad bin Idris Ash-Shaf'i said:

"The scholars agree that whoever knows of a *Sunnah* from the Messenger of Allâh ﷺ cannot abandon it for the saying of any other person."

Also, Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal said, "I am amazed at some people

who know the value of authentic *Isnad* (chains of narration that narrate the Prophet's statements) yet embrace the opinion of Sufyan, while Allâh the Exalted says:

﴿فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ﴾

“And let those who oppose the Messenger's (Muhammad's) commandment (i.e. his *Sunnah* — legal ways, orders, acts of worship, statements) beware, lest some *Fitnah* (trial, calamity) should befall them or a painful torment be inflicted on them.”  
(24:63)

Do you know the meaning of *Fitnah*? It means *Shirk* (in this Verse). For one might reject some parts of the Prophet's *Sunnah* and thus misguidance resides in his heart and leads him to destruction. Allâh the Exalted said:

﴿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)

O slaves of Allâh, fear Allâh the Exalted, obey Him. Know that the best Speech is Allâh's Book (this Qur'ân) and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad ﷺ. The worst matters are matters of innovation. For verily, every innovation is a *Bid'ah*, and every *Bid'ah* is a sin and every sin is in Hellfire.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Al-Khutab al-Minbariyyah*, by Shaikh Salih Al-Fozan, vol. 2, p. 11