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The Benefits of Tawheed in the Worldly life and the Hereafter

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### First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّهِ وَأَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

فَإِنْ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَأَحْسَنُ الْهُدَى هُدَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحَدَّثَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُحَدَّثَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ وَكُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

As for what follows:

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ

Oh People!<sup>1</sup>

Allah says in His Honorable Book:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I (Allah) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone). [51:56]

And He said:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but We inspired him (saying): La ilaha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allah)], so worship Me (Alone and none else). [21:25]

And the Exalted said:

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taghut (all false deities, etc. i.e. do not worship Taghut besides Allah). [16:36]

The Prophet (ﷺ) told Muadh to when he sent him to Yemen:

إِنَّكَ تَقْدِمُ عَلَى قَوْمٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ فَلْيَكُنْ أَوَّلَ مَا تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَيَّ أَنْ يُوَحِّدُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى

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<sup>1</sup> This is from the Sunnah of the Prophet sallahu alayhi wa salam as found in many Ahaadith. For more, see Shaikh Yahya ibn ali al-Hajoori's excellent work *Abkaam ul-Jumma wa bida'iba* pg. 364

You are going to a nation from the people of the Scripture, so let the first thing to which you will invite them, be the Tauhid of Allah [Bukhari no.7372]

These are some of the verses about Tawheed and its importance. No doubt most of us are familiar with these verses and Ahaadith. However, it is important for us to revisit the subject of Tawheed again and again to remind ourselves of the great benefit of it. Tawheed is a source of great good in life of a Muslim and this is the focus of this Khutbah. Tawheed has great benefits in the worldly life and hereafter.

From the benefits of Tawheed is the unity of the Muslims. Allah, the Exalted says:

إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ

Truly! This, your Ummah [Sharia or Religion (Islamic Monotheism)] is one Religion, and I am your Lord, therefore worship Me (Alone) [21:92]

And Allah says:

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Quran), and be not divided among yourselves [3:103]

The Scholars of Tafsir have mentioned that the Quran is the rope of Allah mentioned in the verse as comes in the Hadith reported by Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

كِتَابُ اللَّهِ ، هُوَ حَبْلُ اللَّهِ الْمَمْدُودُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ

The Book of Allah is the rope of Allah extending from the heavens to the earth [Saheeha no. 2024]

What does the Book of Allah call us to? It calls us to Tawheed. Imam Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: **"Every verse in the Quran includes a witness for Tawheed and call towards it"** [Madaarij as-Salikeen (3/450)]

Therefore, the Quran calls us to Tawheed and if we hold fast to it Quran, we will hold fast to Tawheed and achieve unity .

From the benefits of Tawheed is that it leads to the happiness and a happy life. It gives a person tranquility. Allah, the Exalted said:

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision) [16:97]

Imam as-Sa'adi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: "**That is through tranquility of the heart, calmness of the soul, and not turning towards the whispers that may be found in his heart. And Allah will provide for Him halal provisions from where he could not imagine**" [Tafsir as-Sa'adi pg. 488]

Tawheed is the greatest means to expand the chest. Imam Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: "**Chapter: the greatest means to expand and open the chest. The greatest means to expand and open the chest is Tawheed. The expansion in its companion is according to its perfection, strengthen, and increase. Allah, the Exalted said:**

أَفَمَنْ شَرَحَ اللَّهُ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ فَهُوَ عَلَىٰ نُورٍ مِّنْ رَبِّهِ

Is he whose breast Allah has opened to Islam, so that he is in light from His Lord (as he who is non-Muslim) [39:22].

And He said:

فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ، وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصْعَدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ

And whomsoever Allah wills to guide, He opens his breast to Islam, and whomsoever He wills to send astray, He makes his breast closed and constricted, as if he is climbing up to the sky [6:125].

So guidance and Tawheed is from the greatest means to the expansion and opening of the heart. Shirk and misguidance is from the greatest means to the restriction of the chest and its discomfort" [Zaad al-Ma'aad (2/41)]

How many people are suffering from tightness of the chest and restriction? Tawheed is a cure for them.

Tahweed is also security in the land and comfort for the bodies. Allah, the Exalted said:

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمُ الْأَمْنُ وَهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ

It is those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah and worship none but Him Alone) and confuse not their belief with Zulm (wrong i.e. by worshipping others besides Allah), for them (only) there is security and they are the guided. [6:82]

And the Exalted says:

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا

Allah has promised those among you who believe, and do righteous good deeds, that He will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the earth, as He granted it to those before them, and that He will grant them the authority to practise their religion, that which He has chosen for them (i.e. Islam). And He will surely give them in exchange a safe security after their fear (provided) they (believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me. [24:55]

Allah connected Tahweed and security. He also made this connection in Surahatul-Quraish. With all the instability in the world today, Tawheed is a solution to this problem. The poet said:

إذا الإيمان ضاع فلا أمان \*\*\* ولا دنيا لمن لم يحيي دينه  
ومن رضي الحياة بغير دين \*\*\* فقد رضي الهوان لها قرينه

If Iman is lost then there is no peace  
Nor worldly life for the one who wants to revive his religion

Whoever is pleased with a life without religion  
Then he is pleased with humiliation to be its companion/associate

Tawheed is also the greatest means to deflect difficulties and hardships. Imam Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: "**Hardships are not deflected with [other things] the way they are with Tawheed. So like that, the supplication in hardship by Tawheed and the supplication of Dhul-Noon (i.e. Prophet Yunus) which no one who is distressed supplicates**

with except Allah relieves him is by Tahweed. [A person] does not fall into great distresses except by Shirk and it is not relieved except by Tawheed" [Fawaaid pg. 53]

## Second Khutbah

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على نبينا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

As for what proceeds:

Tawheed is also the source of all reform and good on the earth. Shaikhul-islam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

وَمَنْ تَدَبَّرَ أَحْوَالَ الْعَالَمِ وَجَدَ كُلَّ صَلَاحٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَسَبَبُهُ تَوْحِيدُ اللَّهِ وَعِبَادَتُهُ وَطَاعَةُ رَسُولِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . وَكُلُّ شَرٍّ فِي الْعَالَمِ وَفِتْنَةٌ وَبَلَاءٌ وَقَحْطٌ وَتَسْلِيْطٌ عَدُوٍّ وَغَيْرِ ذَلِكَ ; فَسَبَبُهُ مُخَالَفَةُ الرَّسُولِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَالِدَّعْوَةُ إِلَى غَيْرِ اللَّهِ

“And whoever reflects on the condition of the world, he will find that all reform on the earth is due to the Tawheed of Allah, His worship, and the obedience to His Messenger. Every evil in the earth, trial, calamity, drought, the enemy conquering over the Muslims, and other than it, its caused is opposing the Messenger (ﷺ) and calling to other than Allah” [Majmoo’ al-Fatawa (15/25)]

These are some of the benefits of Tawheed in the worldly life. As for the hereafter, then Tawheed is the cause of salvation and the foundation to enter Paradise.

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

مَنْ قَالَ : " لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ " أَنْجَتْهُ يَوْمًا مِنْ دَهْرِهِ ، أَصَابَهُ قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مَا أَصَابَهُ

Whoever says there is no God worthy of worship except Allah, it will save him one day of his life even if he is afflicted before that with what he is afflicted with [Saheeha no. 1932]

Jabir ibn Abdillah (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

مَنْ قَالَ : لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُخْلِصًا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ

Whoever said: there is no God worthy except Allah sincerely will enter Paradise [Saheeha no. 2355]

(لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is the statement of Tawheed and it highlights how great this statement truly is. Even for those who are sinners, and we all sin and have shortcomings, Tawheed will save us from eternal punishment. As Ahlul-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah, we believe that the Muslims who will enter the Hell-fire due to sin will be eventually taken out and entered into Paradise. Tawheed will prevent them from eternal punishment unlike those who died upon polytheism and disbelief. It comes in the Hadith referred to as the Bitaaqah (the Hadith of the card) narrated from Abdullah ibn 'Amr al-'As (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

فَيَقُولُ : بلى ، إِنَّ لَكَ عِنْدَنَا حَسَنَةً وَاحِدَةً ، لَا تَظْلَمَ الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكَ ، فَتُخْرَجُ لَهُ بَطَاقَةٌ فِيهَا : أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ، فَيَقُولُ أَحْضِرُوهُ ، فَيَقُولُ : يَا رَبِّ ، وَمَا هَذِهِ الْبَطَاقَةُ مَعَ هَذِهِ السِّجَلَاتِ ؟ فَيُقَالُ : إِنَّكَ لَا تَظْلَمُ ، قَالَ : فَتَوَضَّعُ السِّجَلَاتُ فِي كِفَّةٍ ، ( وَالْبَطَاقَةُ فِي كِفَّةٍ ) قَالَ : فَطَاشَتِ السِّجَلَاتُ ، وَثَقَلَتِ الْبَطَاقَةُ ، فَلَا يَنْقُلُ مَعَ اسْمِ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا

...So He will say: Of course. Verily we have for you one good deed. There will be no oppression against you today. So a card will brought for him which has written on it: I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. So it will be said: bring it forth. So he will say: O my Lord, what will this card do against all these scrolls [of sin]? It will be said: You will not be oppressed. So the scrolls will be placed in one scale of the Balance and the card in another scale. So the scrolls will become light and the card will become heavy. So nothing is heavier than the Name of Allah [Saheeh Musnad no. 792]

So how great is this Tawheed such that a person will be forgiven for his or her major sins and transgressions! So it is upon us to teach the people about Tawheed, apply it our lives through the worship of Allah, and remind ourselves of its great benefits. May Allah allow us to die upon Tawheed.

We ask Allah to aid us upon the truth. Verily He is the Guardian of that and capable of it.

قُومُوا إِلَى صَلَاتِكُمْ يَرْحَمُكُمُ اللَّهُ

Stand for you Prayer, may Allah have mercy upon you<sup>2</sup>

-----End of the Khutbah-----

<sup>2</sup> This is how Abu Bakr as-Sideeq radiallahu anahu ended his first Khutbah as found in *Seerah Ibn Hisham* with a Saheeh chain.