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## الاعتصام بالكتاب والسنة

Holding Fast to the Book and the Sunnah

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First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ 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 يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

فَإِنْ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثُ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَأَحْسَنُ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُخَدَّنَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُخَدَّنَةٍ 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:

وَالَّذِينَ يُمَسِّكُونَ بِالْكِتَابِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّا لَا نُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُصْلِحِينَ

And as to those who hold fast to the Book (i.e. act on its teachings) and perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), certainly, We shall never waste the reward of those who do righteous deeds [7:170]

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ هُوَ مَوْلَاكُمْ فَنِعْمَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ

and hold fast to Allah [i.e. have confidence in Allah, and depend upon Him in all your affairs] He is your Maula (Patron, Lord, etc.), what an Excellent Maula (Patron, Lord, etc.) and what an Excellent Helper! . [22:78]

And the Exalted said:

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]

And He, the Exalted said:

فَاسْتَمْسِكْ بِالَّذِي أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

So hold you (O Muhammad) fast to that which is inspired in you. Verily, you are on a Straight Path [43:43]

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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

Hafidih Ibn Kathir rahimahullah said:

خُذْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْمُنَزَّلِ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ ، فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْحَقُّ ، وَمَا يَهْدِي إِلَيْهِ هُوَ الْحَقُّ الْمُقْضَى إِلَى صِرَاطِ اللَّهِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ

“Take the Quran which was revealed to your heart, for verily it is Truth. And what it guides to is truth that leads to the straight path”. [Tafsir Ibn Kathir]

In these verses, Allah is ordering us to Hold fast to Him and His religion. The Quran and the Sunnah which He revealed to his Prophet (ﷺ).

Holding tightly to the Book and the Sunnah is the success of our Ummah and its honor. For verily the Quran and the Sunnah guide to the truth. They are a means to safety from misguidance.

Abdullah ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that: The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

إِنِّي قَدْ تَرَكْتُ فِيكُمْ مَا إِنْ اعْتَصَمْتُمْ بِهِ فَلَنْ تَضِلُّوا أَبَدًا ، كِتَابَ اللَّهِ ، وَ سُنَّةَ نَبِيِّهِ

“Verily I left with you two things, if you hold fast to them you will not be misguided ever: The Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet (ﷺ)”

[Saheeh Targheeb no. 40]

Imam al-Munaawi rahimahullah said:

فَهُمَا الْأَصْلَانِ اللَّذَانِ لَا عُدُولَ عَنْهُمَا وَلَا هُدَى إِلَّا بِهِمَا وَالْعَصْمَةُ وَالنَّجَاةُ فِي التَّمَسُّكِ بِهِمَا فَوْجُوبِ الرَّجُوعِ  
لِلْكِتَابِ وَالسُّنَّةِ مَعْلُومِ مِنَ الدِّينِ بِالضَّرُورَةِ

“So they are both foundations which there is no abandoning them nor any guidance except with them. Infallibility and safety is in holding fast to them. So it is obligatory to return to the Book and the Sunnah. It is something known in the deen by necessity”

[Tayseer Sharh Jami’ as-Sagheer (1/907)]

This is truth! Holding fast to the Book and the Sunnah is safety from trials and tribulations. From misguidance and error. In a world of global instability, we are in dire need of salvation.

Imam Zuhri (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

قَالَ : كَانَ مِنْ مَضَى مِنْ عُلَمَائِنَا يَقُولُونَ : " الْإِعْتِصَامُ بِالسُّنَّةِ نَجَاةٌ

“Our Scholars from the past used to say: Holding fast to the Sunnah is safety”

[Sunan ad-Daraami no. 97. Graded **Saheeh** by Shaikh Yahya ibn Ali al-Hajoori in *al-Urf al-Wardi* pg. 75]

In this time of differing and confusion, holding fast the Quran and the Sunnah is the cure for our issues. As the Prophet (ﷺ) instructed us:

فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ يَعِشْ مِنْكُمْ بَعْدِي فَسِيرَىٰ اِخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ الرَّاشِدِينَ تَمَسَّكُوا بِهَا وَعَصُوا عَلَيْهَا بِالنَّوَاجِدِ وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَمُحَدَّثَاتِ الْأُمُورِ فَإِنَّ كُلَّ مُحَدَّثَةٍ بَدْعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بَدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ

For those of you who live after me will see great disagreement. You must then follow my sunnah and that of the rightly-guided caliphs. Bite onto it with your molar teeth. Avoid every newly invented matter, for every newly invented matter is an innovation, and every innovation is an error

[Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood no. 4607]

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **Bite upon it with your molar teeth.** This is great emphasis, but not an easy task. As comes in one Hadith from Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

الْمُتَمَسِّكُ يَوْمئِذٍ بِدِينِهِ كَالْقَابِضِ عَلَى الْجَمْرِ

“The one who will hold fast to his religion then will be like one who is holding onto a burning coal”

[Saheeha (2/646)].

Despite it's difficulty, holding fast to the Quran and Sunnah has great benefits. From them is that it unifies the Muslims upon one statement.

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]

Imam al-Qurtubi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

وَأَمْرَنَا بِالِاجْتِمَاعِ عَلَى الْإِعْتِصَامِ بِالْكِتَابِ وَالسُّنَّةِ اعْتِقَادًا وَعَمَلًا ; وَذَلِكَ سَبَبُ اتِّفَاقِ الْكَلِمَةِ وَانْتِظَامِ ،  
الشُّنَاتِ الَّذِي يَتِمُّ بِهِ مَصَالِحُ الدُّنْيَا وَالدِّينِ

“And we were ordered to unite upon holding fast to the Book and the Sunnah in both creed and action. That is the cause for the unity of the word of the Muslim and resolving the dissension, through which the benefit of the worldly life and religion is achieved”

[Tafsir Qurtubi (4/156)]

So holding fast to the Book and the Sunnah is by having the correct belief as found in the Quran and the Sunnah and believed by the Salaf. And it is also achieved by holding fast to the commandments and staying far away from the prohibitions found in the Quran and the Sunnah.

We are living in an era of dire need for both authentic knowledge and action, especially in an environment like this where there is much temptation and doubt. But how can we hold fast to the Quran and the Sunnah if we do not know it? We need to first learn and study the authentic teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah. However, the affair is not only an affair of learning. Many Muslims learn, but they fail to implement. It is a matter of holding tightly to the that which we know is truth!

Imam al-Awzaa'i may Allah have mercy upon him said:

لَيْسَ هَذَا زَمَانُ تَعَلُّمٍ هَذَا زَمَانُ تَمَسُّكِ

"This time period is not a time period of learning (alone). It is a time period of holding fast [to that which one knows and truth]"

[Kitab as-Sunnah of Abdullah ibn Ahmad no. 688 with a **Saheeh** chain]

Imam al-Awzaa'i lived at the time of the Salaf-us-Saalih (the Pious Predecessors). So what about our era!!! We are in more need to Hold fast to the Quran and Sunnah lest we become misguided . May Allah protect us from that.

## Second Khutbah

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

As for what proceeds:

How we can Hold fast to the Book and the Sunnah is by acting upon its commandments and staying away from its prohibitions.

Allah says:

اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُم مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِن دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

[Say (O Muhammad) to these idolaters (pagan Arabs) of your folk:] Follow what has been sent down unto you from your Lord (the Quran and Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah), and follow not any Auliya' (protectors and helpers, etc. who order you to associate partners in worship with Allah), besides Him (Allah). Little do you remember! [7:3]

And He said:

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And this is a blessed Book (the Quran) which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allah (i.e. do not disobey His Orders), that you may receive mercy (i.e. saved from the torment of Hell) [6:155]

Our Salaf would hold fast to following the Commandments found in the Book and Sunnah despite what others thought or were doing.

Umar ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

لَا نَدْعُ شَيْئًا كُنَّا نَفْعَلُهُ عَلَى عَهْدِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“In spite of that, we shall not forsake anything that we used to do during the time of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)” [Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood no. 1887]

Likewise Ali ibn Abi Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

**مَا كُنْتُ لِأَدَّعِ سُنَّةَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لِقَوْلِ أَحَدٍ**

"I will not leave off the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) for statement of anyone" [Bukhari no.1563]

And we need to be this way as well in our lives, even at school. For example, there are many practices that occur on campus that are against Islam, even though many people are doing it. Many students cheat on tests and assignments. Some may even have another person write an assignment for them! All of this is wrong, even though one may say: everyone is doing it. The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

**مَنْ غَشَّ فَلَيْسَ مِنَّا**

Whoever cheats, he is not one of us [Saheeh Targheeb no. 1765]

The one who Holds fast to the Quran and the Sunnah always puts the religion first. Likewise, lying or embellishing resumes with job experiences or skills one doesn't possess. How common is this in our era when the competition for employment has increased greatly. The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

**الْمُتَشَبِعُ بِمَا لَمْ يَعْطَ كَلَابِسَ ثَوْبِي زُورٍ**

The one who pretends that he has been given what he has not been given, is just like the (false) one who wears two garments of falsehood. [Bukhari no. 5219]

The way we can protect ourselves from these errors is by hold fast to the Book and the Sunnah based on proof.

Imam Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

**فَالِإِعْتِصَامُ بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ يُوجِبُ لَهُ الْهُدَايَةَ وَاتِّبَاعَ الدَّلِيلِ**

“So holding fast to the Rope of Allah (the Quran) leads him to guidance and following the evidence”

[Madaarij as-Salikeen (1/461)]

So the fruits of Holding fast to Book and the Sunnah is guidance and holding to the evidence. Evidence that will give us proof to avoid the prohibitions upon insight and follow the commandments upon insight. If we follow that which reported in the Quran and the established Sunnah, we will be successful.

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-----

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<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.