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Reminders, Heart Softeners & Admonishments



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Reminders



Steadfastness upon the Sunnah

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullaah wrote:

Indeed steadfastness upon the *Sunnah* means steadfastness upon Islaam in its entirety; it's *Usool* (Foundations), it's *Furoo*' (Branches), it's *Aqaa'id* (affairs of creed, belief); it's *Manaahij* (Methodologies). We (must) remain steadfast upon it and we (must) hold tightly onto it, up until we meet Allaah (The Blessed and Most High).

And indeed the aayaat concerning the religious obligations of ittibaa' (following), iltizaam (adhering), i'tisaam (clinging) and istiqaamah (steadfastness) are many. And ahaadeeth likewise, all of which point towards one goal or aim and this is the steadfastness of the Muslimeen upon Islaam.

And if one were to speak about steadfastness upon the *Sunnah*, it is not that which is understood by the majority of the people with regards to the word *Sunnah*, rather its intent here is *Aqeedah* and *Manhaj*, meaning Islaam, meaning steadfastness upon Islaam.

This steadfastness is from the *Tawfeeq* of Allaah. *Tawfeeq* (Success) is in His Hands and guidance is in His Hands, and misguidance is in His Hands. He guides whomever He wishes; misguides whomever He wishes; keeps steadfast (the hearts) of whomever He wishes and deviates the hearts of whomever He wishes.

And due to this, Allaah (The Blessed and Most High) informed us to supplicate to Him so that He may not deviate our hearts:

(They say): "Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from You. Truly, You are the Bestower. [3:8]

And the Sahaabah, radhiyallaahu-Anhum would say: "By Allaah! If it were not for Him, we would not have been guided, We would not have given(in charity), nor would we have prayed". Meaning, they (the companions) knew & understood that guidance from Allaah (The Most High) was a blessing and a virtue from Him, and a mercy from Him to whomsoever He selects from His servants.

يَخْتَصٌ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ " وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

"He selects for His Mercy (Islam and the Quran with Prophethood) whom He wills and Allaah is the Owner of Great Bounty". [3:74]

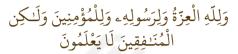
He (Glorified and Exalted Be He) blesses whom He wishes and gives virtue to whomsoever He wishes with His Guidance. He gives them good and He grants them *Tawfeeq* and blesses them with His protection from deviation and misguidance.

The statement 'He Misguides whom He Wills': here, it refers to **complete misguidance**, such as *kufr* and (one's) exiting from (the fold of) Islaam, and we seek refuge with Allaah from that. And as for **partial misguidance**: this refers to the misguidance of one who enters into Islaam and he then deviates in his *Aqeedah* and in his *Manhaj* – we seek refuge with Allaah from that.



The People of Tawheed are honoured by Allaah

Allaah (The Most High) said;



But honour, power and glory belong to Allaah, His Messenger (Muhammad), and to the believers, but the hypocrites know not.[63:8]

Honour, power and glory belongs to Allaah, and then to the people of Tawheed [i.e. the honour and aid Allaah bestows on them], because they neither humble themselves nor bow except to Allaah [alone]. They do not fear [anyone]; neither do they place their hope [in anything] nor do they have a fervent desire except for the reward of The Most Great, The Compeller, in whose Hand is the dominion, the Owner of everthing and the One who has grasped everything by its forelock [i.e. everything is under His absolute control, dominion and authority] – Glorified and Exalted be He.

Therefore, it is obligated on a Muslim to have great fear when he mentions Allaah and when he fulfils any act of worship, so that he finds himself in that station of Ihsaan described by the Messenger which is 'to worship Allaah as if you see Him, and even though you cannot see Him, you know that He sees you.'

Majmoo' Vol. 1 Page 26



Sit and Learn from the Scholars!

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullaah wrote:

How can you not humble yourself in the presence of a scholar and sit on your knees in his presence with [good] etiquettes and take [knowledge from] him! We do not declare personalities to be free from shortcomings nor do we exaggerate their status, but we [deal with them based] on [good] etiquettes and honour [them]; and we acknowledge – in particular – the station of the scholars of the Sunnah, for indeed the scholars of bid'ah are not scholars [in reality].

The [true] scholars are those scholars who [possess sound understanding] of the Book of Allaah – the scholars of *Tawheed* and the [authentic] *Sunnah*. As long as they do not [hold and propagate] speech that is tantamount to [clear error or misrepresentation], excess and slanderous speech, as is the case with others, then we sit with this scholar and learn from him.

Majmoo', Vol. 1, Page 36.



A Statement from 'Allaamah Rabee' on Advice

As you all know, we do not take the course of war; rather we take the course to advise you and the Muslims. Allaah alone knows the intentions. At present my two feet are at the doorstep of the grave. Neither do I want anything of the *Dunyaa* nor a (lofty) position. [Walillaahil-hamd]—indeed I rejected all these affairs in the prime of my youth. And by Allaah, I am a seeker of knowledge and I used to say to myself: "If I were to be given the highest ministerial position, by Allaah I would not give it precedence over seeking knowledge." This is my natural disposition.

My natural disposition—by Allaah—is to give sincere advice to the Muslims; eager for them to be guided and eager for the guidance of the youth. And I clarified Sayyid Qutb's affairs of misguidance and other than him (in order) to enlighten the youth about Allaah's true Religion; enlightening them about the misguided stances, so that they may save themselves from them and avoid them. And so that they may follow Allaah's Straight Path along with those upon whom Allaah has bestowed His grace from amongst the Prophets, the truthful ones, the martyrs and the righteous, and how excellent these companions are! And I ask Allaah [The Blessed and Most High] to establish this aspiration in the Ummah very soon and quickly. Verily! Our Lord is indeed the All-Hearer of invocations.

Kashf as-Sitaar Page 104



More Patience and Steadfastness is Required When Falsehood Increases

<u>Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullaah:</u>

It is obligated on the people of truth to exercise patience and increase in adhering to this religion of truth. Whenever the desires become abundant, it becomes necessary to increase in acquainting [oneself] with the truth and adhering to it, as the Messenger ['alayhis-salaatu was-salaam] said: "The one who lives long amongst you will see a lot of differences, so upon you is that you follow my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the rightly guided khulafaa. Bite onto it with your molar teeth [i.e. hold onto it firmly] and beware of newly invented matters [in the religion], for every newly invented matter [in the religion] is a bidah and every bidah is misguidance."

Majmoo' Vol.14 Page 294



Heart Softeners



The Importance of Having Good Companionship

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullah wrote:

"Search for a believing friend, For indeed he will assist you upon Allaah's obedience and he will motivate you towards goodness and he will warn you against evil and you will not acquire anything from him except goodness"

Al-Majmoo Al-Raaiq Page 28



The Scholars have passed away, so who remains?

Questioner:

Shaikh Albaanee, Shaikh Ibn Baaz and Shaikh Uthaymeen have passed away, so who remains from the scholars?

<u>Shaykh Rabee' al-Madkhali hafidhahullah</u>;

Those who remain are numerous and all praise is due to Allaah. The Messenger of Allaah died and his noble companions (radiyallaahu-anhum) remained; Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (rahimahullaah) died and his companions (rahimahumullaah) remained; Ibn Taymiyyah (rahimahullaah) died and his companions (rahimahumullaah) remained; Ibn Abdul Wahhaab (rahimahumullaah) died and his companions (rahimahumullaah) remained; and those ones [i.e. Albaanee, Ibn Baaz, 'Uthaymeen (rahimahumullaah)] died and their students and brothers remain by Allaah's Will. The truth will not be lost

Adh-Dharee'ah: Pages 208-209



The Patience of 'Uthmaan radhiyallahu-'anhu

Uthmaan [radiyallaahu anhu] was one those who restrained the people from bloodshed the most and [restrained himself regarding the affair] of those who violated his honour.

Shaykhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah [rahimahullaah] said, 'And what is well known through successive numerous narrations is that indeed 'Uthmaan [radiyallaahu anhu] was one of those who restrained the people from bloodshed the most, exercised patience the most regarding the affair of those who violated his honour and those who made a determined attempt to shed his blood; so they besieged him and endeavoured to kill him, and he knew their desire to kill him.'

Indeed, the Muslims came to him from every place to help him and indicated to him to fight the beseigers, but he commanded them to refrain from fighting and commanded those who obeyed him not to fight. It has been reported that he said to his slaves, 'Whoever restrains his hand is freed'. It was said to him, 'Will you go to Makkah?' He said, 'I will not be amongst those who commit evil in the sacred precinct'. Then it was said to him, 'Will you not go to Syria?' He said, 'I will not leave my place of *Hijrah* [i.e. Madeenah]'. Then it was said to him, 'Fight them', so he said, 'I will not be the first in the *Ummah* of Muhammad [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam] to unleash the sword after the departure of Muhammad'. Uthmaan's [radiyallaahu-anhu] patience until he was murdered is one of his greatest virtues in the sight of the Muslims.

Al-Mukhtaaraat al-Bahiyyah Page 296



Admonishments



Beware of Where you Take your Knowledge From

Shaykh Rabee' was asked about taking knowledge from those upon the Salafi Manhaj; he said:

If he was upon the *Salafi Manhaj* and didn't have any misguidance (with him) and he calls to the *Salafi Manhaj*, then it is obligatory that knowledge is taken from him and it is not taken from the people of falsehood.

The salaf used to say: Indeed this knowledge is religion so look to (beware of) whom you take your religion from. And if a man used to speak (about the religion) they would say to him: "Name us your men" so if they were people of innovation (that he named) they would not take (any knowledge) from him and if they were from the people of sunnah, then (the salaf) would take from him.

Therefore the religion of Allaah is not taken from the people of falsehood, because they are the people of deception and they mix falsehood with truth, so as to propagate their falsehood.

So it is upon the student that he is diligent in taking knowledge from its pure unadulterated sources, from the *Salafi* books, from those who teach these books and from the sincere truthful ardent ones who spread the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah – peace and blessings upon him – and spread his correct methodology. And from those who are sincere, truthful and ardent upon guiding the people and saving them from misguidance and from the destructive paths.

Al-Lubbaab' Page. 185



A Precise Definition of Hizbiyyah

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullaah wrote:

Bigoted partisanship for a particular idea that opposes the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of the Messenger, [establishing] allegiance and enmity based upon it, this is *Tahazzub* [illegal partisanship]. This is *Tahazzub* even if it is not [done under an] organisation.

To formulate deviated ideas and gather the people on it, this is a *hizb*, regardless whether it is [done under an] organisation or not.

Kashfus-Sitaar Pages 19-20



A Dangerous Category of People

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullah wrote:

(You) find the likes of this dishonesty today; there is that one who approaches two disputing parties-one group upon truth and the other upon falsehood, so he misguides all of them and does not give greater weight to the truth. He manifests a new doctrine which he considers to be the balanced path, whilst it is falsehood and sophistry in and of itself.

This category of people is a dangerous trend and their foundation is lying and deception.

Dahr Iftiraa'aat page 191



Corrupters Claiming to be Rectifiers

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullah wrote:

Allaah (The Most High) said;

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ

And when it is said to them, "Do not cause corruption on the earth," they say, "We are but reformers." [2:11]

Every sinner and every corruptor in earth does not tell the people that he is a corruptor; rather indeed he tells them, "I am a rectifier" and he claims that he is guiding the *ummah* to rectification.

Al Kadhib wa Aathaaruhu As-Sayyi'ah p.26



Regarding the nicknames 'Madkhaliyyah' & 'Jaamiyyah'

Questioner:

Our *Shaykh*, may Allaah protect you, what do you say about the one who hurls accusations at the *Salafiyyoon*— in Germany and other countries—with the (term) *Madkhaliyyah* or *Madaakhilah*! And that they (i.e. the *salafiyoon*) divide the *Ummah*! And that they make a (false) claim to *Salafiyyah*! And that they do not know except speaking ill of (people), refutation and defamation? May Allaah bless you and may Allaah (The Mighty and Majestic) cure you.

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullaah:

Indeed, Ahlus Sunnah Wal-Jamaa'ah are solely followers of Muhammad. They follow the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah in creed, methodology, politics, manners and in all affairs of life. They are followers in that (i.e. in these affairs) and they do not innovate. They are upon this ardent standpoint, adhering to the Messenger's warning against ahlul-bid'ah and the warning of the Salaf against ahlul-bid'ah. They are adherents of this methodology. The one who opposes them and nicknames them with the terms Jaamiyyah or Madkhaliyyah, then indeed he is misguided; rather he is one who wages war against the Sunnah and the Salafi Methodology.

http://www.sahab.net/forums/index.php?showtopic=141783].



Hasten Towards Goodness Before the Trial

Imaam al-Aajurree wrote:

Abu Hurairah (radiyallaahu-anhu) narrated that the Prophet (sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallam) said: "Hasten towards the (performance of) good deeds; (for) there will be trials which would be like a part of a dark night, wherein (i.e. during these trials) a man wakes up as a believer and becomes a disbeliever by night; or he begins the night as a believer and wakes up as a disbeliever, and a man would sell his religion for a (portion) of the worldly life (i.e. the worldly goods)." [Saheeh Muslim Kitaab Al-Imaan 118]

Shaykh Rabee' hafidhahullaah wrote:

The author [i.e. *Imaam* Al-Aajurree] pointed out that a lot of fitan [trials] have occurred—a people were humiliated during it and also [others] were destroyed, such as the likes of Abu Muslim Al-Khurasaanee and [during] the *fitna* of Ibnul Raawandee.

Many fitan have occurred and from them, the fitna of the Khawaarij, the Rawaafid and killing. Deviation and misguidance have occured –either fighting and trials [related] to politics or trials [related] to creed, methodology and what is similar to it. Many people who were to be destroyed were destroyed and the one whom Allaah protected was saved and made to adhere to the true methodology.

Indeed, all praises and thanks be to Allaah, many [people] were saved due to the clarity and establishment of this methodology [of the Salaf], just as the Messenger [sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallaam] promised that "There will not cease to be a group from my Ummah manifest and upon the truth—neither being harmed by those who forsake them nor by those who oppose them until the hour is established."

So Allaah's proof has been established against the people from the time the Muhammad [sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallaam] was sent until the establishment of the hour.

A time will not come except that His [i.e. Allaah's] proofs are established. [These proofs will be] established by the inheritors of the prophets [i.e. the scholars of *Ahlus Sunnah*], the people of sound knowledge, the '*Taa-ifatul Mansoorah* [i.e. victorious group] that adheres to the truth and will not depart from it until the establishment of the hour. Allaah's proof has been established against [the people] and through them [i.e. the inheritors of the prophets, the people of sound knowledge, the victorious group] Allaah saves many people, and all the praises and thanks be to Allaah.

So during every trial, they [i.e. the scholars of *Ahlus Sunnah*] must openly proclaim the truth and clarify this truth for the people. They should distinguish for them [the difference] between guidance and misguidance; between truth and falsehood; the manner in which the people will be safeguarded from these trials; the path through which they will be saved from entering into *fitan* and other affairs [by way of which] Allaah [The Blessed and Most High] guides this [victorious] group when [they] face every *fitna*.

And indeed the author reiterated this hadeeth: "A man will wake up in the morning as a Muslim and by evening he becomes a disbeliever." He [i.e. the author] said that a people will be humiliated; Yes! A man may be upon truth, and then you do not see him thereafter except that he has become a disbeliever! Or a misguided innovator! This is nothing else but humiliation! He used to claim that he was upon good, a possessor of knowledge and upon the truth, but then he falls into disbelief—either Kufr Akbar (Major) or Kufr Asghar (Lesser). This is ignominy and Allaah's Protection is sought.

How many people have been humiliated and exposed by a trial! [Suddenly] you come to know of them and their false claims are unveiled, and their reality is clarified for you.

Ad-Dharee'ah Vol.1 Page 200-202



May Allaah preserve our *Shaykh* and reward him immensely for all he has put forth.

May Allaah allow all of us to truly benefit from this work. *Wa Sallallaahu 'Alaa Nabiyyinaa Muhammad*