

THE 'AQEEDAH OF AHL AS-SUNNAH WAL-JAMAA'AH AS OUR CREED

حرالنه الرحمر الرحي I remind myself and fellow audience to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His

prohibitions. May Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala grant us happiness in this world, and may we attain the mercy and pleasure of Allah in this world and the Hereafter that is everlasting..

Let us altogether internalize upon today's khutbah titled:

WHE AQEEDAHOF AFLASSUNNAH WAL-JAMAA AHAS OUR CREED,"

Islam is a true religion, a religion that is based upon sure knowledge, and it is a religion of unity. The main challenge faced by its adherents is deviation and misguidance, ignorance

and bigotry, as well as division and hostility within the Muslim ummah. In the hadeeth of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Indeed the children of Israa'eel split into seventy-two sects, and my ummah will split into seventy-three sects. All of them are in the Fire except one sect."

They said: "And which is it, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "What I am upon and my Companions."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Based on this hadeeth, the ummah of Muhammad will split into 73 sects and only one sect will be saved, which is those that strictly adheres to the way of Rasulullah عليه وسلم and his Companions, known

as ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah.

Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah are those that firmly subscribe to the صلى الله وسلم creed of Rasulullah and his Companions,

based upon al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, as explained by two notable scholars of Usool ad-Deen namely Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari and Imaam Abu Mansoor al-Maatureedi, who have compiled and

structured the principles of the 'ageedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah based upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah. This is the true and authentic 'aqeedah that was assured of its

salvation by the Prophet صلى الله as explained in the hadeeth of al-'Irbaad bin Saariyah radiyAllaahu 'anh, صلى الله عليه وسلم where Rasulullah said:

"Verily he among you who lives long will see great controversy, so you must keep to my Sunnah and to the Sunnah of the Khulafaa' ar-Raashideen

(the rightly guided caliphs), those who guide to the right way. Cling to it stubbornly [literally: with your molar teeth]..." (al-Bayhaqi) Among the principles of 'aqeedah of Ahl as-Sunnah Wal-Jamaa'ah are:

1. To cling firmly upon the six (6) articles of faith and five (5) pillars of Islam.

2. To firmly ascribe to the actual definition of true imaan (belief), which is to utter upon the tongue, affirm within the heart, and practice with the limbs.

3. To not liken Allah with the creations such as possessing physical body parts and confined to a location. This is because Allah is Unique and unequal with all of His creations, as He

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 11 of soorah ash-Shoora:

"... There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing."

4. Not declaring any Muslim as a kaafir (disbeliever) for as long as one does not perform or utter things that nullifies one's own 'aqeedah as a Muslim.

5. It is waajib (obligatory) to obey the ruler of the Muslims, for as long as he does not command to commit disobedience or munkar (evil).

6. Do not, even for once, curse and pronounce kufr (disbelief) upon the Companions. This severe warning is clearly mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri radiyAllaahu 'anh, where

Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Do not abuse my companions for if any one of you spent gold equal to Uhud (in Allah's Cause)

it would not be equal to a mudd or even a half mudd spent by one of them."

(al-Bukhaari)

To end this khutbah, let us altogether derive lessons and examples to be inculcated as part of our belief and practice. Among them:

1. The Muslim ummah must have belief in Allah and firmly cling upon the 'aqeedah of ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah.

2. The Muslim ummah is prohibited from declaring fellow Muslims as kaafir, for as long as they have not committed shirk

with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and deeds that invalidates one's own shahaadah (testimony of faith).

3. The Muslim ummah is prohibited from cursing and declaring kufrupon the wives of Rasulullah and his Companions عليه وسلم ridwanullaahi 'alayhim ajma'een.

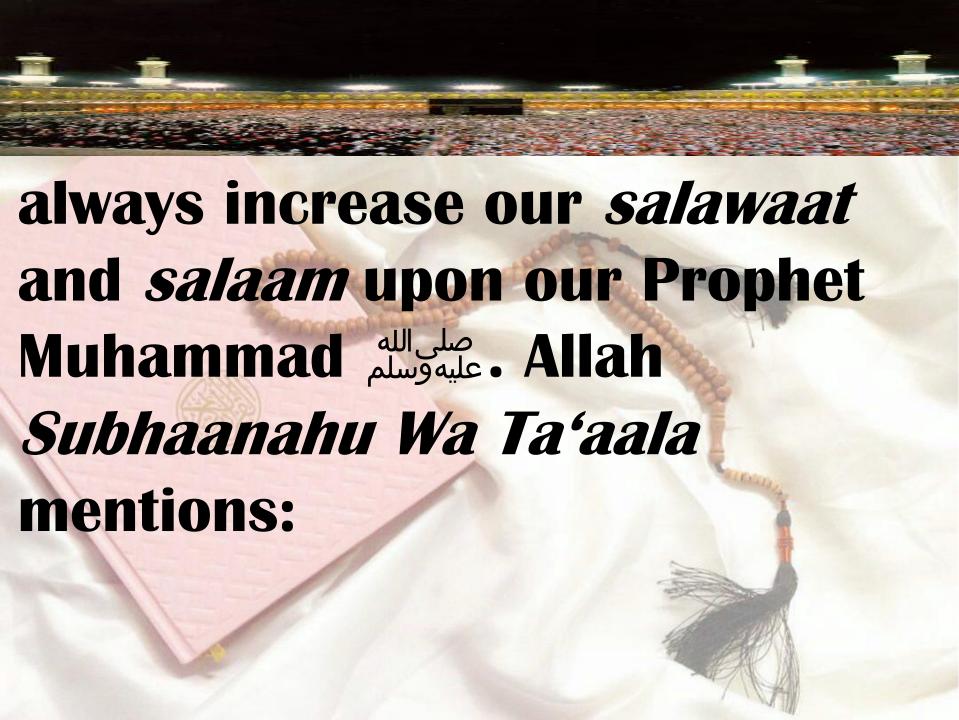
"Indeed, those who disbelieve in Allah and His messengers and wish to discriminate between Allah and His messengers and say, "We believe in some and disbelieve in others," and wish to

adopt a way in between - Those are the disbelievers, truly. And We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment. (an-Nisaa' 4:150-151)



Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and

deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah عليه وسلم was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah, as an advanced state,





Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our



hearts, bestow upon us rizq with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani, deviant teachings such as

Shee'ah, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily







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