

Being Conscious of Following the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi wa Sallam)

In Every Action and Every Deed

Imaam Muhammad ibn Saalih al-Uthaimeen  
(Rahima-hu-Allah)

In the chapter dealing with the *Manhaj* (methodology) of *Ahlu-Sunnah wa-l-Jamaa'ah* (i.e. those People Who Adhere to the Sunnah, United as One Group) for 'Enjoining Good and Forbidding Evil' and the other good characteristics - Imaam Muhammad ibn Saalih al-Uthaimeen (Rahima-hu-Allah) said:

The saying: "**And everything that they say and do - of enjoining good and forbidding evil, and otherwise - then, in it, they are closely adhering to the Qur'an and Sunnah. And their *Tareeqah* (Way) is the *Deen of al-Islam*, the *Way* with which Allah has missioned Muhammad (Salla-llahu alaihi wa Sallam).**"

The words: "**Everything they say and do...**" refer to the people who *actually* follow the *Sunnah* of the Prophet Muhammad (Salla-llahu alaihi wa Sallam).

The words: "**In it, they are closely adhering to the Qur'an and Sunnah...**" - this is the condition that one must pay **careful attention** to (and be fully conscious of), i.e. that in *everything* that we say and do, we must be **aware** - *while we are saying it or doing it* - that we are following the Messenger (Salla-llahu alaihi wa Sallam) in that speech and action; along with **al-Ikhlaas** (sincere intentions) for Allah, in order that our sayings and actions - all of it - will become '**Ebaadaat** (acts of worship) for Allah, the Mighty, the Majestic.

It is for this reason that it is said:

"**Indeed, the *Ebaadaat* (acts of worship) of the *Ghaafileen* (those who are unmindful) are (merely) '*Aadaat* (habits).** [Their acts of worship are not counted as worship, due to their being *heedless* and *unmindful* of what they are doing. They merely do it *out of habit*].

**And the 'Aadaat (habits, i.e. normal daily actions) of the Muntabiheen (those who are conscious of Allah during their every action and speech) become 'Ebaadaat (acts of worship). [This is due to their consciousness of Allah and their following of the Sunnah in everything that they say and do of their normal day-to-day actions]."**

Hence, the human being who is given success (by Allah) is able to transform his '**Aadaat** (Habits, normal actions) into '**Ebaadaat** (acts of worship) - while the *Ghaafil* (unmindful, heedless one) causes his '**Ebaadah** (worship) to become '**Aadaat** (habits, i.e. un-rewardable actions).

For this reason, **al-Mu'min** (the believer) must be *diligent* in seeking to make his words and deeds - all of it - comply with the Qur'an and the *Sunnah* of the Messenger of Allah (Salla-llahu alaihi wa Sallam).

In this way, one may attain the reward (of Allah), the perfection of *Emaan* (Faith) and *al-Inaabah* (Turning Back) to Allah, the Mighty, the Majestic.

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