



## In the Name of Allaah The Most Kind The Most Merciful

Allaah the One we seek His assistance and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evil of ourselves and our actions. Whomsoever Allaah guides there is none that can lead him astray. Whoever He deems astray there is none that can guide him. And I testify that no deity deserves to be worshiped in reality except Allaah, who is One with no partners at all. And I testify that Muhammad is his slave and Messenger.

يَئَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَالِدِهِ وَلَا تَمُوثُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَشُم مُسْلِمُونَ

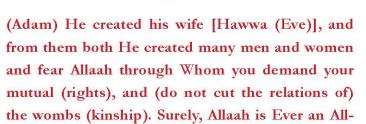
O you who believe! Fear Allaah (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always], and die not except in a state of Islaam (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allaah.<sup>5</sup>

يَتَأَيُّهَا ٱلنَّاسُ ٱتَّقُواْ رَبَّكُمُ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَكُمْ مِّن نَّفْسِ وَحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَآءٌ ۚ وَٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ ٱلَّذِى تَسَآءَلُونَ بِهِ ۚ وَٱلْأَرْحَامُۚ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him



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Watcher over you.6 يَتَأَيُّهُا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ وَقُولُواْ قَوْلًا سَدِيلًا ۞ يُصِّلِحَ لَكُمُ أَعْمَلَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرِّ

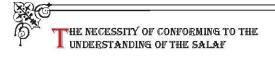
لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمُّ وَمَن يُطِعِ ٱللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا اللهِ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا اللهِ

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allaah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allaah and His Messenger, he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise).<sup>7</sup>

To proceed, I remind all my brothers that the religion cannot be established except through knowledge. And the destruction of this nation is by knowledge being neglected. The firmness and steadfastness of this nation upon Islaam is through knowledge and the deviation of this nation is due to the absence and scarcity of knowledge and the scholars.

<sup>6</sup> An-Nisa:1.

<sup>7</sup> Al-Ahzaab: 70-71.





# Allaah Encouraged Learning Knowledge & Praised the People of Knowledge

From the texts that deal with virtues of knowledge and its people is Allaah's مُنْهَالُهُ وَعَالَى statement:

Allaah will exalt in degree those of you who believe and those who have been granted knowledge. And Allaah is Well Acquainted with what you do.<sup>8</sup>

Allaah raises people's rank with Him, and raises their station in Paradise because of their knowledge and belief. The scholar is more



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virtuous than the one who fights in the battlefield, the *Mujahid* in Allaah's Path, for whom there are one hundred levels in paradise prepared for him; the span of each level is like that which separates the heavens and the earth. Even after this virtue for the *Mujahid*, the rank of the scholars to Allaah is more superior. So understand this and strive to be from the scholars who implement (i.e. act upon their knowledge) and deserve these lofty stations with Allaah ...

:says سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَىٰ Allaah

Is one who is obedient to Allaah, prostrating himself or standing (in prayer) during the hours of the night, fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the Mercy of His Lord (like one who disbelieves)? Say: 'Are those who know equal to those who know not?' It is only

As is established from the Prophet in that which is reported by Ahmad (2/335{8402}) and Al-Bukharee (hadeeth 2790) from the hadeeth of Abi Hurairah: 'Verily in paradise there are one hundred levels prepared for those who fight in path of Allaah. The span between each level is like the distance between the heavens and the earth. If you ask (invoke) Allaah then ask for *Firdaus* because it is the best and highest level in paradise. Above it is the throne of the most Merciful and from it spurts the fountains of paradise'.





#### men of understanding who will remember (i.e. get a lesson from Allaah's Signs and Verses)<sup>10</sup>

There is a vast difference between one who has knowledge and the one who is ignorant. There is no comparison between the two. This is because there is a clear difference between the one who has knowledge of Allaah's Names, Attributes, greatness and exaltedness; and knows the rights that Allaah has over his slaves and thus fulfils these rights; the one who knows the rights of mankind and knows the permissible and impermissible things; knows the correct belief and creed; commanding good and forbidding evil, because this is considered to be acting upon this knowledge; there is an immense difference between him and the people of ignorance. Ignorance is destructive. Allaah's refuge is sought from ignorance.

