



Mudhakkirah al-Hadeeth an-Nabawee

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Striving Against the People of Deviation upon the Guidance of the Prophets

From Abdullaah bin Masood (radiallaahu anhu) that the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said:

“No prophet was sent to a nation before me except that he had disciples and companions who followed his sunnah and obeyed his orders. Then after them came those who said that which they did not do, and they did that which they were not ordered. So whoever strives against them with his hand is a believer; and whoever strives against them with his tongue is a believer; and whoever strives against them with his heart, then he is a believer, and there is not beyond that a mustard seed of faith”

Reported by Muslim¹ and Ahmad².

The Reporter of the Hadeeth

Abdullaah bin Masood – his biography has already preceded in Hadeeth No. 5.

The Meaning of the Hadeeth

This hadeeth contains information regarding the circumstances of the prophets, their nations and that their companions and disciples were those who sought enlightenment through the light of their prophethood. They witnessed the descent of revelation upon the prophets, and they were persevering, trustworthy and sincere to their Lord. They adhered to the guidance of their prophets, outwardly and inwardly and their statements were in conformity with their actions.

¹ Kitaab ul-Imaan no. 80 (1/69-70).

² 1/458, 461.

Then they were succeeded by nations who were deviated from the methodology of the prophets by Shaitaan and they claimed by their statements that were upon the methodology of the prophets.

And they devised innovations and false methodologies and they committed evils and sins which made them the furthest of the people from the deen of their prophets and they lived with contradiction between their sayings and their actions.

And there existed in every nation scholars, sincere, trustworthy to their deen, striving and defending the teachings of their prophets, each according to his ability and state of imaan.

So the mujaahid is the one who strives with his tongue or with his hand or with his heart and that is the weakest of imaan and there is nothing beyond that from imaan.

And there occurred in the ummah of Muhammad (sallaahu alaihi wasallam) that which occurred in the previous nations, and there came after the Blessed generations people who caused divergence into many paths and they were split up by desires. And the saying of the Messenger (sallaahu alaihi wasallam) became applicable to them:

“Verily you will follow the ways of those before you, exactly in every way, such that if they entered a lizard’s hole then you would also enter it.”

“Verily this ummah will split into seventy three sects, all of them in the Fire except one.”

And there remained in this nation a victorious group which the Messenger of Allaah (sallaahu alaihi wasallam) informed us about:

“There will not cease to be a group from my ummah, manifest upon the truth, they will not be harmed by those who forsake them, nor by those who oppose them until the Hour is established.” Reported by Muslim.

This group will not cease to exist and it shall remain just as the Messenger of Allaah (sallaahu alaihi wasallam) informed us, calling to the truth and the good, enjoining good and forbidding evil, refuting innovations and misguided doubts with proofs and evidences and fighting falsehood according to its ability, by hand, tongue and the heart.

So it is obligatory upon every believer to be firmly established upon what the Messenger came with, in his beliefs, his worship and his manners. And it is obligatory upon him to adhere to the Sunnah of his Prophet (sallaahu alaihi wasallam) and to comply to his command, avoiding desires, disobedience and innovation. Then he should establish dawah to the Truth and sacrifice what he is able to in aiding his deen.

The Benefits of the Hadeeth

- 1) In it is the fact that the prophets came with legislations and prescribed ways for the guidance of mankind.
- 2) It contains the excellence and superiority of the companions of the Prophets due to their following of the sunnah of their prophets.
- 3) It contains a censure of whoever opposes their methodology and they are those who oppose their prophets with evil, and there is nothing more evil than opposition of the prophets.
- 4) It contains a censure of the one whose sayings contradict his actions:

“Grievously hateful it is in the Sight of Allaah that you say that which you do not do.”

- 5) It contains a censure of innovations and what are they except doing that which has not been commanded by Allaah upon the tongues of His prophets?
- 6) It contains praise of the followers of the prophets, who are firmly established upon their way and who adhere to taking the prophets as examples to be followed.
- 7) It contains praise of the followers of the prophets due to their patience and their struggle against whoever opposed the methodology of the prophets.
- 8) It contains an explanation of the levels of jihaad and enjoining good and forbidding evil. All that is in accordance with abilities of the types of mujaahideen. So whoever is able to make jihaad and eliminate evil with his hand, then it is obligatory upon him to establish this obligation. And whoever is incapable of this level and able to speak a word of truth, then it is obligatory upon him to say it. And whoever is incapable of that then it is

obligatory for him to establish that which he is able to, which is jihaad with the heart and hatred of evil with his heart, for if he abandons this then he is not a believer and his heart has died.

- 9) It contains the fact that imaan differs from person to person, and increases and decreases, due to his saying: *“And other than this there is not a grain of faith.”*