



Mudhakkirah al-Hadeeth an-Nabawee

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Salvation Of The Ummah is in Obedience To The Messenger and its Destruction Lies in Opposing Him

From Abu Musaa al-Asha'ree (radiallahu anhu) that the Prophet (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said:

“My example and example of what I have been sent with is that of a man who came to some people and said: ‘O people! I have seen the enemies army with my own eyes, and I am a naked (manifest and serious) warner; so protect yourselves!’ Then a group of his people obeyed him and fled at night proceeding stealthily till they were safe, while another group of them disbelieved in him and stayed at their places till the morning, when the army came upon them and killed and ruined them completely. So this is the example of that person who obeys me and follows the truth I have brought and the example of the one who disobeys me and disbelieves in the truth that I have brought.”

Reported by al-Bukhaaree¹ and Muslim².

The Meaning of the Hadeeth

Allaah sent Muhammad (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) with guidance and the religion of truth and he came with the greatest miracles both universal (kawniyyah) and legislative (shar'iyyah), clear proofs and strong truthful evidences which are the greatest indication of his truthfulness and the truth of what he came with and that he was truly a Messenger from Allaah. So he was believed, followed and obeyed by whoever Allaah wished happiness and blessings for, and whoever He desired to be saved from His anger, grip and punishment. And he was denied and disobeyed by the people of pride and resistance, the people of fame, position and authority. Those who were

¹ Kitaab ul-Itisaam, Hadeeth no. 8273

² Kitaab ul-Fadaa'il, Hadeeth no 16 (vol. 4, p.1877)

surrounded by the anger of Allaah and deserved the destruction, the painful torment and annihilation as a recompense for their disbelief, pride, denial, resistance, following of their desires and their lack of compliance to the truth.

So the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) put forth an example of his status and the status of what he came with, from the clear and pure truth. As well as the consequence of affirming and obeying him, and of denying, disobeying and opposing him. He likened this to the status of that sincere truthful man, the one who was earnest in warning his people and eager for their salvation from the sudden danger which was hidden within that unexpected army.

So whoever believed and obeyed him and took the necessary means for safety against the danger of that army, found success. And whoever denied and disobeyed him and took that danger lightly, was overcome by the danger of the enemy and hence was destroyed and ruined.

Similar to this is the outcome of the nations and people to which Muhammad (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) was sent. So whoever believes and obeys him obtains happiness in the dunyaa and the hereafter and achieves the greatest and most cherished of rewards from Allaah, and is saved from the punishments of the dunyaa and the disgrace of the hereafter.

Whoever denies, disobeys and opposes him (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) in what he brought and does not pay attention to the guidance he came with, embodied in the Book and the Sunnah, is subjected to the anger and displeasure of Allaah and he is subjected to punishments and catastrophes in the dunyaa and permanent torment in the hereafter.

“And whosoever disobeys Allaah and His Messenger, then verily, for him is the Fire of Hell, he shall dwell therein forever.”

[al-Jinn:23]

The Benefits of the Hadeeth

- 1) The eloquence of the Messenger of Allaah in putting forth truthful examples which are understandable, in a form that is perceptible through the senses.
- 2) His enthusiasm for the guidance of mankind.

- 3) The truthfulness and clarity of that which he came with.
- 4) The achievement of success and happiness by affirmation of him, obedience to him and following that which he (sallallaahualaihi wasallam) came with.
- 5) Ruin and destruction in the dunyaa and the hereafter lies in denial, opposition and disobedience of him.