
Calling to the truth and separating the people in regard to the truth

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No. 2823 – From Abdurrahmaan bin Jubair bin Nafeer, from his father who said: we were sitting with al-Miqdad bin al-Aswad (رضي الله عنه)¹ one day, when a person passed by him and said: ‘*Toobah* (a tree in Paradise) for these two eyes which saw the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)²: ‘I swear by Allaah that we wish we had seen what you have seen and witnessed what you witnessed.’

Al-Miqdad (رضي الله عنه) became angry, I became astonished, because they did not say anything but good. Then he turned to the man and said: ‘What makes a person wish that he was present when Allaah has made him absent. He does not know, if he had witnessed it, how he would have been at that time? I swear by Allaah there were a people that were present at the time of the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), who Allaah will throw on their nostrils in the Hell-Fire, because they did not respond to the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) nor did they believe in him. Do you not praise Allaah, for taking you out from your mothers’ wombs not knowing anything except your Lord and believing in that which your Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was sent with. Indeed you have been saved from trials by others being trialled instead of you.

I swear by Allaah, that Allaah sent the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) in the severest time that any Prophet from among the Prophets was ever sent, in any period of time including the *Jahileeyah* time period (period of ignorance before Islaam).

They would not regard any religion better than the worship of idols, then the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) came with the Furqaan³ he separated the truth from falsehood with this Criterion, and he separated a father from his son, so much so that a man would see his father and his son or his brother as a disbeliever.

And indeed Allaah opened the lock of his heart with Eemaan⁴, and he knows if he is destroyed he enters the fire, it does not make him happy that his beloved is in the fire. And it is about those that Allaah (عز وجل)⁵ said: [And those who say: ‘Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring the comfort of eyes]’^{6 7}

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)⁸ commented saying:

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ The Criterion

⁴ Faith

⁵ (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

⁶ Soorah al-Furqaan [25:74].

⁷ Collected by Ahmad and al-Albaanee declared the Isnaad to be Saheeh.

⁸ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

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'(Notice): This separating mentioned in this hadeeth has a foundation in 'Saheeh al-Bukhaaree' from the hadeeth of Jaabir bin Abdullaah (رضي الله عنه) who said: 'The angels came to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) while he was sleeping, some of them said: 'Indeed he is asleep and some of them said: 'Indeed the eyes are asleep but the heart is awake...' to the end of the hadeeth, and in this hadeeth it mentions: 'So whoever obeys Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) then he has obeyed Allaah, and whoever disobeys Muhammad then he disobeys Allaah, and Muhammad separated/divided the people.'

I (Albaanee) say:

'This hadeeth is a clear proof that shows that separating/division is not blameworthy in itself. So, some of the people push the people away from the Da'wah⁹ to the Book and the Sunnah, and they regard warning against that which opposes the Book and the Sunnah as being from the innovated matters, or they claim that the time to call to the Book and the Sunnah has not arrived! Their claim is that the Book and the Sunnah pushes people away and divides them.

This is great ignorance with regard to the truthful Da'wah and what is associated to this Da'wah from differences of opinions and hostility towards this Da'wah, as is witnessed in every time and place. This is the Sunnah (the way) Allaah has ordained for His creation, and you will never find a change or turning off in the Sunnah (the way) of Allaah.

[And if your Lord had so willed, He could surely have made mankind one Ummah¹⁰, but they will not cease to disagree, - Except him on whom your Lord has bestowed His Mercy]¹¹

⁹ Calling to the Truth

¹⁰ Nation

¹¹ Soorah Hood [11:118-119]