

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allāh, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Assalāmu 'Alaykum Wa Raḥmatullāh Wa Barakātahu

In the name of Allāh, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy. All praise is for Allāh, and may prayers and salutations be upon the Messenger of Allāh, his family, companions, and those who follow his guidance.

To proceed:

This good, blessed gathering with our Salafi brothers in America pleases me, and at the head of them Shaykh Abū Muḥammad al Maghribī and the brother Hassan al Ṣomalī; may Allāh reward both of them for spreading the Salafī Da'wah and for their education of the youth upon the methodology of the al-Salaf al-Ṣāliḥ, upon the Book of Allāh and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

Verily, I advise myself and everyone (listening) to hold firm to the Book of Allāh and the Sunnah of His Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and to bite on to them with the molar teeth. Also to tread upon the path of the al-Salaf al-Ṣāliḥ, in their Beliefs (al-'itiqād), in their methodology (Manhaj), in their life history, and in their character. This will not come about for anyone, except if they thoroughly study the Book of Allāh, thoroughly study the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), and thoroughly study the way of the al-Salaf al-Ṣāliḥ.

I advise them to be diligent in seeking (knowledge) of them, because Islām is based upon the Book of Allāh and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), and it is a must to seek understanding of them, and whomsoever Allāh wants good for He gives them understanding of the Religion.

Study the Book of Allāh so that you can understand it, and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allāh so that you can understand it – may Allāh bless you. And that you apply both of them in areas of 'Aqīdah (belief), Manhaj, character, and in political and social dealings; I advise you with this.

Allāh says:

﴿وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ

إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٣﴾﴾

{And hold on all of you together to the Book of Allāh and do not split. And remember the blessing of Allāh upon you as you were enemies and Allāh brought your hearts together, and by His favor you became brothers}

[Word unclear] So there was enmity between you, argumentation, and differing, but the Salafi Da'wah united you, and by it Allāh brought your hearts together, and this is a tremendous blessing. Allāh, the Most High, said:

﴿وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ﴾

{And remember the favor of Allāh upon you}

This is a great favor, the favor of uniting, brotherhood, being together and cooperating upon righteousness and piety. This is from the greatest blessings of Allāh upon the believing, sincere, truthful slaves of Allāh.

I also advise you with the fear of Allāh, the Most High, and to have sincerity (in statement and action) for His sake.

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ

﴿فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾﴾

{O you believe fear Allāh and say a word that is correct; He will correct for you your deeds and forgive you of your sins, and whoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger has achieved a supreme success.}

Fear Allāh and say a word that is correct. A word that is correct means to be truthful, and always seeking out the truth. Like this, one gathers between the fear of Allāh and between truthfulness, in statement, in deeds, and in actions – may Allāh bless you. We must be truthful in all of our actions, our statements, and our call to Allāh, the Most High.

I advise you to have sincerity for Allāh, the Most High.

﴿وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقَيِّمَةِ ﴿٥﴾﴾

{And they were not commanded except to worship Allāh, making the Religion purely for Him, upon monotheism; and to establish the prayer and give the Zakat, and that is the upright religion.}

The verses similar to this are plenty, and you all know them.

I also advise you all to have brotherhood for the sake of Allāh, and to have mutual love for the sake of Allāh, and to keep relations for the sake of Allāh, and to love for the sake of Allāh; this is a tremendous matter. Allāh will say on the day of resurrection:

“Where are those who love one another for my sake? Today I will shade them in my shade, the day there is no shade except my shade”.

This is a very remarkable level and the Muslim should diligently seek after it, and the Salafīs should strongly seek after it, seeking after mutual brotherhood for the sake of Allāh, and loving for the sake of Allāh, and visiting one another for the sake of Allāh, may Allāh bless you.

Allāh mentions in another hadeeth (Qudsi):

“My love is obligatory for those who mutually love for my sake, those who mutually sit with one another for my sake, and those who visit one another for my sake.”

“My love is obligatory....” This is what He said.

This is a very serious matter. And this mutual love will not occur, nor will it be accepted with Allāh, except mutual love upon the Book of Allāh and upon the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allāh (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and upon the correct belief, extracted from the Book of Allāh, the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allāh and what the Salaf al Salih were upon; that which the Messenger of Allāh (صلى الله عليه وسلم) advised with, and this is in his statement:

“And bite on to it with your molar teeth, and beware of newly invented matters, for every newly invented matter is an innovation, every innovation is a misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hel- fire”.

May Allāh give us and you the success to what He loves and is pleased with.

وصلى الله و سلم على نبينا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه و سلم

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