

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ
فَمِنْهُمْ مَن هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَن حَقَّتْ عَلَيْهِ الضَّلَالَةُ فَسِيرُوا فِي

الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكذِبِينَ

وقال النبي ﷺ: **الإيمانُ بضغٍ وسبعونَ أو بضغٍ وستونَ شعبَةً،**

فأفضلُها قولُ: لا إلهَ إلا اللهُ، وأدناها إماطةُ الأذى عن الطَّرِيقِ،

والحياءُ شعبَةٌ مِنَ الإيْمَانِ

Dear Believers,

Today's khutbah will focus on the significance of safeguarding our faith, holding onto the correct creed, and striving to live Islam in the most authentic way.

Our religion is founded upon a solid belief and a correct understanding. A Muslim must first strengthen their faith and avoid any word or action that could harm it. For faith is affirmed by the heart, declared by the tongue, and fortified by actions.

We find ourselves in a time of great tribulation and disbelief. We can only emerge from this fire with the Ahlus Sunnah creed and a correct belief. The Ahlus Sunnah shows us the path to a firm faith, a correct creed, staying away from falsehood, and living Islam correctly. Therefore, it is a great responsibility for us to always follow the path of the Ahlus Sunnah, to protect our faith, and to avoid mistakes.

Allah Almighty says in the Quran: **"We surely sent a messenger to every community, saying, "Worship Allah and shun false gods." But some of them were guided by Allah, while others were destined to stray. So travel throughout the land and see the fate of the deniers!"** (An-Nahl 16:36)

Dear Brothers,

The foundation of our faith is first rejecting falsehoods and disbelief, then believing in the truth. Belief in Allah anchors a person firmly in this world and the hereafter. However, everything

that leads a person to disbelief and falsehood is a Taghut, and it is obligatory for us to avoid them. While Allah guides us from darkness to His light, those misguided Taghut drag the disbelievers from the light into darkness and leave them in obscurity.

The time we are in and the region we live in show us that we need to pay even more attention to our faith. Today, many wrong thoughts and practices contrary to our religion and Islam are spreading rapidly. Our scholars are constantly warning us. There is no compulsion in religion, but the difference between truth and falsehood has been clearly defined.

Imam Rabbani says: **"The first duty of Muslims is to correct their beliefs. They must believe in accordance with what the scholars of the Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jama'ah have stated."**

The Prophet ﷺ said: **"Faith has more than seventy branches. The highest is to declare that there is no god but Allah, and the lowest is to remove something harmful from the road. And shyness (haya) is a branch of faith."** (Muslim, Iman 58; Bukhari, Iman 3)

Esteemed Brothers,

Remember that faith comes alive through believing with the heart, saying it with the tongue, and acting upon it. Each of us must avoid any false beliefs and actions that could harm our faith, and we must cling only to the commands of Allah ﷻ and the Sunnah of His Messenger ﷺ.