

## The Sunnah Is Revelation

Allah says about the Prophet ﷺ: "Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination. It is not but a revelation revealed." (53:3-4)

The Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is divine revelation, inseparably linked to the Qur'an. Allah commands obedience to both: "And obey Allah and the Messenger that you may obtain mercy." [3:132]

The Sunnah clarifies, explains, and applies the Qur'an's guidance. It is not the Prophet's personal opinion but the revealed guidance brought to him by Jibril (alayhi al-salām).

The Prophet ﷺ said: "I have left among you two things; if you hold fast to them, you will never go astray: the Book of Allah and my Sunnah." [Al-Muwatta']

Imam ash-Shafi'i رحمه الله mentioned that: "The 'wisdom' (al-Hikmah) mentioned alongside the Book in the Qur'an is the Sunnah."

Following the Sunnah is essential to correctly understanding and practicing Islam as taught by the righteous Salaf. The Messenger ﷺ was entrusted by Allah with both. The Sunnah serves as the clarification and explanation of the Qur'an. The Prophet ﷺ explained the details of prayer, fasting, zakat, hajj, and other rulings. Just as Allah commanded him with: "O Messenger, convey what has been sent down to you from your Lord." (5:67) Therefore, The Qur'an and Sunnah form the complete guidance for mankind.

## Ittibā' (Following the Sunnah) is the Path to Salvation

To truly follow Islam and attain salvation, one must commit wholeheartedly to ittibā'—the sincere following of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ's Sunnah. The Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever obeys me enters Paradise." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

It is through following his Sunnah, in word and deed, that the believer preserves the purity of their faith, avoids misguidance, and gains Allah's mercy and forgiveness.

True success and guidance are found only by following the Prophet's ﷺ example in every aspect of life. Ittibā' is not merely a recommendation; it is the foundation of sincere faith. When we adhere to his ﷺ Sunnah with sincerity, we align ourselves with the path of Allah, which leads to His mercy, forgiveness, and eternal reward. Let us renew our commitment to follow the Prophet ﷺ exactly as the righteous Salaf did, safeguarding our faith and uniting as one Ummah upon the clear and pure guidance of the Qur'an and Sunnah as the righteous Salaf did.

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## Proofs From The Qur'an, Sunnah & Salaf us-Salih

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## The Role of Jibril (alayhi al-salām) in Transmitting the Sunnah

The Sunnah is not the Prophet's personal opinion or invention. It was revealed to him through the angel Jibril (alayhi al-salām), who brought divine guidance directly from Allah. This process ensured that the teachings, explanations, and practical applications given by the Prophet ﷺ were precisely what Allah intended.

Jibril's role was not limited to delivering the Qur'an; he also taught the Prophet ﷺ the correct way to act upon and implement Allah's commands. The Prophet ﷺ said: "Jibril used to meet me every year during Ramadan to revise the Qur'an with me, until one year he came and revised the entire Book with me." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

During these meetings, Jibril guided the Prophet ﷺ on the detailed application of the Qur'an's commands—how to pray, fast, give zakat, and perform other acts of worship. These instructions clarified the Qur'an's general directives. Thus, the Sunnah is revealed guidance—a divine trust given to the Prophet ﷺ to explain and implement the Book of Allah. That is why Allah commands obedience to both the Qur'an and His Messenger ﷺ. The revelation of the Sunnah through Jibril ensures its authenticity and also makes it an inseparable complement to the Qur'an for comprehensive guidance.

## The Necessity of Following the Sunnah for Correct Islam & Iman

Allah says: "He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah." [4:80] And the Prophet ﷺ said: "I have left among you two things; you will never go astray as long as you hold fast to them: the Book of Allah and my Sunnah." [Al-Muwatta]

Without adherence to the Sunnah, one cannot fully comprehend the divine guidance, as the Qur'an's directives often require explanation and application through the Sunnah. For example, the Qur'an commands prayer and fasting but does not provide all the detailed rulings; the Sunnah clarifies them: "O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you..." [2:183] Moreover, abandoning the Sunnah is a cause of deviation and innovation (bid'ah), warned against by the Prophet ﷺ and the Salaf: "Whoever introduces into this affair of ours (Islam) something that is not from it, it will be rejected." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

Ibn Taymiyyah رحمه الله emphasized: "The Sunnah is the explanation of the Book and the proof of it, and it is the basis of the religion. Whoever abandons it has abandoned the foundation." [Majmu' al-Fatawa: V.7]

The companions and righteous scholars, strictly adhered to the Sunnah as essential to preserving pure Islam—which is obligatory in maintaining true Iman, avoid misguidance, and protect the religion as revealed by Allah.

## The Consequences of Abandoning the Sunnah & the Danger of Bid'ah

Allah says about the Prophet ﷺ mission: "And We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings for the Muslims." [16:89] Thus, abandoning the Sunnah is abandoning this comprehensive guidance.

Allah further commands: "Say, [O Muhammad], 'If you should love Allah, then follow me, so Allah will love you and forgive you your sins.'" [3:31] This means that genuine love for Allah is inseparable from following His Messenger ﷺ in all aspects. To abandon or reject the Sunnah is therefore to reject the path that leads to Allah's love. The consequences of neglecting the Sunnah are severe, for it is the key to remaining on the straight path and attaining Allah's mercy.

The Prophet ﷺ also said: "Every innovation is misguidance." [Abu Dawood] And: "Verily, every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance leads to the Hellfire" [Ibn Majah]

Ibn Taymiyyah رحمه الله said: "Innovation is the greatest cause of division in the Ummah, and the reason for the corruption of Iman (faith) and destruction of religion."

Therefore, success is only found in firm adherence to the Qur'an and Sunnah as practiced by the righteous Salaf, and in preserving the unity and purity of the Muslim Ummah along with safeguarding the religion for future generations.