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Masjid Medina, CT

Verily All the praises are due to Allah, we praise Him, we seek His assistance, and we seek His forgiveness, and we seek refuge in Him from the evils of our ourselves, and from the evil deeds which we commit, whoever Allah guides there is none to misguide him, and whoever Allah misguides there is none to guide him. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone without any partners, and I bear witness that the Prophet Muhammad () is His slave and messenger. As to what proceeds:

The best of speech is the book of Allah, and the best of guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (), and the worst of actions are the newly invented matters in the religion, and every newly invented matter is an innovation, and every innovation is a misguidance, and every misguidance is in the hell fire.

O my brothers in sisters in Islam answer Allah's and His messengers call, as Allah says in the surat al-anfal:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ يُحْشَرُونَ

O you who believe! Answer Allâh (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (SAW) calls you[] to that which will give you life,[] and know that Allâh comes in between a person and his heart (i.e. He prevents an evil person to decide anything). And verily to Him you shall (all) be gathered. (Al-Anfal 8:24)

Fear Allah and obey Him and His Messenger O slaves of Allah for verily Allah and His messenger have called you to that which will give you life, His book and The Sunnah of His Messenger, these two are that which will enable you to distinguish between the truth and the falsehood, that which will bring you out of the darkness of 'kufr' and 'shirk' and 'wrongdoing' into the light of 'Islam' and 'imaan', as Allah says in surat al-anfal:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

O you who believe! If you obey and fear Allâh, He will grant you Furqân a criterion [(to judge between right and wrong), (and will expiate for you your sins, and forgive you, and Allâh is the Owner of the Great Bounty. (Al-Anfal 8:29)

O my brothers and sisters in Islam , Allah created us for a purpose and didn't leave us neglected without being shown what this purpose is. The purpose of our life is to worship Allah alone as He says in surat ath'thariyyat:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالنَّاسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I (Allâh) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone). (Adh-Dhariyat 51:56)

And Allah says in surat (An-Nisa 4:36)

وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا

Worship Allâh and join none with Him in worship,

So Allah subhanu wa ta'ala ordered us to worship him alone and prohibited us from associating partners with him, by negating all ~~other~~ things worshipped besides Allah, and affirming the worship for Allah alone without any partner. ~~Allah~~. And worshipping Him means singling Him out in All worship. This is what "la ilaha illa Allah" means.

If Allah is the one who created us and ordered us with the singling Him out in worship and the following of His Messengers. Then obeying Him and His Messenger should be the most important affair in our life - before obeying anyone or anything else, as Allah says in surat an-nisa'a:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

○ you who believe! Obey Allāh and obey the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and those of you (Muslims) who are in authority. (And) if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allāh and His Messenger (SAW), if you believe in Allāh and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for final determination. (An-Nisa 4:59)

And Allah also says in surat an-nisa'a:

تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

These are the limits (set by) Allāh (or ordinances as regards laws of inheritance), and whosoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW) will be admitted to Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise), to abide therein, and that will be the great success. (An-Nisa 4:13)

And Allah says again in surat an-nisa'a:

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا

And whoso obeys Allāh and the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), then they will be in the company of those on whom Allāh has bestowed His Grace, of the Prophets, the Siddiqūn (those followers of the Prophets who were first and foremost to believe in them, like Abu Bakr AS-Siddiq), the martyrs, and the righteous. And how excellent these companions are! (An-Nisa 4:69)

And Allah says :

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّى فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِظًا

He who obeys the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), has indeed obeyed Allāh, but he who turns away, then we have not sent you (O Muhammad SAW) as a watcher over them. (An-Nisa 4:80)

repeat

In these ayats Allah commanded us with obedience to Him and His Messenger, and promised us that if we obey them then we will be in the company of the righteous and be admitted into the paradise. So when Allah orders us to obey Him and His messenger we obey them unconditionally, whereas we obey other people from the creation conditionally. This condition is that we obey them when they say that which coincides with what Allah and His Messenger say. And if anyone from amongst the creation says that which is contrary to what Allah and his messenger says then we don't obey them. For example our boss at work says you have to shave your beard, now the prophet clearly prohibited us from doing this, so we wouldn't obey our boss in this issue, because if we did we would be disobedient to Allah and His messenger. Or our boss says we can't wear our hijab at work, but Allah ordered the women to cover themselves, so we wouldn't obey our boss in this issue also. And if you were to obey them in disobedience to Allah and his messenger listen to what Allah has said about the ones who disobey as He says in surat an-Nisa:

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وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ نَارًا خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَلَهُ عَذَابٌ مُهِينٌ

Repeat
Voice
10:48

And whosoever disobeys Allāh and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and transgresses His limits, He will cast him into the Fire, to abide therein; and he shall have a disgraceful torment. (An-Nisa 4:14)

And Allah says :

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ شَاقُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

This is because they defied and disobeyed Allāh and His Messenger. And whoever defies and disobeys Allāh and His Messenger, then verily, Allāh is Severe in punishment. (Al-Anfal 8:13)

So if you want to be amongst the ones who Allah has bestowed his grace upon and enter the paradise then be amongst those who obey Allah and his Messenger. And if you want to be miserable in this life and the next, and be severely punished and be cast into the hell- fire than continue in your disobedience to Allah

O slaves of Allah listen to Allah's saying in surat Aali'Imran:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Say (O Muhammad SAW to mankind): "If you (really) love Allāh then follow me (i.e. accept Islamic Monotheism, follow the Qur'an and the Sunnah), Allāh will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allāh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Aali'Imran 3:31)

From the signs of love for Allah is following the Messenger Muhammad () Ask yourself: Do you really love Allah, ~~Do you really love Allah~~, if you did then you would follow his Messenger (). And you would do everything he ordered you with and leave off everything he prohibited you from without any hesitation, as Allah says in surat al-Hashr:

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

And whatsoever the Messenger (Muhammad SAW) gives you, take it, and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it), and fear Allāh. Verily, Allāh is Severe in punishment. (Al-Hashr 59:7)

And this is the meaning of 'ash hadu anna Muhammad ar rasoolullah'.

1. Believing in everything that the prophet showed us or told us
2. Obeying him in everything that he ordered us to do, and everything that he prohibited us to stay away from
3. Worshipping Allah the way the prophet showed us.

If a person does this then he is upon the sunnah of the prophet and anything other than this is not the sunnah.

- أقرول قولي هذا وأستغفر الله العظيم لي ولكم إنه هو غفور رحيم

Second khutbah

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله

verily Allah sent Messengers and Books to every nation warning them from 'shirk' and calling to them 'tauhid'. as Allah says in surat an-nahl:

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allāh (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Tāghūt[] (all false deities, etc.) do not worship Tāghūt besides Allāh)." (An-Nahl 16:36)

This tauhid is that which all of the messengers and their people differed. When all of the Messengers began their 'dawa' calling, they began with warning their people from shirk and calling them to tauhid- to the oneness of the worship of Allah, which shows us the importance of this matter,

And Allah says in surat al-anbiya:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad SAW) but We inspired him (saying): Lā ilāha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allāh)], so worship Me (Alone and none else)." (Al-Anbiya 21:25)

The hikmah (wisdom) in the fact that Allah ordered us to worship Him alone, is that the people free themselves from worshipping the creation of Allah, when they make the oneness of Allah they free themselves from being slaves and servants of Allah's creation. They allow themselves to worship Allah properly, when they have this 'tauhid'. Everything in creation is in need of Allah, so when we make Allah one we become people who are free and we don't become subjugated to the whims and desires of other people or ~~even~~ ^{the desires of} our ourselves.

As Allah says in surat al-jathiyah:

أَفَرَأَيْتَ مَنْ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ وَأَضَلَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى عِلْمٍ وَخَتَمَ عَلَى سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَى بَصَرِهِ غِشَاوَةً فَمَنْ يَهْدِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ

Have you seen him who takes his own lust (vain desires) as his ilāh (god), and Allāh knowing (him as such), left him astray, and sealed his hearing and his heart, and put a cover on his sight. Who then will guide him after Allāh? Will you not then remember? (Al-Jathiyah 45:23)

Don't you remember that one of Allah's names is 'al-Aleem' the all knowing, He knows everything in the heavens and the earths, there is nothing that happens in creation except with Allah's permission and knowledge,

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ الْخَلَّاقُ الْعَلِيمُ

Verily, your Lord is the All-Knowing Creator. (Al-Hijr 15:86)

Also from Allah's names is 'al-Baseer', the all seeing, *As Allah describes himself.*

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer. (Ash-Shura 42:11)

He sees everything which His creation does, He sees us when we are out of the sight of people, He sees the real extremist when he takes that razor and puts it to his face every morning, making sure every hair is gone, before leaving for work, after knowing that the Prophet () prohibited him from doing it, *he sees you* When you go to your job and mingle with the disbelievers *and* hide your beliefs or even leave them entirely, and you imitate their actions when you are with them, sometimes wishing that the religion didn't have these restrictions upon you, Allah informed us about you in surat al-baqarah:

وَإِذَا لَقُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا إِلَىٰ شَيَاطِينِهِمْ قَالُوا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُسْتَهْزِئُونَ

اللَّهُ يَسْتَهْزِئُ بِهِمْ وَيَمُدُّهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ

And when they meet those who believe, they say: "We believe," but when they are alone with their Shayâtin (devils - polytheists, hypocrites, etc.), they say: "Truly, we are with you; verily, we were but mocking." Allâh mocks at them and gives them increase in their wrong-doings to wander blindly. (Al-Baqarah 2:14) (Al-Baqarah 2:15)

look at the characteristics of the hypocrite.
And as the Prophet () said : whoever resembles a people then he is from them.

So if you want an increase in misguidance continue doing the actions of the kuffar *and loving them* and looking like them and talking like them, and be miserable like them in this life and the next life, the choice is yours: If you want success and happiness in this life and the next, then don't exceed the limits set by Allah as he says:

تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

These are the limits (set by) Allâh (or ~~ordinments as regard laws of inheritance~~), and whosoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW) will be admitted to Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise), to abide therein, and that will be the great success. (An-Nisa 4:13)

your brothers and sisters and from

50, Know that you can hide your affection towards the disbelievers from you're the people, but you can't hide it from Allah the most high, as He says:

نُسِرُونَ إِلَيْهِمْ بِالْمُؤَدَّةِ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ بِمَا أَخْفَيْتُمْ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُمْ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْهُ مِنْكُمْ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ

You show friendship to them in secret, while I am All-Aware of what you conceal and what you reveal. And whosoever of you (Muslims) does that, then indeed he has gone (far) astray, (away) from the Straight Path. (Al-Mumtahinah 60:1)

Verily Allah

He sees you when you exit your houses and leave off your hijab and mingle and talk with all these different men without proper reason, He sees you when you try to get out of the sight of the people so you can light up that cigarette or blunt, or take a sip of that alcohol, He sees you when you never pray at home and only pray and come to the masjid for jumu'a, He sees you when you're at work and you don't pray in the designated time because you're so, so busy, and your ashamed and embarrassed to show your Islam outwardly, and ashamed to show the disbelievers that you bow and prostrate to Allah subhanahu wa ta ala and your so much concerned about what they think and say ^{because} they laugh at you. But, Allah told us about them in surat al mutaffifeen:

ان الذين اُجروا كانوا من الذين آمنوا يضحكون واذا هم بينهم يتفامزون واذا انتقلوا الى اهلهم انقلبوا فكيفين واذا رآهم قالوا ان هؤلاء لضالون وما ارسلوا عليهم حا مطين فاليوم الذين آمنوا من الكفار يضحون على الذين كفروا بالحق ان الله يظن ما كنتم تعملون

Verily! (During the worldly life) those who committed crimes used to laugh at those who believed. And whenever they passed by them, used to wink one to another (in mockery); And when they returned to their own people, they would return jesting; And when they saw them, they said: "Verily! These have indeed gone astray!" But they (disbelievers, sinners) had not been sent as watchers over them (the believers). But this Day (the Day of Resurrection) those who believe will laugh at the disbelievers. On (high) thrones, looking (at all things). Are not the disbelievers paid (fully) for what they used to do? (Al-Mutaffifin 83:29-36)

They laugh at us now, but we will be laughing at them on the day of resurrection, so be patient my brothers and sisters and obey Allah and His messenger. And as for the ones who say that Islam has two many restrictions listen to the saying of the prophet () - الدنيا حنة الكافر وسجن المؤمن : the worldly life is a paradise for the disbeliever and a prison for the believer.

Remember O slaves of Allah, Allah created us and knows what is best for us, He only prohibited us and restricted us from things which will harm us, for example alcohol, which destroys your religion and intellect, takes your money, and destroys your health. For example fornication, Allah prohibited it because of mixing and breaking of family ties and kinship, and it is destructive to your honor and health by the spreading of diseases. And Allah legislated the covering for the women because it leads to modesty and chasteness, and protects the woman from the eyes of other men. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

واحل الله لكم والطيبات وحرمت عليكم الطيبات

Don't concern yourself with what the disbelievers think, concern yourself with what Allah and his Messenger ordered you with, because Allah knows what is better for us then we know what is good for our own selves. It may be that you like something but it is bad for you and you may dislike something which is good for you as Allah says:

وعسى ان تكرهوا شيئا وهو خير لكم وعسى ان تحبوا شيئا وهو شر لكم والله يعلم وانتم تعلمون

"And it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you, Allah knows but you do not know." so if Allah knows ^{what's} best ^{for us} let's submit to him and let his messenger show us the way.

واصلي واسلم على خير الانبياء والمرسلين نبينا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه اجمعين - إقامة صلاة!