

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ، يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ، أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، إِمَامُ الْمُتَّقِينَ، وَسَيِّدُ الْأُولَى وَالْآخِرِينَ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

**Praise be to Allah, the Almighty, the All-Wise. I thank Him as is befitting to His Sovereign status and Majesty. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Him alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things, Witness. I also bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. He is the Imam of the Pious and Commander of the former and later peoples. May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon him, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.**

فَاسْتَقِمْ كَمَا أُمِرْتَ وَمَنْ تَابَ مَعَكَ وَلَا تَطْغَوْا

- Allah ﷻ ordered His Prophet and the believers to be **Disciplined** in life: **"So stand firm and straight as you are commanded and those who are with you and do not sway"** **Ibn Abbas** رضي الله عنه said: "There was no verse in the Qur'an harder on the Prophet than this verse." **Imam Muslim** reported that a man said **"O Messenger of Allah; tell me something of Islam, which I will not ask anyone else about it. He said:**

قُلْ آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ فَاسْتَقِمْ - **"Say, I believe in Allah and then be steadfast."**

- **Imam Al-Nawawi** said: "This hadith is one of the great ones that Islam is based on." To be steadfast is to abide by Islam in totality of what you know. **Sayyidna Umar** رضي الله عنه said: "Steadfast is enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil, and not deceit, like the deceit of the fox"

ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ - **Enter Paradise for what you used to do." (16:332)**

- Our Deen, is a **Deen of Doing, a Deen of Action**. Islam is not how much Qur'an or how many Hadith you know. Islam is putting whatever we know into **Practice**. The Prophet صلوات الله عليه **taught the Deen to his Companions** carefully in amounts that they would be able to understand and practice. Hence why even the Qur'an was revealed over a 23 years.

- Knowledge is abundant, but its application is scarce. **Muadh Ibn Jabal** رضي الله عنه narrates that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said - **“I have no fear for you with regard to what you do not know. Rather you must look to how you put what you do know into action.”** The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم feared his Umma would become like those of the of the Bani Isra’il, about whom Allah say

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ حُمِّلُوا التَّوْرَةَ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَحْمِلُوهَا كَمَثَلِ الْحِمَارِ يَحْمِلُ أَسْفَارًا

**The example of those who were entrusted with the Torah and then did not take it on is like that of a donkey who carries volumes [of books].**