

Calling to the Truth and Separating the People In Regard to the Truth

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No. 2823 – From AbdurRahmaan bin Jubair bin Nafeer, from his father who said:

we were sitting with al-Miqdad bin al-Aswad one day, when a person passed by him and said:

‘*Toobah* (a tree in Paradise) for these two eyes which saw the Messenger of Allaah -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- I swear by Allaah that we wish we had seen what you have seen and witnessed what you witnessed.’

Al-Miqdad became angry, I became astonished, because they did not say anything but good. Then he turned to the man and said:

‘What makes a person wish that he was present when Allaah has made him absent. He does not know, if he had witnessed it, how he would have been at that time? I swear by Allaah there were a people that were

present at the time of the Messenger of Allaah -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*, who Allaah will throw on their nostrils in the Hell-Fire, because they did not respond to the Messenger -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- nor did they believe in him. Do you not praise Allaah, for taking you out from your mothers' wombs not knowing anything except your Lord and believing in that which your Prophet was sent with. Indeed you have been saved from trials by others being trialed instead of you.

I swear by Allaah, that Allaah sent the Prophet -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- in the severest time that any Prophet from among the Prophets was ever sent, in any period of time including the *Jahileeyah* time period (period of ignorance before Islam).

They would not regard any religion better than the worship of idols, then the Prophet -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- came with the *Furqan* (the Criterion) he separated the truth from falsehood with this Criterion, and he separated a father from his son, so much so that a man would see his father and his son or his brother as a disbeliever.

And indeed Allaah opened the lock of his heart with *Eemaan*, and he knows if he is destroyed he enters the fire, it does not make him happy that his beloved is in the fire. And it is about those that Allaah –*Azza wa Jal* – said:

<<And those who say: ‘Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring the comfort of eyes>>’

[Collected by Ahmad and Al-Albaani declared the *Isnaad* to be Saheeh]

Shaykh Albaani commented saying:

‘(Notice): This separating mentioned in this hadeeth has a foundation in ‘Saheeh al-Bukhari’ from the hadeeth of Jaabir bin Abdullaah who said: ‘The angels came to the Prophet *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* while he was sleeping, some of them said: Indeed he is asleep and some of them said: ‘Indeed the eyes are asleep but the heart is awake...’ to the end of the hadeeth, and in this hadeeth it mentions:

‘So whoever obeys Muhammad *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* then he has obeyed Allaah, and whoever disobeys Muhammad then he disobeys Allaah, and Muhammad separated/divided the people.’

I (Albaani) say:

‘This hadeeth is a clear proof that shows that separating/division is not blameworthy in itself. So, some of the people push the people away from the *Dawa’* to the Book and the Sunnah, and they regard warning against that which opposes the Book and the Sunnah as being from the innovated matters, or they claim that the time to call to the Book and the Sunnah has not arrived! Their claim is that the Book and the Sunnah pushes people away and divides them.

This is great ignorance with regard to the truthful *Dawa’* and what is associated to this *Dawa’* from differences of opinions and hostility towards this *Dawa’*, as is witnessed in every time and place. This is the Sunnah (the way) Allaah has

ordained for His creation, and you will never find a change or turning off in the Sunnah (the way) of Allaah.

<<And if your Lord had so willed, He could surely have made mankind one *Ummah*, but they will not cease to disagree,- Except him on whom your Lord has bestowed His Mercy >>

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