

The Fitnah of The Times

The Ikhwaan Al Muslimeen and The Resoluteness of Shaykh
Muhammad Amaan Al Jaami and Shaykh Rabee Al Madkhali In
Opposing This Fitnah

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{ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ } .
{ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا
اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا }
{ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا، يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ
فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا }

أما بعد: فإن أصدق الحديث كلام الله و خير هدي هدي محمد(صلى الله عليه و سلم) و شر الأمور محدثاتها و كل
محدثه بدعة و كل بدعة ضلالة و كل ضلالة في النار

Verily all praise is due to **Allah**. We praise Him, we seek His assistance, and we seek His forgiveness. We seek refuge in **Allah** from the evil of our own selves and the evil recompense of our bad actions. Whomsoever **Allah** guides none can misguide and whosoever **Allah** causes to go astray none can guide. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except **Allah** alone and I bear witness that *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is His Servant and Messenger.

To begin: O! Servants of **Allah**, I exhort you and myself to have *taqwa* of **Allah Al Azeez Al Hakeem**, The Most Dominant, The Most Wise. I exhort you and myself to adhere to the Book of **Allah** and the *sunnah* of His Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم). Indeed with this is,



after **Allah**, lies security from *fitnah*¹ and perseverance upon the religion until after death. Verily, **Allah** (سبحانه و تعالی) commanded having *taqwa* and commanded adherence to His Book and adhering to the *Islaam* which the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) came with. **Allah** the Most High says,

*{And whoever holds firmly to Allah (i.e. follows Islaam-the religion Allah has chosen for mankind, and obeys all that Allah has commanded, practically) then he has been guided to a straight path}*².

Whoever holds firmly to **Allah** and adheres to His Book and the *sunnah* of His Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم), this is from the means which leads to safety from *fitnah*. One of the greatest means of being saved from *fitnah* is holding on to **Allah** the Most High (adherence to His religion).

O! Servants of **Allah**! **Allah** the Most High sent down His religion to all of the worlds and sent for this means, His Messenger *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم) as a mercy to all worlds and as a bearer of glad tidings and one who warns before the Day of Judgment. **Allah** has guaranteed (the safety) of the one who adheres to the correct *Islaam* which the Prophet *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم) came with. Indeed, **Allah** has guaranteed safety from evil and misguidance. **Allah** the Most High has said,

¹Fitnah is a broad term in Arabic, linguistically denoting tribulation, trial, and test. Its origin comes from the Arabs using it (the word fitnah as a verb) (fa-ta-na) with gold or silver, meaning I melted it with fire so as to distinguish between that which is inferior and that which is good quality.

However, with regards to the specific usage of the word in religious terminology, it means those affairs and serious situations which Allah causes to happen, out of His infinite wisdom, to His servants as tests and trials. (Fitnah wa Mawqif Al Muslim minha, Shaykh Muhammad Al Aqeel, pg. 16)

²Al-'Imran: 101



{Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows my Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery}³.

‘Abdullah Ibn Mas’ud (رضي الله عنه) said, “**Allah** the Most High has guaranteed the one who adheres to the *Qur’aan* and *sunnah* that he shall not be misguided in the worldly life nor shall he be wretched in the next life.” **Allah** has guaranteed the safety of this religion until ‘Eisa Ibn Maryam comes down. **Allah** the Most High has said,

{Verily, We have sent down this Qur’aan and without a doubt, We will protect it.}⁴.

Allah the Most High says,

{They seek to put out the Light of Allah with their mouths. However, Allah will complete His Light even if the disbelievers hate it.}⁵.

Allah, the Most High has guaranteed the safety of this great religion which is a mercy from Him and it is His straight path by which He saves His servants from misguidance and by which He removes them from the darkness and brings them to the light. O! Servants of **Allah** verily **Allah** the Most High has made reasons for the protection of this religion. **Allah** has made reasons for the protection of this *deen* and from these reasons is that **Allah** brings forth from this *ummah*, those ‘*Ulamaa*’ - who **Allah** protects the religion by and diverts *fitnah* by, as has been narrated from the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) that **Allah** sends every hundred years, someone who protects for this *ummah* their religion, someone who revives the religion for this *ummah* and protects for the *ummah* their *deen* and its ‘*aqeedah* and

³Ta-Ha: 123

⁴Al Hijr: 9

⁵As Saff: 8



Allah diverts with this individual, evil and *fitnah* (from the *ummah*)⁶. The reality of the *ummah* is proof of what **Allah** the Most High and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) have informed us of and we will mention examples of those whom **Allah** has protected the *deen* with when the *ummah* was affected by *fitnah* and when the *ummah* was unsettled because of those who call and invite to *fitnah*. **Allah** the Most High decrees for this *ummah* those by whom He diverts *fitnah* from the *ummah* and He decrees for this *ummah* those who protect the *deen* for the *ummah* and wards off, through these individuals, *fitnah* and evil from the *ummah* and also wards off the corruption of the religion.

An example is found in the *fitnah* which affected the *ummah* after the death of Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) with the appearance of those who apostated from *Islaam* at the hands of *Musaylama* the Liar, in which **Allah** the Most High decreed *Abu Bakr As Siddeeq* (رضي الله عنه) (for the *ummah*) and he waged war against the apostates. Some of the *sahaabah* said to him (رضي الله عنه), “How can you kill those who profess that there is nothing worthy of worship except **Allah**?” to which he responded after **Allah** opened his heart to the acceptance of the clear truth, “*Wallah*, I will fight whoever differentiates between the prayer and *zakaat*, *wAllahi* if they gave *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم) animals (for *zakaat*) then I will fight them for this (not giving the *zakaat*).” And in another narration, “*WAllahi* if they used to give *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم) *zakaat* and its price, then I would fight them over it.” So **Allah** opened the hearts of the *Muslims* from the *sahaabah* after seeing what they witnessed from *Abu Bakr* (رضي الله عنه) and they fought the apostates. By doing so, **Allah** diverted from

⁶ This is derived from the hadeeth that Allah sends at the head of every one hundred years someone to the *ummah* who will renew/revive its religion. This hadith was considered as saheeh or authentic by As Shaykh Al Albaani in Saheeh Al Jaa’mi (n. 1,874) and Saheeh Abi Dawood (n. 4,291).



the *ummah* a great evil during a time when many of the Arabs wanted to apostate from *Islaam*, so **Allah** decreed for the *ummah* someone to protect its religion. **Allah** decreed for the *ummah* *Abu Bakr As Siddiq* (رضي الله عنه).

Fitnah continued to appear, until the *fitnah* appeared concerning the statement that the *Qur'aan* is created which came from the *Mu'tazila* and the rationalists who wanted to ruin the doctrine/belief of the *Muslims*. Therefore, they introduced false beliefs by negating **Allah**'s names and attributes and claimed that the *Qur'aan* is not the speech of **Allah** and they brought about this *fitnah* with which the *ummah* was affected. Then **Allah** the Most High, brought forth for the *ummah*, *Al Imaam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal* (رضي الله عنه) and he refuted these people of *bid'ah* and he openly demonstrated the *sunnah* and the correct '*aqeedah* along with demolishing the falsehood of those people who wanted to corrupt the '*aqeedah* of the *Muslims*. Hence, **Allah** aided *Imaam Ahmad* because of his adherence to the Book of **Allah**, his adherence to the *sunnah* of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم), his *ikhlaas* (sincerity) and truthfulness with **Allah** the Most High to the extent that *Imaam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal* was and is called, even until today -The *Imaam* of *Ahl As Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*,' as **Allah** protected this *deen* through him (رحمه الله).

Fitnah continues to appear, one after the other, upon the *Muslims* as **Allah** tests His servants to see (and He knows best) who adheres to **Allah** and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) by clinging to His Book and the *sunnah* of His Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) and leaving off *bid'ah* and desires.

In the Arabian Peninsula explicit *shirk* appeared to the extent that trees and stones were worshipped, saints or righteous men were worshipped; all of these things being worshipped instead of **Allah**. The people began to seek aid and assistance from the dead and began to



trust in them with regards to removing them from harm or bringing them some benefit, until **Allah** brought forth for the *ummah Shaykhul Islaam Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab* (رحمه الله) who uplifted the *sunnah* and **Allah** placed *Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saud* (رحمه الله) to assist him in fighting the *mushrikeen*, spreading the *sunnah*, and calling people to *tawheed*. Then **Allah** assisted the *sunnah* and its people until *tawheed* and the correct ‘*aqeedah* spread extensively throughout the Arabian Peninsula and the Arab world. The people of *bid’ah* distorted the image of *Shaykhul Islaam Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab* (رحمه الله). They said, “This is the *da’wah* of the *Wahabis*”, “this *da’wah* divides the *Muslims*” and “this *da’wah* calls to a fifth *madhhab*”. They said this because they lack any proof or clear evidence (to refute this *da’wah*) and due to this fact they resort to distorting (his image and his *da’wah*). They resort to distorting, warning against him and tarnishing his reputation, but **Allah** the Most High aids His servants who are upon *tawheed* and he aids those who adhere to the book and the *sunnah*. As a result, **Allah** aided this blessed *sunni da’wah*, which holds fast to the Book of **Allah** the Most High and the *sunnah* of His Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم), until the people’s hearts became content with this *da’wah* and the correct belief spread in this country and other Arab and *Islaamic* countries.

The *fitnah* continued to appear amongst the *Muslims* emanating from the ranks of those individuals who invite and call to *fitnah*, those who divide the *Muslims*, up until the appearance of a very dangerous *da’wah*, a dangerous political *da’wah* and this is the *da’wah* of the *Ikhwaan Al Muslimeen* (*Muslim Brotherhood*). This *da’wah* arose in the Arab World and became fixated upon politics and it vies with the rulers and they fight for governmental authority or rule and they do not give any importance to ‘*aqeedah* (belief) to the extent that they have squandered the ‘*aqeedah* of the *Muslims*, they have divided the unity of the *Muslims*, they have pledged allegiance to the *Raafidhis* of Iran and their hands have let alone the



mushrikeen, the Christians and the Jews. This is a malicious *da'wah*, a *da'wah* that divides the *Muslims* in every Arab and *Muslim* country. Yet, **Allah** decrees that there will be '*ulamaa*' who stand in opposition to this spurious, innovated *da'wah*. **Allah** has decreed for this *ummah* that there will be from it, scholars who are *rabbaaniyoon*⁷ who uncover the faults of these malicious political *da'wahs*. From amongst these '*ulamaa*' are the likes of our *Shaykh*, *Al Allaama*, *Muhammad Ibn Amaan Al Jaami* (رحمه الله) (who was) from Africa as the *deen* does not differentiate between an Arab and an African, or between a white person and a black person. Whoever adheres to the Book and the *Sunnah*, then **Allah** will aid him and **Allah** will give him honour. **Allah** aided this religion by means of him and exposed the *da'wah* of the *Ikhwaan Al Muslimeen*, this political *da'wah* which has divided the *Muslims* as they have brought about these 'revolutions' with the claim of 'change' until **Allah** decreed for the

⁷ Imam Ibn Al Qayyim (رحمه الله) stated in *Miftah Dar As Sa'adah* (pg. 124/1), "The meaning of Ar Rabbaani linguistically is: a very lofty position with regards to (religious) knowledge, a high position regarding it and it is upon this meaning which they explained the statement of the Allah the Most High, {*Why do not the rabbis and the religious learned men (ar Rabbaaniyun) forbid them from uttering sinful words and from eating illegal things. Evil indeed is that which they have been performing.*} (al Ma'idah: 63) and His statement {*It is not (possible) for any human being to whom Allah has given the Book and Al-Hukma (the knowledge and understanding of the laws of religion, etc.) and Prophethood to say to the people: "Be my worshippers rather than Allah's." On the contrary (he would say): "Be you Rabbaaniyun (learned men of religion who practice what they know and also preach others), because you are teaching the Book, and you are studying it.*} (Aal 'Imran: 79)

Ibn 'Abbaas (رضي الله عنه) stated (for the meaning of Rabbaani) 'wise ones, scholars who possess understanding in the religion'. Abu Razeen stated that it meant 'scholars of fiqh, the '*ulamaa*'. Abu 'Umar Az Zahid said that he asked Tha'lab about the meaning of Ar Rabbaani who said, "I asked Ibn Al 'Araabi and he stated, 'If the individual was knowledgeable, implemented (what he knew), and taught, then it is said that he is a rabbaani and if one of these qualities is blemished, then we do not say to him rabbaani.'



ummah the likes of our *Shaykh*, *Shaykh Rabee' Ibn Hadi Al Madkhali* (حفظه الله) who has exposed this wicked *da'wah*, this political *da'wah* which opposes the book and the *sunnah*, it opposes what the *sahaabah* were upon, and it opposes what the *Salaf* (predecessors) of this *Ummah* were upon. They invite to politics and give no attention to '*aqeedah* and *tawheed*. They give allegiance to the *Raafidhis* of Iran and kill *Ahl Sunnah* and the people of *Islaam* under the name of *Islaam* and *Jihad* as they claim. **Allah** has exposed their faults and mistakes to the extent that now the general *Muslims* know the dangers of this group which was of course known to the scholars and students of knowledge first and foremost. **Allah** decreed for this *ummah*, sincere honest scholars who are *rabbaaniyeen* who adhere to the *book* and the *sunnah* and thus **Allah** manifests at the hands of these scholars the errors of these groups and exposes their reality along with the political intentions of these groups which divide the *Muslims*.

Fitnah continues to appear amongst the *ummah* in order that **Allah** tests those who believe and destroys the Disbelievers. The *Muslim* has no recourse except to constantly supplicate to his Lord, "O! **Allah** the One who turns the hearts, make my heart firm upon your religion," "O! Our Lord, do not cause our hearts to deviate after You have guided us. Grant us mercy for verily You are the Most Giving."

May **Allah** bless me and you all with this *Qur'aan*, I have said this speech which you have heard, I ask **Allah** to forgive me and you, for verily He is the Most Forgiving and Merciful.

All praise is due to the Lord of all of the worlds and peace and blessings be upon the best of the first and the last (nations) and the leader of those who will be given radiance on the day of Judgment, our Prophet *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم). Dear brothers in *Islaam*, fear **Allah** and adhere to the glorious book for verily this is the instruction of **Allah** and His Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم), (as the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) has said), "I have left you two things which,



if you adhere to them, you will never go astray: The book of Allah and my sunnah.”⁸ He also said, ‘whoever lives (after me), from amongst you, will see numerous differences, so it is obligatory upon you to cling to my sunnah and the sunnah of rightly guided caliphs after me. Cling on to this with your molars! And beware of innovated matters, for verily every innovated affair is bid’ah and ever bid’ah is misguidance and all misguidance is in the hellfire.’⁹

O! Servants of **Allah**, *fitnah* will appear and reappear and the one who is safe is the one whom **Allah** the Most High protects. And from these *fitan* is the *fitnah* of *Maseeh Ad Dajjal*. This *fitnah* will appear; this immense *fitnah*, the *fitnah* of the *Maseeh Ad Dajjal*. No one will be safe from this *fitnah*, except the one who adheres to the Book and the *sunnah*; the individual whom **Allah** has blessed with sincerity, truthfulness and guidance, the one who adheres to **Allah** the Most High’s revelation.

Allah will cause him (*Maseeh Ad Dajjal*) to traverse the entire earth and this is why he is called المسيح because he will ‘wipe’ across the entire earth. With him are a fire and a paradise with which he will tempt the servants with attaining it, thinking that it is actually paradise. No one will know the reality of the *dajjal* except the *sunni* who has adhered to the *Qur’aan* and the *sunnah*. The *dajjal* has written on his forehead *kafir* ك-ف-ر and every common man from amongst the *sunnis* will be able to read it. Who will be afflicted by the *Maseeh Ad Dajjal*? Indeed those who will be afflicted by the *Maseeh Ad Dajjal* and those who will fall into his *fitnah* are the people of desires and *bid’ah* just like the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم)

⁸ Considered saheeh by Shaykh Al Albaani in Sahih at Targheeb (40), also in Saheeh Al Jaam’I (2937).

⁹ [Related by Ahmad in his *Musnad* (n. 17,272), (n. 17,274), Abu Dawood, (n. 4,607), At-Tirmidhi (n. 2,676) who declared it *hasan saheeh*]



informed that behind the *Maseeh Ad Dajjaal* will be the people of *bid'ah* and the *Khawaarij*¹⁰, those who kill the people of *Islaam* and let alone the people of idols under their claim that they enjoin good and forbid evil and that they fight *jihad* in the path of **Allah** like *Al Qa'idah* and similar groups. This *fitnah* will definitely happen, and *Ad Dajjaal* will appear and invite to the hellfire of *jahanam* and due to their evil intentions, bad actions and abundant ignorance, these people will follow *Ad Dajjaal*. There is another affair as well, verily there will appear Jews from *San'a* from the ranks of the *Raafidha* of Iran who will follow the *Maseeh Ad Dajjaal*¹¹ and this is due to their corrupt belief and the lack of their adherence to the correct *Islaam* with which the Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) came.

Allah will avert this *fitnah* with an individual who adheres to the *sunnah* and he is the *Maseeh 'Eisaa Ibn Maryam* (عليه السلام). Verily, **Allah** will send him and he will kill *Ad Dajjal* as *'Eisa Ibn Maryam* (عليه السلام) adheres to the *shari'ah* of *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم). *'Eisa* (عليه السلام) will return and rule with the *shari'ah* of *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم) and **Allah** will divert this *fitnah* through *'Eisa* (عليه السلام). *'Eisa* (عليه السلام) will kill *Ad Dajjaal* in an area in *Sham* called, *'Bab Lud*'. Upon seeing *'Eisa* (عليه السلام), *Ad Dajjal* will melt just like how lead melts. *'Eisa* (عليه السلام) will then kill the pigs and break the cross. The *jizyah* will no longer be paid from the Jews and the Christians as no *deen* will (be allowed to) remain except for *Islaam* and whoever does not accept it, then (the result is) fighting and *jihad*. Then **Allah** will send down mercy and justness to the entire earth to the extent that the wolf will mingle

¹⁰ On the authority of 'Umar Bin al-Khattaab (رضي الله عنه) that he heard the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) say, "Every time their horn appears, it is cut, more than twenty times, until the Dajjal appears from their (the Khawaarij) army." [Shaykh Al-Albaani declared it *saheeh* in *Silsilah As-Saheehah* (no. 2,455)]

¹¹ For characteristics of the dajjaal and those who will be with him and follow him; look in Saheeh Muslim; the chapter entitled, 'The chapter of the the Dajjaal, his characteristics and what is with him.' (nos. 2,932-2,941)



amongst sheep. Justice will prevail throughout the lands and ‘Eisa (عليه السلام) will remain upon the earth for forty years until **Allah** sends a breeze which will take the souls of the believers, and ‘Eisa (عليه السلام) will be from amongst them, and all of the Believers will die until there is no one upon the earth who says, “**Allah, Allah**” and these people will be the worst of creation and it is upon them on which the Last Day will be established.

Allahumma, we ask You to make us steadfast upon *Islaam*, O! **Allah** distance us from *fitan*, that which is apparent and that which is hidden, O! **Allah** makes us from amongst those who adhere to the book and the *sunnah*. **Ya Dhal Jalaali wal Ikraam** and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet *Muhammad* (صلى الله عليه و سلم).