

The Explanation of the Book:

## **Beacons of Light From The Aqīdah of The People of Tawhīd For Those Seeking Closeness To Their Lord**

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Chapter 1:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وعلى آهله وصحبه أجمعين

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All praise is for Allah and may His prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, his chosen companions who were the most excellent of people (after the Messengers), and his virtuous wives who are the mothers of the believers.

To Proceed:

This is the belief of the people Hadīth; the people of the sunnah al al Jama’ah. The belief that they believed in and loved, as well as loving those who loved it and it is the belief that they were righteously upon until meeting Allah, the Exalted.

In this belief, I affirm with the success and bounty of Allah, that Allah the Exalted, is the First with no beginning. Likewise, He is the Last and eternal with no end. He is the One, the Unique, existing with His Essence, Names and Attributes. Nothing in existence has preceded Him and nothing in existence vies with His eternity. Everything in existence is created and brought about by His Command, Action, and His Fashioning it.

He, the Exalted, is the Last, Eternal. Never is He characterized with deficiency, nor will He cease to exist. His is the Most Exalted similitude in all perfection.

﴿هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ﴾ [الحديد: 3]

**{He is the first (nothing precedes Him) and the Last (nothing will exist after Him), the Most High (nothing is above Him) and the Most Near (nothing is nearer than Him).} [al Hadīd:3]**

He, the Exalted, is the Most Known of all things in existence as mentioned by Sibawayh -May Allah have mercy upon him-, “He being the Most Known of all things known in existence is not in need of establishing proof of His existence, as He, the Exalted, is proof of everything in existence, because if it were not for Him, we would not know Him, nor would we know about this evident existence.”

He, exalted be He, is the One deserving of all praise and the entire creation is in need of Him without needing proof for this, as the Arab poet once said:

وليس يصح في الأذهان شيء \*\*\* إذا احتاج النهار إلى دليل

*And nothing is correct in the minds of the people\*\*\*if it is the case that daylight needs proof*

Sheikhul Islām Ibn Taimiyah رحمه الله mentioned, “How can proof be requested for the One who is proof for all things?”<sup>1</sup>

Footsteps indicate that someone was walking, and this is undeniable, like the statement of the Bedouin, “Footsteps indicate that something was walking, and camel dung is proof that a camel passed by. Do not the sky with its constellations and the earth with its extensive valleys prove the existence of the Sublime, all Knowing (Allah).”

Hence, we do not believe as those who negate Allah’s names and attributes believe which is that Allah is not known except by why of what is witnessed in the creation. To such an extent that they have made the creation more known than Allah!

Rather, we say that we know Allah, the Exalted, by way of Allah (i.e., by way of His revelation and how He has described Himself) as He is the One who has acquainted us with His creation. If it were not for Allah, we would not have known Him, nor would we have known His creation. Similar to what the Rightly Guided Caliph, Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه mentioned, “I know Allah by way of Allah (i.e. by way of what He has mentioned of Himself in the Quran) and were it not for my Lord, I would have not known Him.”

Sheikhul Islām mentioned, “This was narrated by several of the Salif as Sālih and one of them was asked, “Do you know Allah by way of Muhammad or by way of Allah?” To which he replied, “I know of Allah by way of Allah and I know Muhammad by way of Allah. If it I had known Allah by way of Muhammad, the favour would be owed to Muhammad and not to Allah<sup>2</sup>.”

Thus, Allah, the Exalted, is the most well-known of all that exists, and none shares with Him in that, and this is something that even all of the other nations are in agreement with. As Samīn al Halabī mentioned, “Allah is the proper name for the only One deserving of worship and this name is not used to indicate

<sup>1</sup> Madārij Sālikīn, v.1, pg.82

<sup>2</sup> Dar’l at Ta’ārud, v. 9, pg.24

anything or anyone else. As such, no one from the creation has ever dared to name himself with this name (i.e. Allah)<sup>3</sup>.”

The messengers came and informed those whom they were sent to, specifically what Allah, the Exalted, wanted from the creation. Subsequently, it was by the success of Allah, the Exalted, that He sealed the prophethood with the best of the Messengers, Muhammad ﷺ and made him a mercy to all of mankind as Allah stated:

﴿ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴾ [ الأنبياء: 107 ]

{And We have not sent you (O Muhammad ﷺ) except as a mercy to the ‘Alamin (mankind, jinns, and all that exists)} [al Anbiya: 107]

By way of Muhammad ﷺ, Allah completed His favour and is pleased with Islām as our religion. Thus, all praise is for Allah due to the blessing of Islām and sufficient a blessing it is.

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<sup>3</sup> Dar’i al Masūn, v. 1, pg. 23