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Introduction

All praise is due to Allah. And may the Salāh and Salām be upon our Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ, his Household and all of his Companions.

As for what proceeds:

This is the book: Sharḥ Al-'Aqīdah Al-Wāsitiyyah by the virtuous Shaikh Muhammad bin Ṣāliḥ Al-'Uthaymīn. We are producing it for the students of knowledge after the completion of its review by the Shaikh himself, may Allah preserve him. Thus, he corrected, revised, and added important additions to it. Therefore, it resulted in an appealing new form.

The book, Al-'Aqīdah Al-Wāsitiyyah, authored by Shaikh Al-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah, may Allah have mercy upon him, is a beneficial book summarizing the creed of the People of the Sunnah and the Jama'a with the clearest clarifications and simplest of expressions. Hence, despite this booklet's small size, it is among the best of what has been collected and written on the topic. There is no better evidence of this, than the great care of the scholars in explaining it, and teaching it to the students of knowledge.

Our scholars have been keen to teach their students such summarizing texts, then, after that, they move on to what is broader and more encompassing.
and distribution in Jordan, who did the typesetting and formatting.

In conclusion, I ask Allāh, Exalted is He, to make this work sincerely for His Face, there being no one who has a share in it. Also, to forgive me whatever mistakes it contains. Indeed, He is the Hearing, Responding, and may the Ṣalāh and Ṣalām be upon our Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ, his Household and all of his Companions.

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A Brief Biography of
Al-‘Allāmah Muḥammad bin Ṣāliḥ Al-‘Uthaimīn
1347-1421H

His Name, Lineage and Birth
He is the virtuous Shaikh, the scholar, the Muḥāqqiq, the Faqīh, the Mufassir, the Wāri’, the Zāhid, Muḥammad bin Ṣāliḥ bin Muḥammad bin ‘Abdūr-Raḥmān Āl ‘Uthaimīn, from Al-Wahbah, from Banū At-Tamīm.

He was born on the eve of the 27th of the blessed month of Ramaḍān, in the year 1347 H, in ‘Unaijah - one of the cities of Al-Qaṣīm - in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

His Educational Upbringing
His father - may Allāh have mercy upon him - enrolled him as a student to learn the Noble Qur’ān, with his maternal grandfather, the teacher ‘Abdūr-Raḥmān bin Sulaimān Ad-Dāmīgh, may Allāh have mercy upon him. Then, he learned writing and some arithmetic, and the texts of Ādāb (literatures), in the Madrasah (school) of Al-Uṣṭādha’ Azīz bin Ṣāliḥ Ad-Dāmīgh - may Allāh preserve him - and that was before he enrolled in the Madrasah of the teacher ‘Alī bin ‘Abdullāh bin Ash-Shahītān - may Allāh have mercy upon him - where he memorized the Noble Qur’ān
His Death

He died - may Allah have mercy upon him - in the city of Jeddah, before Maghrib on Wednesday, the fifteenth of Shawwal, in the year 1421H.

His funeral prayer was held in Al-Masjid Al-Haram, after 'Asr prayer on Thursday. Then, he was followed by the thousands of those who prayed and throngs of attendees, and buried in Makkah Al-Mukarramah.

After the Friday prayer the following day, Salat Al-Ghaib (the funeral prayer in absentia) was performed for him, in all of the cities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

May Allah shower the mercy in store for the most righteous upon our Shaikh, and settle him in His most spacious of (His) Gardens, and confer His forgiveness and pleasure upon him, and reward him with goodness for all that he did for Islam, and for the Muslims.

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Indeed, all praise is due to Allah. We praise Him, ask His help and His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our selves and our mischief of our deeds. Whomver Allah guides, none can misguide him. And whomever is misguided, none can guide him. And I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah Alone, without partners for Him. And I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the Salih and abundant Salam of Allah be upon him, his Household, his Companions and all those who followed them faithfully, until the Day of Recompense.

To proceed: Indeed, Allah, Exalted is He, has favored us with the explanation of Al-`Aqida Al-Wasitiyyah which was authored by Shaikh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, concerning the creed of the People of the Sunnah and the Jama'ah, which was a lecture delivered to the students who studied it under us in the Masjid. And because of their eagerness in preserving the lesson, they recorded it, then transcribed it into writing based upon these recordings.

It is well known that the explanation that received from a lecture is not like the explanation that is written and edited. That is because the first one is more susceptible to decrease and increase than the second one.

Many publication companies have requested printing it. And Maktabah Tabariyyah has preceded in that. Thus, it published it in a fresh look, along with beneficial notes,
Allah, Exalted is He, in His Wisdom, His Praise, His Favor and His Grace - there is no innovation that will be introduced except that Allah raises against it, those who will uproot it and expose it.

Among those who have extensively clarified and exposed innovation, is Shaikh Al-Islam, Ibn Taymiyyah, may Allah have mercy upon him. I beseech Allah to gather myself and you altogether with him in the Gardens of bliss.

This man - whom Allah has benefited others by, with the favors He bestowed upon him, blessing this Ummah with his like - has written this booklet on creed; as I said, in response to the request of one of the judges of Wasit, who had complained to him about the innovations among the people, so, he requested him to write this creed, which he wrote in response to his request.

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Commentary On
The Introductory Notes
Of Ibn Taymiyyah

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

The saying of the author, may Allah have Mercy upon him: "In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.”

The Commentary

Commencing books with the Basmalah[1] is the practice of all authors, emulating therewith the Book of Allah; since He revealed the Basmalah in the beginning of each Surah (Chapter), and, in conformity with the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ).

Moreover, the I'rab (syntax) of the Basmalah, clarifying its meaning, and what it refers to, has been discussed by many

[1] (Translation note) That is; the saying - Bismillaah ar-Rahman ar-Rahim - meaning; in the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.