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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) stated:

**إلا إني أوتيت القرآن و مثله معه**

*(Oh Muslims!) Beware. The Holy Quran has been revealed to me and along with it another thing of the same status (i.e. Hadith) has also been given to me*

(Transmitted by Abu Dawood with authentic transmissions)



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نَصَرَ اللَّهُ أَمْرًا سَمِعَ مِنَّا حَدِيثًا فَلَبَّغَهُ

*May Allah bless him who heard a Tradition from us and communicated it to others*

## INTRODUCTION

# UNDERSTANDING THE PROPHET'S (ﷺ) SUNNAH

Faith and righteous deed are pre-requisites for one's eternal salvation. But, what is meant by faith and eternal salvation? It means in fact a strict adherence to the Quranic injunctions and the norms of the Prophet's (ﷺ) holy *Practice*. Therefore, only that form of faith and righteous deeds are genuine and authentic which enjoy the sanction of the Quran and the Prophet's (ﷺ) holy *Practice (Sunnah)*. And, all those forms of faith and righteous deeds are unacceptable to Allah which have no basis in the Quran and the holy practice. The Prophet (ﷺ) has declared:

مَنْ أَحْدَثَ فِي أَمْرِنَا هَذَا مَا لَيْسَ مِنْهُ فَهُوَ رَدٌّ

*If one innovates a practice in this matter of ours (i.e. Islam) as does not belong here (i.e. has no basis in Shariah), such a practice is condemnable.*

(Bukhari & Muslim)

The greatest tragedy of our Muslim society is that the masses are simply ignorant of the teachings of the Quran and the Prophet (ﷺ). As a consequence, their faith and religious deeds are replete with such practices as are rooted in the habit of blindly following the ancestral or family traditions, social customs and rituals, innovations of the insincere *ulama* and concepts borrowed from non-Muslims. Faith or religious deeds of this sort, instead of earning them a reward on the Day of Judgement, will prove a source of incurring the wrath of Allah (ﷻ), gaining them nothing but an eternal loss. May Allah (ﷻ) save us from such a bad end.

*Understanding the Prophet's (ﷺ) Practice* is a comprehensive programme designed to provide the right, as well as much needed,

guidance to the common people. Under this programme, brief and attractive booklets are being published. The details of the titles already brought out can be seen on the back cover. By the grace of the Almighty (Allah ﷻ), thousands of such booklets, in Urdu, English and Telugu languages, have hitherto been distributed free of cost. The importance of Hindi is no little in the present Indian scenario. So, in spite of our limited resources, we have decided to publish these books in Hindi as well.

Propagating the message of the Quran and the Prophet's (ﷺ) *Practice* is assuredly an act of everlasting charity. We appeal to the well learned people to contribute to this noble cause. Your participation will thus witness the Prophetic saying:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

*Communicate from me (i.e. my message) even if it be a single matter*

Allah (ﷻ) will shower upon you His choicest blessings, everlasting rewards and mercy here in this world as well as in the hereafter.

اللَّهُ يَجْتَبِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يُنِيبُ

*Allah chooses to Himself those whom He pleases, and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him). (Sura 42. Ash-Shura, Part of the verse 13)*

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## CHAPTER I PREFACE

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على سيد المرسلين والعاقة للمتقين اما بعد  
*Praise be to Allah (ﷻ) the Cherisher and Sustainer of the  
Worlds, and blessing and peace be upon the leader of all the  
Messengers of Allah and the Hereafter is for those who fear  
Allah (ﷻ) and are abstemious*

Next to Prayers, *Zakat* is the most important rule of Islam and hence it has been repeatedly mentioned to wit 82 times in the Holy Quran. It was an obligatory payment too in the case of the followers of all the preceding prophets. In the Holy Quran, Allah (ﷻ) has designated those who pay *Zakat* as the true believers.

الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٣﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ  
هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا

*Who establish regular prayers and spend (freely) out of the  
gifts We have given them for sustenance. Such in truth are the  
Believers.<sup>1</sup>*

Similarly, in *Sura Al-Baqara*, Allah (ﷻ) declares:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَوْا الزَّكَاةَ لَهُمْ  
أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

*Those who believe, and do deeds of righteousness, and  
establish regular prayers and regular charity, will have their  
reward with their Lord: On them shall be no fear, nor shall  
they grieve.<sup>2</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> *Sura 8. Anfaal, Verse 3 & 4*

<sup>2</sup> *Sura 2. Al-Baqara, Verse 277*

Payment of *Zakat* is a good means of atonement of sins and increase in grades of dignity. The Merciful Allah (ﷻ) has commanded the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ):

خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا

*Of their goods take alms, that so you mightest purify and sanctify them*<sup>3</sup>

By paying *Zakat* not only sins are forgiven but also increase in wealth is promised by Allah (ﷻ).

وَمَا آتَيْتُمْ مِنْ زَكَاةٍ تُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُضْعِفُونَ

*That which you lay out for charity, seeking the countenance of Allah (will increase): it is these who will get a recompense multiplied.*<sup>4</sup>

The literal meaning of *Zakat* is purity and enhancement. In other words by paying *Zakat* a person purifies his wealth and also obtains religious sanction for his possessions. And his soul too is cleansed of all sort of wickedness and filth. From another angle, there is increase in wealth as well as in divine reward.

Along with the blessings and bounties attached to the payment of *Zakat* it is worthwhile to keep in mind the ill-effects attendant upon its non-payment. Allah (ﷻ) has declared in the Holy Quran the non-payment of *Zakat* as a sign of heathenism and polytheism.

وَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُشْرِكِينَ ۝ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ

كٰفِرُونَ

*And woe to those who join gods with Allah, those who pay not Zakat and who even deny the Hereafter.*<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Sura 9. At-Tauba, Verse 103

<sup>4</sup> Sura 30. Ar-Rum, Verse 39

<sup>5</sup> Sura 41. Ham Mim Sajda, Verse 6-7

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) has stated that the wealth of those who do not pay *Zakat* is eventually destroyed. (Tabarani)

In another tradition is stated that such people are made to suffer famine. (Tabarani)

Apart from the misery and ruin faced in this world, the punishment that will be meted out to such people in the Hereafter is described in the Holy Quran as under:

وَالَّذِينَ يَكْنِزُونَ الذَّهَبَ وَالْفِضَّةَ وَلَا يَنْفِقُونَهَا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ يَوْمَ يُحْمَىٰ عَلَيْهَا فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ فَتُكْوَىٰ  
بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ وَجُنُوبُهُمْ وَظُهُورُهُمْ هَذَا مَا كَنْزْتُمْ لِأَنفُسِكُمْ  
فَذُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْنِزُونَ

*And there are those who bury gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah: Announce unto them a most grievous penalty on the Day when heat will be produced out of that (wealth) in the fire of Hell, and with it will be branded their foreheads, their flanks, and their backs - This is the (treasure) which you buried for yourselves: taste you, then, the (treasures) you buried.*<sup>6</sup>

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) has stated that on the Day of Judgement, the wealth of those who have not paid the *Zakat* will be turned into a bald snake (most venomous) which will bite them continuously and say: "I am your wealth" (Bukhari) For non-payment of *Zakat* in relation to animals, he (ﷺ) stated those animals will hit their masters with their horns and trample them under their feet continuously for fifty thousand years on the Day of Judgement. (Muslim)

In the Night of Ascension, the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saw some people in tatters and like animals, they were eating thorns and stones of hell. When asked, Gabriel (الغابري) said these are people who failed to pay the *Zakat* on their wealth. (Baz'zaar) Be it noted that the punishment mentioned in the above verses of the Holy Quran and traditions applies not

<sup>6</sup> Sura 9. At-Tauba, Verse 34 & 35

















