

# A Heartfelt

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to the sons of the ummah & the carriers of  
ad-d'awatu as-salafiyyah



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All praises belong to Allaah, may prayers and salutations be upon the Messenger of Allaah, his family, companions and those who follow his guidance. As to what follows:

Certainly Allaah has distinguished the ummah of Islaam over the other nations, because we enjoin what is right and we forbid what is wrong. Allaah says:

*“You are the best nation brought out of the people (because) you enjoin what is right and you forbid what is wrong.”*

(3:110)

And the Prophet (may peace be upon him said):

*“Whoever of you sees an evil then let him change it with his hand, if he is not able then with his tongue, if he is not able then with his heart and that is the weakest of faith.”*

Our Lord has imposed on us that we are from those people who establish justice. As Allaah says:

*“Oh you who believe, be from those who establish justice and be witnesses for Allaah even if it is against yourselves, parents or kinfolk.” (4:135)*

Allaah also ordered us to cooperate upon righteousness and piety and not sin and transgression. As Allaah says:

*“And cooperate upon righteousness and piety and do not cooperate upon sin and transgression, and have taqwa of Allaah; certainly Allaah is strong in punishment.” (5:2)*

Allaah ordered us with jihad, as a means for spreading the religion and defending it. We were ordered to make jihad with the sword and with the tongue. We were ordered with the jihad of clarifying, (establishing) evidences, and proofs. And this is the jihad of the prophets (may peace be upon them all).

Allaah ordered (us) with truthfulness and what comes along with it, and forbade us from lying and what comes along with it. The Prophet (may peace be upon him) said:

*“Upon you is to be truthful, for truthfulness guides to goodness and goodness guides to paradise. A man will continue to be truthful and he is lead to that, until it is written with Allaah that he is truthful. And beware of lying, for lying leads to wickedness and wickedness leads to the fire. A man will continue lying and he is lead to that until it is written with Allaah that he is a liar.”*

The Prophet (may peace be upon him) warned us from false suspicion when he said:

*“Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the worst of false tales.”*

He ordered us with brotherhood and being diligent upon coming together as brothers. The Messenger (may peace be upon him) said:

*“The Muslim is a brother to another Muslim, he does not deceive him nor desert him. The Muslim’s honor, wealth and*

*blood are sacred." (Then he said) "Piety is here," (pointing to his chest three times) and he said, "It is sufficient enough evil for a person to hold his Muslim brother in contempt."  
(Narrated by at-Tirmidhi who said the hadeeth is hasan)*

The Prophet (may peace be upon him) (also) said:

*"Do not envy one another, do not hate one another, do not turn away from one another, do not inflate prices on one another, but be, (oh) servants of Allaah, brothers (to one another)."*

He ordered us with (giving) advice. He said:

*"The religion is advice." So we said, "To whom, oh Messenger of Allaah?" He said: "To Allaah, to His Book, to His Messenger, to the leaders of the Muslims and to the common folk."*

He ordered us with helping the oppressed and the oppressor. He said:

*"Help your brother if he is an oppressor or oppressed." A man then said: "Oh Messenger of Allaah, I (can see) helping him if he is being oppressed. But if I see that he is the oppressor how can I help him?!" He said: "Hold him and prevent him from oppression and this is (your) helping him."  
(Narrated by al-Bukhaari)*

Allaah informed us that oppression will be darkness on the Day of Judgment. Allaah says:

*“Indeed, Allaah does not do injustice, [even] as much as an atom's weight; while if there is a good deed, He multiplies it and gives from Himself a great reward.” (4:4)*

The Messenger (may peace be upon him) said (that Allaah says) in a Hadeeth al-Qudsi<sup>1</sup>:

*“Oh my servants, surely I have made oppression forbidden upon Myself and I have made it forbidden amongst you, therefore do not oppress (one another).”*

Allaah has made excessiveness and extremism forbidden in the religion. Allaah says:

*“Oh People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allaah except the truth.”(4:171)*

And the Prophet (may peace be upon him) said:

*“Beware of excessiveness, for certainly the people before you were destroyed because of their excessiveness in the religion.”*

He also said:

*“Do not exaggerate with me as the Christians exaggerated with (Jesus) the son of Mary.”*

He (Allaah) made forbidden partisanship and tribalism, as the Messenger of Allaah (may peace be upon him) said:

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<sup>1</sup> Those hadeeth that were reported that Allaah said, but were conveyed by the Messenger of Allaah.

*“Whoever is killed under the banner of a people whose cause is not clear and calls to fanatical partisanship or tribalism or supports it and is killed, he dies in a state of jaahiliyyah<sup>2</sup>.”*

Shaykh al-Islam ibn Taymiyyah said:

It is not correct for those who educate to make the people into parties or groups and to make enmity and hatred between them. Rather they should be as brothers, cooperating upon righteousness and piety. As Allaah says:

*“And cooperate upon righteousness and piety and do not cooperate upon sin and transgression, and have taqwa of Allaah, certainly Allaah is strong in punishment.” (5:2)*

It is not (correct) for anyone to take a vow to be in agreement with everything that someone wants, and to support those whom he supports and to become an enemy to those he is an enemy to. Rather whoever does this, he is from the likes of Genghis Khan<sup>3</sup> and those similar to him. They are the ones who make those in agreement with them their supporting friends and they make those who oppose them their hated enemies.

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<sup>2</sup> Pre-islamic ignorance

<sup>3</sup> The founder of the Mongol Empire who came to power by uniting many of the nomadic tribes of northeast Asia.

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/229093/Genghis-Khan>

What is binding upon them and their followers is the covenant of Allaah and His Messenger (may peace be upon him).

So they must obey Allaah and His Messenger and work by what Allaah and His Messenger ordered. They must make forbidden that which Allaah and His Messenger made forbidden. They must take care of the rights of those (scholars and students) who educate people as Allaah and His Messenger have ordered. So if a teacher (scholar or student) is the one being oppressed, then he aids him and if a teacher is the oppressor, then he does not aid him in his oppression, rather he prevents him from it. As what has been authentically reported is that the Prophet (may peace be upon him) said:

*“Help your brother if he is an oppressor or oppressed.” A man then said: “Oh Messenger of Allaah, I (can see) helping him if he is being oppressed. But if I see that he is the oppressor how can I help him?!” He said: “Hold him and prevent him from oppression and this is (your) helping him.”*

(End of Ibn Taymiyyah’s quote)

It is obligatory for this ummah to establish these affairs of great benefits and upright principles. And (the ummah) must have a concern for this with a true care, whether it be an individual, group, tribe, or government, and specifically the scholars and the students of knowledge. This applies more specifically to those who ascribe themselves to the people of Sunnah and the Jamaa'ah.

So if there is (any) exceeding of the limits of these affairs or anything from them, great corruption will appear in the world and the religion, and this leads to the destruction of these great guideposts. In this is a dangerous evil and great corruption.

And from that of which there is no doubt for the one who has intellect, there has occurred great exceeding of the limits and harmful oppression for the one who speaks the truth. He is rebutted for what is with him of the truth, belittled and insulted, and this is something extremely bad. It coming from a disbeliever (is one thing) but how much more coming from a Muslim?

Therefore it is upon the Muslim ummah, specifically the youth who are its pillars, to honor and respect the truth and magnify it. It is upon them to despise falsehood and its people, whoever they may be. Allaah will honor them, give them might and elevate their affairs because of this. The opposite of this only brings misguidance,

trials, and displeasure from Allaah. This will (lead) to punishments in the life of this world. From these punishments is that the enemies will have authority over them until they return to their true religion and adhere to it.

May Allaah give us all success in what pleases Him.