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*In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

## Introduction

All praise is due to Allāh. And may the *Ṣalāh* 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-Wāsiṭiyyah* by the virtuous *Shaiikh* Muḥammad bin Ṣāliḥ Al-'Uthaimīn. We are producing it for the students of knowledge after the completion of its review by the *Shaiikh* himself, may Allāh 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-Wāsiṭiyyah*, authored by *Shaiikh* Al-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah, may Allāh have mercy upon him, is a beneficial book summarizing the creed of the People of the *Sunnah* and the *Jamā'ah* 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 *Salām* be upon our Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ, his Household and all of his Companions.

Sa'd bin Fawwāz Aṣ-Ṣumayyil

Al-Khobar

## 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 *Muḥaqqiq*, the *Faqīh*, the *Mufasssir*, the *Wari'*, the *Zāhid*, Muḥammad bin Ṣāliḥ bin Muḥammad bin 'Abdur-Raḥmān Āl 'Uthaimīn, from Al-Wahbah, from Banū At-Tamīm.

He was born on the eve of the 27<sup>th</sup> of the blessed month of Ramaḍān, in the year 1347 H, in 'Unaizah - 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 'Abdur-Raḥmān bin Sulaimān Ad-Dāmigh, 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-Ustādh* 'Abdul-'Azīz bin Ṣāliḥ Ad-Dāmigh - may Allāh preserve him - and that was before he enrolled in the *Madrasah* of the teacher 'Alī bin 'Abdullāh bin Ash-Shaḥīṭān - may Allāh have mercy upon him - where he memorized the Noble Qur'ān

### His Death

He died - may Allāh 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-Ḥarām, after *'Aṣr* 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, *Ṣalāt Al-Ghā'ib* (the funeral prayer in absentia) was performed for him, in all of the cities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

May Allāh 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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## The Introduction of the Second Edition

Indeed, all praise is due to Allāh. We praise Him, ask His help and His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allāh from the evil of our selves and our mischief of our deeds. Whomever Allāh 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 Allāh, Alone, without partners for Him. And I bear witness that Muḥammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the *Ṣalāh* and abundant *Salām* of Allāh be upon him, his Household, his Companions and all those who followed them faithfully, until the Day of Recompense.

To proceed: Indeed, Allāh, Exalted is He, has favored us with the explanation of *Al-'Aqīdah Al-Wāsiṭiyyah* which was authored by *Shaikh* Al-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah, concerning the creed of the People of the *Sunnah* and the *Jamā'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 Ṭabariyyah has preceded in that. Thus, it published it in a fresh look, along with beneficial notes,

Allāh, Exalted is He, in His Wisdom, His Praise, His Favor and His Grace - there is no innovation that will be introduced except that Allāh raises against it, those who will uproot it and expose it.

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

This man – whom Allāh 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 Wāsiṭ, 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.



## Commentary On The Introductory Notes Of Ibn Taymiyyah

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- The saying of the author, may Allāh have Mercy upon him: "*In the Name of Allāh, the Beneficent, the Merciful.*"

### The Commentary

- ❖ **Commencing books with the *Basmalah***<sup>[1]</sup> is the practice of all authors, emulating therewith the Book of Allāh; since He revealed the *Basmalah* in the beginning of each *Sūrah* (Chapter), and, in conformity with the *Sunnah* of the Messenger (ﷺ).

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

[1] (Translation note) That is; the saying - *Bismillaāh ar-Rahmān ar-Rahīm* - meaning; in the Name of Allāh, the Beneficent, the Merciful.