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Publishers Note

Sheikh-ul-Islam, Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhab, was a renowned religious scholar and a great reformer of his times. He held a unique and unparalleled position as an exponent of Qur'ân, *Hadith* and different branches of knowledge. With his intellect and a deep grasp over the religious learning, he impressed the high ranking contemporary scholars and brought them around his own viewpoints.

In his works, Sheikh-ul-Islam has not only elaborated the Qur'ân and *Sunnah*, but has also uprooted the polytheistic views and has made a hard struggle to eradicate the heresies and accretions.

His writing *Kitab At-Tauhîd* is one of the best books on the subject of *Tauhîd* (Islamic Monotheism) and ranks high in authenticity. Till date it has gone through various publications; and had been the means for guidance of the millions of people throughout the world; by taking them out of the darkness of polytheism and error.

The main object, Sheikh-ul-Islam had before him in writing this book, was to acquaint the Islamic world with the basic teachings of the Qur'ân and *Sunnah*; contradict the prevailing but absurd beliefs and customs not supported by the traditions of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم; and to base the Faith and actions on the lucid and clear Islamic rulings and commandments that lead the Muslims to the success and salvation, here and in Hereafter.

So to achieve the object, in this book, he has discussed all the relevant verses reasonably, rationally and sincerely; and has placed the essence of the Qur'ân and *Sunnah* in a very simple and appealing manner. And this is the reason that the right persons, beyond groupism and prejudices, have been adopting the correct Islamic path—the path of the Qur'ân and *Sunnah*—under the

Muhammad, Sheikh Ali bin Muhammad and Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad; and among his grandsons were: Sheikh Abdur-Rahman bin Hasan, Sheikh Ali bin Husain, Sheikh Sulaiman bin Abdullah. Apart from them, a large group of his disciples including Sheikh Hamd bin Nâsir, scholars from Dar'iyah and others remained continuously engaged in inviting people towards Allâh's true religion by writing and publishing books, fighting for the cause of Allâh and making correspondence in this regard.

Some of his works

Despite the fact that Sheikh-ul-Islam Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhab was a reformer and a man of *Da'wah*, he still engaged in writing also. His some famous works are as follows:

1. Kitâb At-Tawhid
2. Kitâb Al-Kabaair
3. Kashf Ash-Shubhat
4. Mukhtasar Seerat Ar-Rasool
5. Masâil Al-Jahiliyah
6. Usool Al-Iman
7. Fadail Al-Qur'ân
8. Fadail Al-Islam
9. Majmu' Al-Ahadith
10. Mukhtasar Al-Insâf wa Ash-Sharh Al-Kabeer
11. Al-Usool Ath-Thalatha
12. Aadab Al-Mashi ila As-Salât
and others.

CHAPTER No: 1

At-Tauhid (The Oneness of Allâh)

Allâh the Almighty said:

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ ﴾

“And I (Allâh) created not the *Jinns* and men except they should worship Me (Alone).” (51:56)

And He stated:

﴿ وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ ﴾

“And verily, We have sent among every *Ummah* (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): ‘Worship Allâh (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) *Tâghut* (all false deities etc. i.e. do not worship *Tâghut* besides Allâh).’ ” (16:36)

And He said:

﴿ وَقَضَىٰ رَبِّيَٰكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا وَلَا تُنهرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ۝ وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذَّلِيلِ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا ﴾

“And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour. And lower unto them the wing of submission and humility through mercy, and say: ‘My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was small.’ ” (17:23,24)

And He said:

﴿وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا﴾

“Worship Allâh and join none with Him in worship.” (4:36)

And He said:

﴿قُلْ تَعَالَوْا أَتْلُ مَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّيَ عَلَيْكُمْ أَلَّا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ مِنْ إِمْلَاقٍ نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكُمْ وَإِيَّاهُمْ وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ ذَلِكَ وَصَّيْتُكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا مَالَ الْيَتِيمِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ حَتَّىٰ يَبْلُغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَأَوْفُوا بِالْكَيْلِ وَالْمِيزَانَ بِالْقِسْطِ لَا تَكْلِفُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا وَإِذَا قُلْتُمْ فَاعْدِلُوا وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ وَبِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ أَوْفُوا ذَلِكَمُ وَصَّيْتُكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا السُّبُلَ فَتَفَرَّقَ بِكُمْ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَّيْتُكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ﴾

“Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): Come, I will recite what your Lord has prohibited you from: Join not anything in worship with Him; be good and dutiful to your parents; kill not your children because of poverty - We provide sustenance for you and for them; come not near to shameful sins (illegal sexual intercourse, etc.) whether committed openly or secretly, and kill not anyone whom Allâh has forbidden, except for a just cause (according to Islamic law). This He has commanded you that you may understand. And come not near to the orphan’s property, except to improve it, until he (or she) attains the age of full strength; and give full measure and full weight with justice. We burden not any person, but that which he can bear. And whenever you give your word (i.e. judge between men or give evidence, etc.), say the truth even if a near relative is concerned, and fulfill the Covenant of Allâh. This He commands you, that you may remember. And verily, this is My Straight Path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away

from His Path. This He has ordained for you that you may become *Al-Muttaqûn* (the pious).” (6:151-153)

Ibn Mas‘ud رضى الله عنه said:

«مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَنْظُرَ إِلَى وَصِيَّةِ مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ الَّتِي عَلَيْهَا خَاتَمَهُ فَلْيَقْرَأْ قَوْلَهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿قُلْ تَعَالَوْا أَتْلُ مَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّيَ عَلَيْكُمْ أَلَّا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا﴾ - إِلَى قَوْلِهِ - وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا» .

Whoever wishes to ascertain the very will of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم on which the Prophet has put his seal, let him read the Statement of Allâh:

“Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): Come, I will recite what your Lord has prohibited you from: Join not anything in worship with Him... (up to) ... And verily, this is My Straight Path.”

It is narrated that Mu‘âdh bin Jabal رضى الله عنه said:

«كُنْتُ رَدِيفَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ عَلَى حِمَارٍ فَقَالَ لِي، يَا مَعَاذُ! أَتَدْرِي مَا حَقُّ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْعِبَادِ وَمَا حَقُّ الْعِبَادِ عَلَى اللَّهِ؟ قُلْتُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَعْلَمُ، قَالَ حَقُّ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْعِبَادِ أَنْ يَعْبُدُوهُ وَلَا يُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَحَقُّ الْعِبَادِ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ لَا يُعَذَّبَ مَنْ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا. قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! أَفَلَا أُبَشِّرُ النَّاسَ؟ قَالَ: لَا تُبَشِّرُهُمْ فَيَتَكَلَّمُوا» .

I was riding behind the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم on a donkey and he said to me “O Mu‘âdh, do you know what is the right of Allâh on his slaves and what is the right of the slaves upon Allâh?” I responded: “Allâh and His Messenger know best.” He continued, “The Right of Allâh upon His slaves, is to worship Him Alone and never to associate anything with