

Assalamu Alaykum.

Glory be to Allah the Master and Originator of everything and we ask Him to send his peace and blessings on the best Man to ever walk on the face of the Planet, the honoured Messenger Mohammad SAW, His household, his companions and all those who follow Him in righteousness all the way until the day of Judgment.

To proceed.

Around 15 centuries ago mankind was stuck in an immense darkness of shirk, idle worshipping and oppression. This was an immense darkness that had covered hearts, minds and lives of people and had imprisoned them in every emotion. Allah the Exalted in Might chose this time to reveal His last and final Message to mankind. Allah High and Mighty chose to reveal His Message to the best of the sons of Adam A.S. the honoured Nabi Mohammad SAW.

The sending of the Messenger Mohammad SAW was an honour and mercy from the Most Merciful to His slaves. Allah Most High illuminated the hearts and the lives of the people by sending His beautiful and noble Messenger with true justice and guidance. Allah took the people out from the darkness of idle worshipping, their made up laws and unjust corrupt traditions and took them to the beautiful light, warmth and justice which is Al-Islam. He Owner and Sustainer of everything took them from human slavery and raised them up to servitude of their Lord and Maker, ALLAH. The earth was once again filled with the light and divine justice of The Creator.

Allah The Provider of Guidance tells us in Al-e-Imran 164. Translated meaning.

**“Allah has surely conferred favour on the believers when He raised in their midst a messenger from among themselves who recites to them His verses and makes them pure and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom, while earlier, they were in open error.”**

The corrupt and unjust leaders in Makkah at that time were unhappy with the message and were plotting and planning and working against the Message and the Messenger. They could never stand against the light that was

overwhelming their darkness. They knew that this was an order from the Supreme Lord Allah, and it was here to break the era of Abu Jahl and Abu Lahab the same way the era of Fir'oun was destroyed. This Message and its Messenger was sent for the whole world and everyone in it and whoever stood against him, their names are lost in the dust bins of history. It does not make a difference what names they attributed to themselves, the fact remains the same.

My Brothers and Sisters, gaining the love of Allah Jalla Wa'ala is by following the example of the Messenger SAW.

As Allah States in Al-E-Imran 31 Translation of the meaning.

**“Say.” “If you really love Allah then follow me, and Allah shall love you and forgive you your sins. Allah is Most-Forgiving, Very-Merciful.”**

Ibn Katheer may Allah have mercy on him says. This ayah clearly tells us that those who claim to love Allah and are not following the Sunnah of the Messenger SAW, then they are lying in their statement until they follow the Sunnah (example) of the Messenger SAW.

May Allah give us the honour of following the Example of the Noble Nabi SAW.

Allah has honoured the Nabi Mohammad so much that if you obey the Messenger you obey Allah as Allah the Holder of Supreme Authority states in Nisa 80, translation of the Meaning.

**“Whoever obeys the Messenger obeys Allah.”**

Let's all try to get closer to Allah by following the example of the Messenger SAW and at the same time gaining Inn Sha Allah the love and acceptance of our Lord and Maker. We need to bring ourselves, family and surrounding to the beauty of the Sunnah and the deen of Allah.

Nobody will enter paradise until they obey the Messenger as He s.a.w said **“everyone from my nation will enter paradise except those who refuse.”**

They said oh Messenger of Allah who will refuse?

The Prophet s.a.w said

“Whoever obeys me enters paradise, and whoever disobeys me has refused”

Sahih Bukhari.

The days which we are living in today are filled with shirk and immense oppression, the best solution for the believers is to come back and adhere to the Sunnah of the Messenger s.a.w once again.

Whenever we as believers witness a newly invented matter in the religion, we have a duty to revive a Sunnah of the Messenger s.a.w to tackle it.

Look at how the companions used to sacrifice their lives and wealth for the Messenger s.a.w. The dedication and bravery of one of the Sahabat, Nusayba the daughter of Ka'b may Allah be pleased with her suffered 21 injuries in the battle of Uhud by protecting the Prophet s.a.w. After the battle was over The Prophet called on Nusayba's son and said

“Your mother, your mother, bind her wound may Allah bless you, the people of a house, the stand of your mother is better than the stand of so and so, may Allah bless you and your household, your mother has fought better than so and so.” Nusayba r.a said “pray to Allah that we may accompany you in paradise” so he s.a.w said “Oh Allah, make them my companions in the garden.” And this was the desire of Nusayba to which she replied, “I do not care to what befalls me in this world”.

The Messenger s.a.w sent Habib the son of Zaid al Ansari whose mother was Nusayba to the deceiver and liar Musaylama. As he gave the letter of the Rasul s.a.w to Musaylama, Musaylama asked “do you bare witness the Muhammad s.a.w is the Messenger of Allah?” Habib replied “yes, I bare witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger.” Musaylama then said “do you bare witness that I am a Messenger of Allah?” Habib replied “I don't hear anything”. Musaylama the liar then cut off a bit of flesh from Him and then asked him again “do you bare witness that Muhammad s.a.w is the Messenger of Allah”, he said yes, he then asked him again “do you bare witness that I am a Messenger of Allah?”

He said again "I can't hear anything" Musaylama then had another piece of flesh cut from him, and it went on like this until Habib r.a died from the wounds he suffered.

The companions brought his body back to his mother Nusayba. When she saw him she said "from when he was born, I was preparing him for this day".

Subhanallah, look at this my dear brothers and sisters. We have today that lie on the deen of Allah just to protect themselves and their children for a miserly price of the dunya. They water down the deen of Allah and swear by Allah to that which does not belong to the deen. They take shortcuts wherever they can and consider themselves on the true path. They invent matters into the religion of Allah and disregard other matters that Allah has made clear to be an obligation. And for what, for maybe a few more years in this dunya. They forget that we are only travellers in this world and that we do not belong here. They tell us that religion is in the home and the masjids!!! May Allah protect us from such thoughts. The deen of Allah has to be established everywhere and if we do not do our jobs in spreading it we will be replaced.

Oh Guests of this masjid, what have we sacrificed for Allah, His deen and the Messenger? What Sunnah have we revived, which one of us can say we stood with him s.a.w when so many stand against him. Which one of us can say I stood against an evil for the sake of Allah? In these days we need to question ourselves and evaluate our emaan. It's an obligation that we love the Messenger saw more than anyone. To establish his Sunnah in every way possible and to spread his beautiful light to all of humanity. To stand against anyone who tries to insult him or defame him in any way.

May Allah guide us back to His straight path and keep us firm upon it.

May Allah make us of those that drink from the fountain from his blessed hands, may Allah reunite us with our beloved and his beloveds in the gardens of paradise where we will abide eternally in sha Allah.

Ameen and Allah knows best.

