

Unity of Ummah and al-Quran...

The obligation to unify the ranks



SHAYKH Ibn al - 'Uthaymeen - Hafidhahullaah - said: "From the sincere advice which I hold to be necessary in the Religion to give to the youths, a word which I hope that Allah (SWT) - the Most Perfect, the Most High - will cause to be of benefit, and it is: That they should all be in conformity and harmony, so that they may become strong, and become an obstacle blocking the way of those who plot against Islaam and its people. This is what Allah - the Mighty and Majestic - has enjoined upon us. He - the Most High - said: "And hold fast altogether to the rope of Allah and do not be divided. And remember the favour of Allah upon you, in that you were once enemies to one another, but He joined your hearts together, so that by His Grace you became brothers." [Soorah Aal-'Imraan 3:103]. And Allah the Blessed, the Most High - said: "Let there arise from amongst you a group of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining the

good and forbidding the evil. It is they who are the successful ones, And do not be like those who differed amongst themselves after the clear proofs had come to them; for them is a painful punishment." [Soorah Aal-'Imraan 3:104-105]. So Allah ordered that they should all cling together to His rope and He forbade splitting, and in other Aayahs He forbade differing, and informed us that it is the cause of failure and the cause of decline of strength, and He ordered us to persevere patiently. So Allah - the Most High - said: "And do not differ, lest you lose courage and your strength departs, and be patient. Indeed Allaah is with those who are patient." [Soorah al-Anfaal 8:46]. And as is known, the people of good who help the youths of the revival in their work - with what they are able from wealth, and so on - if they see them splitting in this way, then they will not be so eager to help and assist them. So I call all of our brothers to unite together, and to fear Allaah

with regards to themselves and with regards to the Ummah (nation) of Islam, and that they should not cover up this light which has appeared on the horizon; the call to Allah - the Mighty and Majestic ..."1

Ibn Taymiyyah (d. 728H) - rahimahullaah - said:
“ Holding fast to the rope of Allah altogether and not becoming divided is one of the greatest usool ”
(fundamentals) of Islam.

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan - hafidhahullaah - said: "Splitting up is not from the Religion, since the Religion commands us with unity and that we should be a single Jamaa'ah and a single Ummah upon the 'aqeedah (belief) of Tawheed (i.e. to single out Allaah alone for worship) and upon following the Messenger sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam. Allah - the Most High - said: "Indeed this Ummah of yours is a single Ummah and I am your Lord, so worship Me alone."

[Soorah al-Anbiyaa 21:92]. And Allaah - the Most High - said: "And hold fast altogether to the rope of Allah and do not become divided." [Soorah Aal-'Imaan 3:103].

And Allah - the Most Perfect - said: "Indeed those who split-up their Religion and become sects, you have no part with them in the least. Their affair is with Allah who will tell them what they used to do." [Soorah al-An'aam 6:159]. So this contains a severe warning against splitting and differing. Allah - the Most High - said: "And do not be like there who split-up and differed after the clear evidences came to them. For them is a tremendous punishment." [Soorah Aal-'Imraan 3:105]. So our Religion is the Religion of al-Jamaa'ah, and the Religion of agreement and unity. Splitting is not from the Religion, since the Religion orders that we are a single Jamaa'ah.

Allah - the Most High - said: "And this is My Straight Path, so follow it, and do not

follow other paths that will separate you from His Path." [Soorah al-An'aam 6:153]. So these groups, and this splitting which is present today, is not approved of by Islam. Rather, Islam forbids it severely and commands uniting upon the 'aqeedah (belief) of Tawheed and upon the methodology of Islam, a single Jamaa'ah and a single Ummah, just as our Lord - the Most Perfect, the Most High - ordered. And splitting and their being many (differing) groups and parties is from the plots of the devils - from the jinn and mankind against this Ummah. So the kuffaar (disbelievers) and the munaafiqs (hypocrites) have never ceased, since olden times, introducing their poison in order to split the Ummah. The jews said previously: "And a party of the People of the Book say: Believe in the morning in that which is revealed to the Muslims, but reject it at the end of the day, so they turn back." [Soorah Aal-'Imraan 3:72].

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