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Lecture 25

ISLAMIC STUDIES

LESSON 8: UNITY & THE STRAIGHT PATH



4. THE SAVED SECT



“INDEED, THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK BEFORE YOU SPLIT-UP INTO SEVENTY-TWO SECTS. AND THIS NATION WILL SPLIT-UP INTO SEVENTY-THREE SECTS, SEVENTY TWO ARE IN THE FIRE AND ONE IS IN PARADISE.”

IN ANOTHER NARRATION: **“ALL OF THEM ARE IN THE FIRE EXCEPT ONE.”** IT WAS ASKED: WHO IS THAT ONE? HE REPLIED: **“THAT WHICH I AND MY COMPANIONS ARE UPON.”**

[HASAN: RELATED BY ABU DAWUD (NO.4597), AHMAD (4/102), AT-TIRMIDHI (5/62) AND AL-HAKIM (1/128) AND OTHERS. IT WAS AUTHENTICATED BY AL-HAFIDH AL-'IRAQI IN TAKHRIJUL-IHYA (3/199) AND AL-ALBAANI IN AS-SAHEEHAH (NO.204).]

IBN MASUD SAID: ALLAH'S MESSENGER ﷺ DREW A LINE FOR US AND THEN SAID: **“THIS IS ALLAH'S PATH.”**

THEN HE DREW LINES TO ITS RIGHT AND ITS LEFT, AND SAID:
“THESE ARE DIFFERING PATHS, UPON EACH OF THEM THERE IS A SHAYTAN (DEVIL) CALLING TO IT.”

THEN HE RECITED: **“AND VERILY THIS IS MY PATH, SO FOLLOW IT, AND DO NOT FOLLOW OTHER PATHS FOR THEY WILL SEPARATE YOU AWAY FROM HIS PATH.”** (AL-ANAAM 6:153)

[SAHIH: RELATED BY AHMAD (1/435) AND ALSO AL-HAKIM (2/318) WHO AUTHENTICATED AND ADH-DHAHABI AGREED]

“I AM LEAVING AMONGST YOU TWO THINGS, YOU WILL NEVER GO ASTRAY AS LONG AS YOU CLING TO THEM: **THE BOOK OF ALLAH AND MY SUNNAH. THEY WILL NOT SEPARATE FROM EACH OTHER, UNTIL YOU MEET ME AT THE LAKE.”**

[SAHIH: RELATED BY AL-HAKIM FROM ABU HURAYRAH. IT WAS AUTHENTICATED BY AL-ALBAANI IN TAKHRIJUL-MISHKAT (NO.186)]

IBN ABBAS SAID: “I FEAR THAT STONES WILL DESCEND UPON YOU FROM THE SKY, THAT **I SAY TO YOU THAT THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH SAID; AND YOU SAY TO ME THAT ABU BAKR AND UMAR SAY SOMETHING ELSE!”**

[HASAN: RELATED BY AHMAD (NO.3121), AL-KHATIB IN AL-FAQIH WAL-MUTTAFAQIHI (1/145) AND IBN 'ABDUL-BARR IN JAMI' BAYANUL-'ILM (2/196), FROM SA'ID IBN JUBAYR.]