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How the Companions Loved the Prophet, Peace and Blessings be upon Him

His Eminence Sheikh Abdul-Muhsin ibn Muhammad Al-Qasim, may Allah preserve him, delivered the Friday *khutbah* entitled, “How the Companions Loved the Prophet, Peace and Blessings be upon Him”, in which he talked about obedience to Allah, stating that it is the source of all good in this world and that disobedience to Allah, Majesty and Glory be to Him, is the cause of misery and hardship. He also gave examples of the love that the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, had for the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, which they truly proved by acting on his teachings and completely following his guidance without any hesitation or argument whatsoever.

Part One

Praise be to Allah. We praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil within ourselves and from our wrong deeds. He whom Allah guides, none can misguide, and he whom Allah sends astray, none can guide. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone, Who has no partners, and I bear witness that our prophet Muhammad is His servant and messenger. May Allah bestow his bountiful peace and blessings upon him and upon his family and Companions.

O Muslims!

Fear Allah, servants of Allah, as He should be feared, for the best provision is that which is accompanied by fear of Allah and the best deeds are those accompanied by sincerity to the Lord.



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O Muslims!

Allah created the jinn and humans to worship Him and ordered them to comply with His commands. He has decreed happiness for those who obey Him. Worshipping Allah, Glorified be He, is the fortress of safety and security for those who enter it and is the source of salvation for those who conduct it. Indeed, it is pure good with no harm whatsoever in it. Allah, Majesty and Glory be to Him, says:

﴿And what loss have they if they had believed in Allah and in the Last Day, and they spend out of what Allah has provided them? ...﴾ (An-Nisa': 39)

Obedience to Allah and His Messenger is the source of every good on earth. Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy upon his soul, said, "Whoever reflects upon this world and the evils that occur in it will realize that every evil in the world is due to opposing and disobeying the orders of the Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him." Every good in the world is thus due to obeying the Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him. Similarly, the evil, pain, and distress that afflict the servant are due to disobedience to the Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him.

One sign of Allah's mercy to His servants is that He has ordered them to answer His call so that they may attain all good. Allah says:

﴿Answer the Call of your Lord (i.e. accept the Islamic Monotheism, O mankind, and jinn) before there comes from Allah a Day which cannot be averted (i.e. the Day of Resurrection) ...﴾ (Ash-Shura: 47)

The believers answer the call of their Lord and are among the successful:

﴿The only saying of the faithful believers, when they are called to Allah (His Words, the Qur'an) and His Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him), to judge between them, is that they say: "We



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hear and we obey.” And such are the prosperous ones (who will live forever in Paradise).﴾ (An-Nur: 51).

By doing so, their hearts are given true life and their standing is elevated. Allah, Glorified be He, says:

﴿O you who believe! Answer Allah (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (peace and blessings be upon him) calls you to that which will give you life ...﴾ (Al-Anfal: 24)

Whenever a servant hastens to obey his Lord, He will increase his guidance. Allah, Glorified be He, says:

﴿While as for those who accept guidance, He increases their guidance, and bestows on them their piety.﴾ (Muhammad: 17)

Shaikhul-Islam Ibn Taymiyah, may Allah have mercy on his soul, said, “The more a man follows Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, the greater his belief in Allah’s Oneness and his sincerity to Him in religion are. Conversely, the more he keeps away from following him, the more his faith decreases.”

Allah answers the supplication of whoever answers His call. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿And He answers (the invocation of) those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah – Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, and gives them increase of His Bounty ...﴾ (Ash-Shura: 26)

Allah also loves whoever answers His call, bestows His mercy upon him, and admits him into Paradise. Allah, Might and Majesty be to Him, says:

﴿For those who answered their Lord’s Call [believed in the Oneness of Allah and followed His Messenger Muhammad, peace and



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blessings be upon him, i.e. Islamic Monotheism] is *Al-Husna*. ...﴾ (Ar-Ra‘d: 18)

Al-Husna here refers to Paradise.

All the messengers of Allah, peace be upon them, hastened to show total submission and obedience to Allah. Allah said to His *khalil* (close friend) Ibrahim (Prophet Abraham), peace be upon him:

﴿... “Submit (i.e. be a Muslim)!” He said, “I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to the Lord of the ‘*Alamin* (mankind, jinns and all that exists).”﴾ (Al-Baqarah: 131)

Allah ordered Ibrahim to slaughter his only son with his own hand, so he laid him prostrate on his forehead for this purpose. His son Isma‘il (Prophet Ishmael) said to him:

﴿... “O my father! Do that which you are commanded, *Insha’ Allah* (if Allah wills), you shall find me of *As-Sabirun* (the patient).”﴾ (As-Saffat: 102)

Musa (Prophet Moses), peace be upon him, also hastened to please his Lord. He said:

﴿... and I hastened to You, O my Lord, that You might be pleased. ﴾ (Ta-Ha: 84)

Allah also took the Covenant of the Prophets to believe in and support our prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, if he was sent among them, and they said:

﴿... We agree ...﴾ (Al ‘Imran: 81)

Allah, Exalted be He, ordered His Prophet, Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, saying:



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﴿Arise and warn!﴾ (Al-Muddaththir: 2)

Thereupon the Prophet went out to people and engaged in calling them to believe in the Oneness of Allah. Allah also said to him:

﴿Stand (to pray) all night, except a little.﴾ (Al-Muzzammil: 2)

So he used to engage in the voluntary night prayer until his feet swelled from long standing.

In the same way, the disciples of ‘Isa (Prophet Jesus), peace be upon him, answered his call when he said to them:

﴿... “Who will be my helpers in Allah’s cause?” *Al-Hawariyyun* (the disciples) said, “We are the helpers of Allah. We believe in Allah.” ...﴾
(Al ‘Imran: 52)

The jinn urged one another to answer the call of Allah. They said, as the Qur’an says about them:

﴿O our people! Respond (with obedience) to Allah’s Caller (i.e. Allah’s Messenger Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him), and believe in him (i.e. believe in that which Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him has brought from Allah and follow him). He (Allah) will forgive you of your sins, and will save you from a painful torment (i.e. Hell-fire).﴾ (Al-Ahqaf: 31)

The Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, attained the greatest honour because of their company of the Prophet, in addition to their sincerity of faith and their being the first to answer the call of Allah and His Messenger. Therefore, their status is elevated in the sight of Allah.

When they were ordered to face the direction of the Ka‘bah (in prayer), they immediately changed their direction away from Baitul-Maqdis (Jerusalem). Even though



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they heard Allah's command while offering the prayer, they did not even delay their compliance with it until the following prayer. When the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, called them to give in charity, they spent the most precious of their property. Umar ibn Al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him, donated half of his money, while Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, donated all his money. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, also said, **"Whoever equips the army of 'Usrah (i.e. the Battle of Tabuk) will be granted Paradise."** Uthman ibn Affan equipped it (Reported by Al-Bukhari).

When Allah revealed the verse:

﴿By no means shall you attain *Al-Birr* (piety, righteousness – here it means Allah's Reward, i.e. Paradise), unless you spend (in Allah's Cause) of that which you love ...﴾ (Al 'Imran: 92)

Abu Talhah, may Allah be pleased with him, came to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and said, "O Messenger of Allah! Bairuha' (his garden) is the most beloved of all my property to me, so I want to give it in charity for Allah's sake" (Reported by Al-Bukhari).

When the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, gave his young Companions a hint about the virtue of the voluntary night prayer, they constantly worshipped Allah by performing this kind of prayer. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to Abdullah ibn Umar, who was then still young, **"What an excellent man Abdullah would be if he performed prayers at night!"** After that, Abdullah used to sleep but a little at night (Agreed upon).

The Companions also sacrificed their lives for the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, in obedience to Allah. Al-Miqdad ibn Al-Aswad came to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, while he was invoking Allah against the polytheists. He said (to the Prophet), "We will not say to you as the people of Musa (Moses) said to him, **﴿... Go you**



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and your Lord and fight you two, we are sitting right here.﴾ (Al-Ma'idah: 24), but we will fight on your right, on your left, in front of you, and from behind you.” Abdullah ibn Mas‘ud, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “I saw the face of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, getting bright with happiness, for that saying delighted him” (Agreed upon).

The Companions gave up certain words and deeds when they heard the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, forbidding them to say or do them, in obedience to the Prophet and without ever arguing with him about them. During *Al-Jahiliyya* (the Pre-Islamic period of ignorance), they were in the habit of swearing by their fathers. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “**Allah has prohibited you from taking an oath by your fathers.**” Umar ibn Al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “I have not taken such an oath since I heard that statement from the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, neither myself, nor narrating it from anyone else” (Reported by Muslim).

During a famine, the Companions cooked food but did not eat it because they came to know that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, had forbidden it. During the Battle of Khaibar, the flesh of domestic asses was permissible, so they cooked it. However, the caller of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, cried out saying, “Allah and His Messenger have prohibited you from eating the flesh of domestic asses, for it is an abomination of Satan’s handiwork.” Anas ibn Malik, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “Thereupon, the pots were turned over along with what was in them, and these were brimming with cooked meat at that time” (Agreed Upon).

Similarly, intoxicants (wine and all kinds of alcoholic drinks) were permissible at the advent of Islam, but on hearing a man walking in the streets saying that they had been prohibited, the Companions spilled them out. Abu An-Nu‘man, may Allah be pleased with him, said:



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I used to serve wine to the people at the residence of Abu Talhah. Then the order of prohibiting alcoholic drinks was revealed, and the Prophet ordered a crier to announce that. Abu Talhah said to me, “Go out and see what this voice is.” I went out and (on coming back) said, “This is a crier announcing that alcoholic drinks have been prohibited.” Abu Talhah said to me, “Go and spill it,” and the wine flowed through the streets of Al-Madinah. (Agreed Upon)

Another narration has the following addition: “The people then never reverted to it, nor even asked about it after the announcement by that crier.”

The Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, used to emulate the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, in his way of dressing without being asked by the Prophet to do so. Abdullah ibn Umar, may Allah be pleased with him and his father, said,

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, had a gold ring which he wore with its stone towards the palm of his hand. The people also started wearing gold rings similar to his. One day, the Prophet sat on the pulpit, removed his ring, and said, “**I used to wear this ring and I had its stone towards the palm of my hand.**” Then he threw it away and said, “**By Allah, I shall never wear it again.**” Thereupon, all the people threw away their rings. (Agreed upon)

Abdullah ibn Umar, may Allah be pleased with them, wrote his will when he heard the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, say, “**It is not permissible for any Muslim who has something he wishes to will to stay for two nights without having his last will written and kept at hand**” (Agreed upon). Abdullah ibn Umar, may Allah be pleased with him and his father, said, “Ever since I heard the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, say this, I have never spent a single night without my will at hand.”



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The Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, also undertook to control their tongues by avoiding inappropriate speech, in compliance with the commandment of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. Jabir ibn Sulaim, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “I came to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and said, ‘O Messenger of Allah! I am one of the desert dwellers and I have some of their coarseness, so what do you recommend that I should do?’ He said, **‘Never curse anyone.’**” Jabir said, “After the commandment of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, I never cursed any person, nor did I even curse a sheep or a camel” (Reported by Ahmad).

The Companions obeyed the commands of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, even in their movements and gestures. During the Battle of Khaibar, the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, gave the flag to Ali ibn Abu Talib, may Allah be pleased with him, and said to him, **“Go forth and do not look back until Allah grants you victory.”** Ali walked for a little while then stopped and shouted, i.e. he raised his voice so that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, who was now distant, might hear him, but he did not look back, in obedience to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and said, “O Messenger of Allah! What shall I fight the people for?” (Reported by Muslim).

The Companions also abandoned all that the Prophet had forbidden them to do even if committing it might include an apparent benefit that might bring victory to the Muslims. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to Hudhaifah ibn Al-Yaman during the Battle of the Confederates, **“O Hudhaifah! Go on a reconnaissance and bring me information about the enemy, but do not do anything that may provoke them against me [i.e. do not startle them lest they should recognize you and thus attack us].”** When he reached them, he saw Abu Sufyan, who was then the leader of the polytheists, warming his back against fire. Hudhaifah said, “I placed an arrow in the middle of the bow, intending to shoot at him; however, I desisted from doing so when I remembered the words of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, ‘Do not provoke them against me.’ Had I shot at him, I would have certainly killed him” (Reported by Muslim).



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The Companions obeyed the orders and prohibitions of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, out of firm faith and unshakeable belief. Rafi‘ ibn Khudaij, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, forbade us from something that was beneficial to us, but obeying Allah and His Messenger is indeed more beneficial to us” (Reported by Muslim).

Among the believers there were also women who hastened to answer the call of Allah in obedience to Him. Hajar, peace be upon her, put her trust in Allah, obeyed her husband, and dwelled in a valley where there was neither vegetation nor water. There was no living being in Makkah at that time. Her act of obedience, on the face of it, was bound to lead to her death and the death of her son. She asked her husband Ibrahim (Abraham), peace be upon him, “Was it Allah who ordered you to do so?” He replied, ‘Yes.’ She said, “Then He will not cause our loss” (Reported by Al-Bukhari).

When the obligation of *hijab* (the veil) was prescribed for the women Companions, they did not then have a piece of cloth that could serve as a veil. They thus tore pieces of cloth from their own garments and covered their faces with them in compliance with the order of Allah. Aishah, may Allah be pleased with her, said, “May Allah have mercy upon the first women immigrants, for when Allah revealed, **﴿... and to draw their veils all over *Juyubihinna* (i.e. their bodies, faces, necks and bosoms) ...﴾** (An-Nur: 31), they cut off parts of their clothes to cover their heads with” (Reported by Al-Bukhari).

O Muslims!

Obedying Allah and His Messenger is a requirement for the fulfilment of the two testimonies (that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is Allah’s messenger) and is a sign for the perfection of one’s servitude to Allah. If you hear of an order, hasten to comply with it, delighted with your worship of your Lord, and if you hear a prohibition,



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avoid it and turn away from it, fully convinced that it is a harmful deed and seeking to attain your Creator's good pleasure. I seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Satan:

﴿And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, fears Allah, and keeps his duty (to Him), such are the successful.﴾ (An-Nur: 52)

May Allah bless you and me with the Great Qur'an and make us benefit from its verses and wise words. I have said what you have heard and I ask forgiveness of Allah for myself, for you, and for all Muslims for any sin that we have committed.



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Part Two

Praise be to Allah for His kindness to us and all forms of gratitude are due to Him for the success He has blessed us with and for His graciousness. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, Who has no partners, in glorification of His dignified position, and I bear witness that our prophet Muhammad is His servant and messenger. May Allah bestow His bountiful peace and blessings upon him and upon his family and Companions.

O Muslims!

Those who fully answer the call of Allah are the people who lead perfect lives. Those who neglect one aspect of obedience to Allah have actually missed part of their lives. As for those who do not answer the call of Allah, they will inevitably answer the call of Allah's creation, and will face humiliation as a result. Allah warns us against disobeying Him. He says:

﴿... And let those who oppose the Messenger's (Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him) commandment (i.e. his *Sunnah* – legal ways, orders, acts of worship, statements) (among the sects) beware, lest some *Fitnah* (disbelief, trials, afflictions, earthquakes, killing, overpowered by a tyrant) should befall them or a painful torment be inflicted on them.﴾ (An-Nur: 63)

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq, may Allah be pleased with him, said, "I shall not abandon doing anything that Allah's Messenger used to do, for I fear that if I abandoned anything from the Prophet's tradition, I would go astray" (Agreed upon).

Hesitation or laziness in the performance of acts of obedience to Allah is incompatible with the desire to achieve perfect compliance with the orders of Allah and His Messenger. Those who give precedence to any statement over the statements of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon, cannot be considered among the obedient ones. In



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the hereafter, all of Muhammad's *ummah* will enter Paradise except those who refuse to enter it. The Prophet's Companions asked, "O Messenger of Allah! Who refuses to enter Paradise?" He said, **"Whoever obeys me will enter Paradise, and whoever disobeys me is one who refuses to enter it"** (Reported by Al-Bukhari).

Those who turn away from the guidance of Allah will then wish to return back to this worldly life in order to obey Allah and His Messenger and to redeem themselves with all that is in the earth with its like in order to escape the punishment.

﴿... But those who answered not His Call (disbelieved in the Oneness of Allah and followed not His Messenger Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)), if they had all that is in the earth together with its like, they would offer it in order to save themselves (from the torment, it will be in vain). ...﴾ (Ar-R'ad: 18)

Servants of Allah! Know that Allah has commanded you to ask Him to send His peace and blessings upon His Prophet. Allah says in His perfect Revelation:

﴿Allah sends His *Salat* (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy) on the Prophet (Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)) and also His angels (ask Allah to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your *Salat* on (ask Allah to bless) him (Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)), and (you should) greet (salute) him with the Islamic way of greeting (salutation, i.e. *As-Salamu 'Alaikum*).﴾ (Al-Ahzab: 56)

O Allah! Bestow peace and blessings upon our prophet Muhammad. O Allah! Be pleased with his successors, the Rightly-Guided Caliphs, who ruled by truth and thereby established justice, Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, along with all the other Companions, and also be pleased with us together with them, by Your grace and generosity, O Most Generous of all the generous!



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O Allah! Provide power and glory to Islam and the Muslims, humiliate polytheism and the polytheists, and destroy the enemies of the religion. O Allah! Make this country and all other Muslim countries, safe, secure, and prosperous, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Grant victory to those who strive in Your cause everywhere. O Allah! Be their Protector and Helper and be Supportive to them. O Allah! Gather them on the word of truth and guidance, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Destroy those who have oppressed and harmed them. O Allah! Destroy them utterly and let their evil plotting turn against them, O Most Powerful! O All-Mighty!

O Allah! Lead our ruler to Your guidance, make all his deeds pleasing to You, and guide all the leaders of the Muslims to act according to Your Book and rule by Your *Shari'ah*, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! There is no god but You. You are Free of all wants and needs and we stand in need of You! Send down rain upon us and do not make us among the despairing! O Allah! Grant us rain. O Allah! Grant us rain. O Allah! Grant us rain.

﴿... Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers.﴾
(Al-A'raf: 23)

Servants of Allah!

﴿Verily, Allah enjoins *Al-Adl* (i.e. justice and worshipping none but Allah Alone – Islamic Monotheism) and *Al-Ihsan* [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allah, totally for Allah's sake and in accordance with the *Sunnah* (legal ways) of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in a perfect manner], and giving (help) to kith and kin (i.e. all that Allah has ordered you to give them, e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help), and forbids



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Al-Fahsha' (i.e. all evil deeds, e.g. illegal sexual acts, disobedience of parents, polytheism, to tell lies, to give false witness, to kill a life without right), and *Al-Munkar* (i.e. all that is prohibited by Islamic law: polytheism of every kind, disbelief and every kind of evil deeds), and *Al-Baghy* (i.e. all kinds of oppression). He admonishes you, that you may take heed.) (An-Nahl: 90)

Remember Allah, the Most Great, the Sublime, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessings and favours and He will give you more. Verily, remembrance of Allah is greater than all, and Allah knows what you do.