

DEVOTION TO THE BOOK OF ALLAH AND THE SUNNAH OF THE PROPHET

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِنْكُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَيُزَكِّيكُمْ
يُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ.
رَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
نَزَحْتُ فِيكُمْ أَمْرَيْنِ لَنْ تَصِلُوا مَا تَمَسَّكْتُمْ بِهِمَا كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَسُنَّةَ نَبِيِّهِ.

Honorable Muslims!

The Almighty Allah (swt) has created human in the finest fashion. He (swt) assigned guiding messengers and descended divine books to show His (swt) right path. Our Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw), who was sent as mercy to the worlds, is the final ring of the chain of prophethood. The divine revelation that started with the Prophet Adam (as) was crowned by the Holy Qur'an revealed to the Prophet (saw).

Dear Muslims!

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) is the only standard for our lives and the finest example. Our faith requires that we believe in and follow him (saw). Practicing the sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (saw) in our lives is a sign of our love for Allah (swt). It is an opportunity to attain His (swt) approval and mercy. As a matter of fact, it is stated in the Holy Qur'an, "Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."ⁱ

ⁱ Al-i 'Imran, 3/31.

Dear Believers!

The second source of the perspicuous religion of Islam, after the Holy Qur'an, is the Sunnah. "Sunnah" refers to our Prophet's (saw) exemplary life, behaviors, and words. The Messenger of Allah (saw), with his words and behaviors, explained the truths set out in the Holy Qur'an. His (saw) Sunnah facilitated the comprehension of the Qur'an, and his example reflected it. The Qur'an commands us to have faith, and the Sunnah shows us the way to perfect our faith. The Qur'an orders us to perform worships, prayers, fasting, pilgrimage, and zakat, and the Sunnah teaches us how to perform them. The Qur'an enjoins us to have good morals, and the Sunnah provides a precious model of ethics worth adhering to.

Dear Believers!

We are in need of the guidance the Qur'an and the Sunnah today, more than ever. Then, let us tightly embrace the Qur'an, which is our guide to true path, and take our beloved Prophet's Sunnah as our guide. Let us not let the Qur'an and the Sunnah be surpassed by any other understanding. Let us bear in mind that our prescription for salvation is the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Let us strive to rebuild the Islamic civilization by drawing inspiration from the Qur'an and the Sunnah.