

THE QURAN AND THE SUNNAH ARE AN INSEPARABLE WHOLE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

نُ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ
نَبِيِّنَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا .
نَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
أَحْسَنَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَأَحْسَنَ الْهُدَى هُدَى مُحَمَّدٍ .

Dear Muslims!

The Almighty Allah (swt) states, “**And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger –those will be with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favor of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions!**”ⁱ

In this respect, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) says, “**The truest word is the Book of Allah and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad.**”ⁱⁱ

Honorable Believers!

Allah the Most Merciful (swt) has not left humans alone and unaided in the world. He (swt) has sent prophets to show His servants the right path, and divine books to guide them to salvation.

Honorable Muslims!

The Holy Qur’an is the final divine appeal by Allah (swt) to all people. It is the words and verses of the Almighty Allah (swt). It is the Book, reading which is a form of worship. It is al-Furqan to distinguish the truth from the falsity, the right from the wrong, and the halal from the haram.

The Sunnah is the compilation of the Prophet Muhammad (saw)’s lifestyle, words, acts, and approvals. While the Qur’an enjoins people to have faith in Allah (swt) and be in servitude to Him (swt) only, the Sunnah teaches people the verities of the faith. While the Qur’an enjoins people to worship as required by the faith, the Sunnah indicates how to perform the worships. While the Qur’an enjoins people to have good morals, the Sunnah functions as the model for such a virtuous life.

Honorable Believers!

The Holy Qur’an and the Sunnah unite an inseparable whole. It is not possible to think of the Holy Qur’an that is the foundation of Islam as separate from the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (saw). In this respect, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) said in the Farewell Sermon (Khutbah al-Wada), “**I leave behind me two things, the Quran and my example, the Sunnah and if you follow these you will never go astray**”ⁱⁱⁱ

Dear Muslims!

Then, let us hold on tightly to the Holy Qur’an, and, as it commands, follow the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (saw). Let us not leave from the guidance of the Holy Qur’an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (saw). Let us exert all efforts to raise generations that align their lives with Allah (swt)’s divine revelation, the Holy Qur’an, and the Prophet Muhammad (saw)’s distinguished Sunnah.

ⁱ Nisa, 4/69.

ⁱⁱ Nasai, İdayn, 22.

ⁱⁱⁱ Muvatta’, Qadar, 3.