

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## بَابُ لُزُومِ السُّنَّةِ

### Chapter 7: Adherence to the Sunnah [4613-4626]

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[4613] Nafi' (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said that Ibn 'Umar (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا) had a friend from the people of *Sham* who would correspond with him. Once 'Abd Allāh b. Umar wrote to him stating: "It has reached me that you have said something concerning the Divine Decree (*al-Qadr*). Do not write to me, for indeed I heard the Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say: 'Indeed there will be from among my *Ummah* a people who will deny *al-Qadr*.'"<sup>1</sup>

[4614] Khālīd al-Ḥadhḍha stated: "I said to al-Ḥasan, O Abū Sa'īd, inform me about Ādam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام). Was he created for heaven or earth?"

"Nay, for the earth," he said.

"What if he had abstained and not eaten from the tree?"

"It was inevitable for him."

"Inform me concerning the statement of Allāh:

﴿ مَا أَنتُمْ عَلَيْهِ بِفِتْنِينَ ۚ إِلَّا مَنْ هُوَ صَالٍ الْجَحِيمِ ۗ ﴾ (١٦٣)

**'You cannot tempt [anyone] away from Him. Except he who is to [enter and] burn in the Hellfire.'** [*al-Ṣāfāt* 37:162-163]

"The *Shayāfīn* cannot tempt anyone to misguidance except those Allāh has destined for the Hellfire."<sup>2</sup>

[4615] Khālīd al-Ḥadhḍha related that al-Ḥasan said concerning the statement of Allāh:

﴿ وَلِذَلِكَ خَلَقَهُمْ ۗ ﴾ (١١٩)

**"And for this He did create them."** [Hūd 11:119]

[al-Ḥasan] said: "He created these for this and those for that."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Al-Albānī has graded this narration *Ḥasan* (no. 4613)

<sup>2</sup> Al-Albānī said that the chain is *Ḥasan Maqtu'* (no. 4614)

<sup>3</sup> Al-Albānī said that the chain is *Ḥasan Maqtu'* (no. 4615)

[4616] Khālīd al-Hadh̄dha said: I asked al-Ḥasan about the statement:

﴿ مَا أُنْتَرُ عَلَيْهِ يَفْتَنِينَ ۚ إِلَّا مَنْ هُوَ صَالٍ الْجَحِيمِ ۚ ﴾ (١١٣)

**“You cannot tempt [anyone] away from Him. Except he who is to [enter and] burn in the Hellfire.”** [*al-Ṣāfāt* 37:162-163]

He said: ‘Except the one Allāh has destined to go to the Hellfire.’<sup>4</sup>

[4617] Ḥumayd related that al-Ḥasan said: “To fall from heaven to the earth is more desirable to me than saying: ‘The affair is in my hand.’”<sup>5</sup>

[4618] Ḥumayd stated that al-Ḥasan came to us, and the jurists of Makkah asked me to request from him to set aside a day to address them, and he agreed. So they gathered and he gave them an exhortation, and I have never witnessed a better orator than him. A person said: ‘O Abū Sa‘īd, who created *Shayṭān*?’ He said: “*Subḥanallah!* “Is there another creator besides Allāh? Allāh created *Shayṭān*, and He created good and evil.” A person said: “May Allah fight them! How could they invent lies on this *Shaykh*?”<sup>6</sup>

[4619] Ḥumayd al-Ṭawīl said that al-Ḥasan said [concerning the verse]:

﴿ كَذَلِكَ نَسَلُّكَهُ فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ۚ ﴾ (١٢)

**“Thus do we let it enter into the hearts of the criminals.”** [*al-Hijr* 15:12]

He said: “*al-Shirk* (polytheism).”<sup>7</sup>

[4620] ‘Ubayd al-Ṣīd said, [concerning the Statement of Allāh]:

﴿ وَحِيلَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ مَا يَشْتَهُونَ ۚ ﴾ (٥٤)

**“And a barrier will be placed between them and what they desire.”** [*Saba’* 34:54]

He said: “Between them and belief.”<sup>8</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Al-Albānī states that the chain is *Ḥasan Maqtu’* (no. 4616)

<sup>5</sup> Al-Albānī states that the chain is *Ḥasan Maqtu’* (no. 4617)

<sup>6</sup> Authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4618)

<sup>7</sup> Al-Albānī grades the report *Ṣaḥīḥ li Ghayriḥi* (authentic due to supporting narrations).

<sup>8</sup> Authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4620)

[4621] Ibn ‘Awn said: “I was a captive in *Sham*, and someone behind me called to me. I turned around, and it was Raja b. Ḥaywah. He said: “O Ibn ‘Awn, what is this that they are saying about al-Ḥasan?” I said: “Indeed they tell many lies on al-Ḥasan.”<sup>9</sup>

[4622] Ḥammād said: I heard Ayyūb say: “Two kinds of people lie on al-Ḥasan: people who denied *al-Qadr*, and they desired to propagate their beliefs thereby<sup>10</sup>, and a people who had enmity and hatred in their hearts and said: ‘Didn’t he say such? Didn’t he say so and so?’”<sup>11</sup>

[4623] Yahya b. Kathīr al-‘Anbarī said: “Qurrah b. Khālid used to say to us: ‘O youth, do not be deceived<sup>12</sup> regarding al-Ḥasan, for indeed his belief was [in accordance with] the *Sunnah* and what is correct.’”<sup>13</sup>

[4624] Ḥammād b. Zayd reported that Ibn ‘Awn said: “If we knew that the remark of al-Ḥasan would have reached the extent that it did, we would have written [to him] for a retraction and would have taken witnesses to that effect, but we said: ‘It was a remark he made that cannot be understood in that manner.’”<sup>14</sup>

[4625] Ayyūb related that al-Ḥasan said: “I will never repeat it again.”<sup>15</sup>

[4626] ‘Uthmān b. ‘Uthmān said that ‘Uthmān al-Battī said: “Al-Ḥasan never interpreted any verse without affirming [*al-Qadr*].”<sup>16</sup>



<sup>9</sup> Authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4621)

<sup>10</sup> By falsely stating that this was al-Ḥasan’s belief, they hoped to attract the people to their creed.

<sup>11</sup> Authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4622)

<sup>12</sup> Meaning, do not be deceived by the *Qadariyyah* in what they attributed to al-Ḥasan. See ‘*Awn al-Ma’būd* (12/247)

<sup>13</sup> Authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4623)

<sup>14</sup> In ‘*Awn al-Ma’būd* (12/247), al-Azīm Ābādī writes: “(The remark of al-Ḥasan) al-Baṣrī of which some listeners understood to be denial of the Divine Decree... ( would have reached the extent that it did) Meaning, reaching the level that it did and spreading amongst the people contrary to al-Ḥasan’s aim.”

This report has been authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4624)

<sup>15</sup> He intends by this what the people misinterpreted as denial of *al-Qadr*. See ‘*Awn al-Ma’būd* (12/247). This report has been authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4625).

<sup>16</sup> Authenticated by Al-Albānī (no. 4626)

### Some benefits from the explication of *Shaykh Ahmad al-Najmī* (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):

- ❖ Regarding the statement of Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ): “**And for this He did create them.**” [Hūd 11:119] and al-Ḥasan al-Basrī’s *tafsīr*: “He created these for this and those for that.” It is inevitable that the children of Ādam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) will differ. It has been decreed in the *Qadr*, prohibited in the Legislation. So what has been decreed will certainly come to pass. Thus, there is differing between the believers, disbelievers and hypocrites. Also, there is differing between the disbelievers themselves, as well as between the believers themselves; Allāh has decreed this; however, He has prohibited differing, dispraised it and commanded with unity, legislatively.
- ❖ We find the people of innovation lying on a well-known person. So, for example, they say: “*Shaykh* Bin Baz was with us and supported us,” and they find an old statement he said about them before he knew them (their reality) and what reached him later concerning them, so he had a good thought about them at that time and said a word of praise. Then, word spread and it reached him what they had from innovation, and he changed his ruling concerning them afterward.
- ❖ If a person who is known for the *Sunnah* [mistakenly] utters a word, the people of evil will not let it go; instead, the people of desires will spread the statement, desiring that he be with them; and others from his haters will circulate it by way of blame.