Hadith Twelve

Striving Against Those Who Deviate from the Guidance of the Prophets

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ رضي الله عنه، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللهِ ﷺ قَالَ: «مَا مِنْ نَبِيٍّ بَعَثَهُ اللهُ فِي أُمَّةٍ قَبْلِي إِلَّا كَانَ لَهُ مِنْ أُمَّتِهِ حَوَارِيُّونَ وَأَصْحَابٌ يَأْخُذُونَ بِسُنَّتِهِ وَيَقْتَدُونَ بِأَمْرِهِ، ثُمَّ إِنَّهَا تَخْلُفُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ خُلُوفٌ يَقُولُونَ مَا لَا يَفْعَلُونَ، وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا لَا يُؤْمَرُونَ، فَمَنْ جَاهَدَهُمْ بِيَدِهِ فَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَمَنْ جَاهَدَهُمْ بِلِسَانِهِ فَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَمَنْ جَاهَدَهُمْ بِقَلْبِهِ فَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلَيْسَ وَرَاءَ ذَلِكَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ حَبَّةُ خَرْدَلٍ »

ʿAbdullāh ibn Masʿūd (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

“There has never been a Prophet whom Allāh sent to a nation before me except that he had disciples and companions from his nation who adhered to his Sunnah and followed his commands. Then, after them, there came successors who said what they did not do and did what they had not been commanded to do.

Whoever strives against them with his hand is a believer; whoever strives against them with his tongue is a believer; and whoever strives against them with his heart is a believer. Beyond that, there is not even the weight of a mustard seed of faith.”

Reported by Muslim and Ahmad.

Hadith Thirteen

The Religion is Sincere Advice

عَنْ تَمِيمٍ الدَّارِيِّ رضي الله عنه، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ: «الدِّينُ النَّصِيحَةُ. قُلْنَا: لِمَنْ؟ قَالَ: لِلَّهِ وَلِكِتَابِهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِأَئِمَّةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَعَامَّتِهِمْ»

Tamīm al-Dārī (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

"The religion is sincere advice." We asked, "To whom?" He replied, "To Allāh, His Book, His Messenger, the leaders of the Muslims, and the common Muslims."

Reported by Muslim, Abu Dawud, Ahmad, al-Nasā'ī and Ibn Hibbān.

Hadith Fourteen

The Most Beloved Deeds to Allāh

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ رضي الله عنه، قَالَ: سَأَلْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ: أَيُّ الْعَمَلِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللهِ؟ قَالَ: «الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى وَقْتِهَا». قَالَ: ثُمَّ أَيٌّ؟ قَالَ: «بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ». قَالَ: ثُمَّ أَيٌّ؟ قَالَ: «الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللهِ». قَالَ: حَدَّثَنِي بِهِنَّ، وَلَوِ اسْتَزَدْتُهُ لَزَادَنِي.

ʿAbdullāh ibn Masʿūd (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated:

I asked the Prophet ﷺ, "Which deed is most beloved to Allāh?" He replied, "The prayer performed at its prescribed time." I asked, "Then what?" He replied, "Kindness to one's parents." I asked, "Then what?" He replied, "Jihād in the path of Allāh."

He said, "He told me these things, and had I asked him for more, he would have told me more."

Reported by al-Bukhārī, Muslim and Ahmad.