

# الحث على العناية بكتاب الله وتعلمه

An Incitation Towards Being  
Specially Attentive  
And Being Diligent On  
The Book Of Allâh  
And Learning it.

By his eminence , The reviver ,  
al-Imâm ‘Abdul-‘Azîz ibn Bâz

(may Allâh have mercy on him)

## TRANSLATORS INTRODUCTION

All perfect Praise is for *Allâh*, we praise Him, seek His aid, and ask His forgiveness. We seek refuge in *Allâh* from the evils of ourselves and from our bad deeds.

He whom *Allâh* guides, there is None to misguide him, and He whom he leaves astray, there is none to guide him!

I bear witness that none is worthy of worship but *Allâh*, who is alone without partners, and I bear witness that Muhammad (*sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*) is His slave and Messenger.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

*“O you who believe! Fear Allâh (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared.*

*[Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always],  
and die not except in a state of Islâm (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allâh.”*

[Sûrah Âl-‘Imrân : 102]

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

*“O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women and fear Allâh through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship)!! Surely, Allâh is Ever an All Watcher over you.”*

[Sûrah An-Nisâ :1]

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَفُؤَلُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا  
يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ  
فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

*“O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise).”*

[Sûrah Al-Ahzâb : 70-71]

## To Proceed.....

Verily the most truthful speech is the Book of *Allâh*, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam* .

And the worst matters are the newly invented matters, and ALL new matters are innovations into the religion, and all the innovations are misguidance, and all the misguidance lead to the fire.

## To Proceed.....

After praising *Allâh*, I would like to thank -and I pray to *Allâh* to have mercy on- Our elder , the *Muftî* , the Reviver of this religion –in this era- , the *Shaykh* , *al-‘Allâmah*, *al-Imâm* ‘Abdul-‘Azîz ibn Abdillâh ibn Bâz. <sup>1</sup>We thank him for all the efforts he has put in striving for this religion and specifically for this tremendous treatise.

Surely our words cannot describe who he was, and what he did for the Islamic nation. May *Allâh* grant him paradise, and gather us with him therein. We have translated this short chapter from him due to the numerous benefits and lessons in it.

The source of the work was from a meeting where he spoke to the students and the caretakers of one of the institutions for teaching the *Qur’ân*. It can be found in: *Majmû’ Fatâwa wa maqâlât Ibn Bâz* : Vol 24. Pg.139.

*InshaAllâh* (God Willing) I hope this book will be a source of benefit to everyone.

Then I would like to thank the translators of this book, my brother Abû ‘Ibraahim and his wife Umm ‘Âishah al-Bulbâzî. May *Allâh* reward them with all the best.

If there is good in this treatise then it is from the blessings of *Allâh*, and if there are any mistakes then it is from ourselves and from the cursed *Shaytân* (Satan).

Lastly, I ask *Allâh* to have mercy on my mother and my father.  
And on all the Muslims in the world.

And to make us amongst His special people, the *Ahlul-Qur’ân* [The people who hold on to the *Qur’ân*], reciting it, memorizing it, pondering over it, and acting upon it.

And I ask Him to preserve the people of the *Sunnah* – Those on the Methodology of the Companions – and to make us amongst them.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All perfect praise is for *Allâh*, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of *Allâh*, and upon his family and his companions, and to those who followed their guidance.

To proceed: Indeed I thank *Allâh*, The One free from all Imperfections, for this meeting.

There is no doubt that the *Qur'ân* is the revealed speech of *Allâh*, and it is not created. From Him it came and to Him it shall return.

He inspired it to His slave and His Messenger, and the last of His prophets; Muhammad ibn Abdullâh, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*. And in it is a proof on all the creatures.

*Allâh*, the Exalted says:

الر كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتُخْرِجَ النَّاسَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْعَزِيزِ  
الْحَمِيدِ ،

“*Alif-Lâm-Râ*.”

*(This is) a Book which We have revealed unto you (O Muhammad peace and blessings be upon you) in order that you might lead mankind out of darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of belief in the Oneness of Allâh and Islamic Monotheism) by their Lord's Leave to the Path of the All-Mighty, the Owner of all Praise.”*<sup>2</sup>

And He, the Exalted, said:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا  
كَبِيرًا

*“Verily, this Qur'ân guides to that which is most just and right and gives glad tidings to the believers (in the Oneness of Allâh and His Messenger, Muhammad peace and blessings be him, etc.). who work deeds of righteousness, that they shall have a great reward (Paradise).”*<sup>3</sup>

And He, the Exalted, said:

قُلْ هُوَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا هُدًى وَشِفَاءً

*“... Say: “It is for those who believe, a guide and a healing..”*<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Sûrah Ibrâhîm : 1

<sup>3</sup> Sûrah al-Isrâ : 9

<sup>4</sup> Sûrah Fussilat : 44

And He, the Exalted, said:

وَأَنَّهُ لَنَزِيلُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ نَزَلَ بِهِ الرُّوحُ الْأَمِينُ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ لِتَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُنذِرِينَ بِلِسَانٍ عَرَبِيٍّ مُبِينٍ

*“And truly, this (the Qur’ân) is a revelation from the Lord of the ‘Alamîn (mankind, jinns and all that exists), Which the trustworthy Rûh [Jibrîl (Gabriel)] has brought down; Upon your heart (O Muhammad peace and blessings be him) that you may be (one) of the warners, In the plain Arabic language.”*<sup>5</sup>

And He, the Exalted, said:

كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

*“(This is) a Book (the Qur’ân) which We have sent down to you, full of blessings that they may ponder over its Verses, and that men of understanding may remember.”*<sup>6</sup>

And He, the Most Majestic, the Most Mighty, said:

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

*“And this is a blessed Book (the Qur’ân) which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allâh (i.e. do not disobey His Orders), that you may receive mercy (i.e. saved from the Hell).”*<sup>7</sup>

So it is obligatory on every sane adult to act upon this Book, and tread upon its guidance, and act upon what *Allâh* has clarified in it, and be aware of going against that.

Just as it is obligatory on them to act upon the *Sunnah* of the Prophet, *sallAllâhu ‘alayhi wasallam*.

Just as the Exalted said:

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَا حُمِّلْتُمْ وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

*“Say: “Obey Allâh and obey the Messenger, but if you turn away, he (Messenger Muhammad peace and blessings be him) is only responsible for the duty placed on him (i.e. to convey Allâh’s Message) and you for that placed on you.*

*If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance.*

*The Messenger’s duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way.”*<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Sûrah ash-Shu’arâ : 192-195

<sup>6</sup> Sûrah Sâd : 29

<sup>7</sup> Sûrah al-An’âm : 155

<sup>8</sup> Sûrah an-Nûr : 54

And He, the Exalted, said:

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمُ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا

“....And whatsoever the Messenger (Muhammad peace and blessings be him) gives you, take it, and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain (from it)....”<sup>9</sup>

And He, the One free from all imperfections, informed that He sent him to all the people- the jinn’s and the humans, the Arabs and the non-Arabs.

The Exalted said:

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعاً الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ فَأَمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَلِمَاتِهِ وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

“Say (O Muhammad peace and blessings be him): "O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allâh - to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. Lâ ilâha illâ Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He); It is He Who gives life and causes death. So believe in Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad peace and blessings be him), the Prophet who can neither read nor write (i.e. Muhammad peace and blessings be him) who believes in Allâh and His Words [(this Qur’ân), the Tawrât (Torah) and the Injîl (Gospel) and also Allâh’s Word: "Be!" - and he was, [i.e. 'Êsâ (Jesus) son of Maryam (Mary)], and follow him so that you may be guided.”<sup>10</sup>

Therefore, guidance is through following him, *sallAllâhu ‘alayhi wasallam*, and by following what has come in the Book of Allâh, the Most Mighty, the Most Majestic. Verily He, the One free from all imperfections, said:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا

“And We have not sent you (O Muhammad peace and blessings be him) except as a giver of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind, but most of men know not.”<sup>11</sup>

And the Exalted said:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

“And We have sent you not but as a mercy for the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinns and all that exists)”

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<sup>9</sup> Sûrah al-Hashr : 7

<sup>10</sup> Sûrah al-A'râf : 158

<sup>11</sup> Sûrah Sabâ : 28

<sup>12</sup> Sûrah al-Anbiyâ : 107

And the noble messenger, *sallAllâhu ‘alayhi wasallam*, said:

بعثت إلى الناس عامة

“I was sent to all the people.”<sup>13</sup>

So it is obligatory on every sane adult:

-To hold on and follow the Book of *Allâh*,

-And the *Sunnah* of His messenger, *sallAllâhu ‘alayhi wasallam*.

And in another *Hadîth* [the noble messenger, *sallAllâhu ‘alayhi wasallam*, said]:

وإني تارك فيكم ثقلين ؛ أولهما : كتاب الله - عز وجل - فيه الهدى والنور ؛  
فخذوا بكتاب الله - تعالى - واستمسكوا به.

“Indeed I leave you with two great things ; The first of which is the Book of *Allâh* - The Most Majestic, The Most Mighty- In it is guidance and light. Therefore stick on to the Book of *Allâh* -The Exalted- and hold on firmly to it.”<sup>14</sup>

And Indeed *Allâh* created the creation to worship Him. He, the Exalted said:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“And I (*Allâh*) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (alone).”<sup>15</sup>

And He commanded them with that. He, the Exalted said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمْ

“O mankind! Worship your Lord (*Allâh*), Who created you and those who were before you so that you may become *Al-Muttaqûn* (the pious).”<sup>16</sup>

And He sent [all] His messengers because of that.

He, the Most High, the Most Mighty, said:

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

<sup>13</sup> Agreed upon.

<sup>14</sup> Narrated by Imâm Muslim and Musnad of Imâm Ahmad : 18464

<sup>15</sup> Sûrah adh-Dhâriyât : 56

<sup>16</sup> Sûrah al-Baqarah : 21

*"And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): "Worship Allâh (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Tâghût (all false deities, etc. i.e. do not worship Tâghût besides Allâh)."* <sup>17</sup>

And this '*ibâdah* (worship), it is: Obeying *Allâh*, and it is having *Tawhîd* of *Allâh* [Singling Him out alone in worship , reliance, assistance, affirmation of His names and attributes , and declaring him free from any imperfections and any similitude's..] , and it is having fear of *Allâh* , and [indeed] it is piety and guidance .

Just as the Exalted said:

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِنْ رَبِّهِمُ الْهُدَىٰ

*"...there has surely come to them the Guidance from their Lord!"* <sup>18</sup>

Therefore it is a must to seek knowledge of these '*ibâdah* (worship) and to have insight in them; and this is the religion of *Islâm*.

Verily you are created for '*ibâdah* (worship), therefore it is upon you, O man, and it is upon you, O woman, it is upon you all to seek knowledge and know about these '*ibâdah* (worship). And to understand them greatly, such that you execute them upon clear insight and understanding. And this is the religion of *Islâm*.

And it is the truth and guidance, and it is having fear of *Allâh*, and establishing the *Tawhîd* of Him, and obeying Him, and sticking on to His *Sharî'ah* (Legislation). Thus, this is the '*ibâdah* (worship) which you have been created for.

*Allâh* named His [whole] religion as '*ibâdah* (worship); this is because in this world the slave is to fulfill it, [and it is] by humility and submission.

Therefore the religion of *Islâm* all of it is '*ibâdah* (worship) and having piety and fear of *Allâh*; and the *Salâh* (prayers) is '*ibâdah* (worship), and the *Zakât* (giving of alms) is '*ibâdah* (worship), and the *Sawm* (fasting) is '*ibâdah* (worship), and the *Jihâd* is '*ibâdah* (worship), and likewise all that which *Allâh* has obligated for us to fulfill and to obey Him.

Therefore this great religion of *Islâm*, it is '*ibâdah* (worship) which you have been created for. And it is having piety and fear of *Allâh*, and [indeed] it is piety and guidance.

Thus it is obligatory on all the creatures [to all the people] - the jinn's and the humans, the males and the females - to have piety and the fear of *Allâh*, and to worship Him – by observing His commands and staying away from His prohibitions, and having *ikhâlâs*

<sup>17</sup> Sûrah a-Nahl : 36

<sup>18</sup> Sûrah an-Najm : 23

(complete sincerity) to Him, and to stay away from worshipping any other than Him - as such it is obligatory on every sane adult to direct their *'Ibâdah* (worship) to *Allâh* alone.

And this is the meaning of the statement ***'Lâ ilâha illaAllâh.'*** Verily its meaning is that: 'There is none who is truthfully worshipped except *Allâh*. [I.e. There is none who truly deserves to be worshipped except Him].'

Just as He, the Exalted, said:

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ،

*"That is because Allâh He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Bâtîl (falsehood) And verily, Allâh He is the Most High, the Most Great."*<sup>19</sup>

And He, the Most High, the Most Mighty, said:

وَالْهُكْمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

*"And your Ilâh (God) is One Ilâh (God - Allâh), Lâ ilâha illâ Huwa (there is none who has the right to be worshipped but He), the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful."*<sup>20</sup>

And, He, the Exalted, said:

فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ

*"So know (O Muhammad peace and blessings be upon him) that Lâ ilâha ill-Allâh (none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh), and ask forgiveness for your sin"*<sup>21</sup>

So this is the meaning of the statement ***'Lâ ilâha illaAllâh'***; [I.e. There is none who truly deserves to be worshipped except Him].

And the Lord is the One who is worshipped sincerely from the heart, and Glorifying Him through observing different types of *'Ibâdah* (worship). And this, none deserves it except *Allâh* alone.

Hence it is a must on all the people of the earth - the *jinn's* and the humans- and all the sane adults from among the males and the females, and the Arabs and the non-Arabs; [it is a must on them all] to worship *Allâh*, and to have piety and the fear of Him, and to

<sup>19</sup> Sûrah al-Hajj : 62

<sup>20</sup> Sûrah al-Baqarah : 163

<sup>21</sup> Sûrah Muhammad : 19

observe His commands, and stay away from His prohibitions, and to stop from transgressing the bounds.

And [all of this together with] having *Ikhlâs* (complete sincerity), and truthfulness, and Hope, and fear of Him.

Verily they are created for this [purpose of] '*ibâdah* (worship) and they are created to have piety and the fear of Him, and to obey Him.

And verily they are created to be upon the religion of *Islâm*, which is the '*ibâdah* (worship) to *Allâh* alone. As they are commanded with that.

He, the Exalted, said :

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

*"Truly, the religion with Allâh is Islâm."* <sup>22</sup>

And, He, the Exalted, said :

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

*"And whoever seeks a religion other than Islâm, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers."* <sup>23</sup>

And, He, the Exalted, said :

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

*"This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islâm as your religion."* <sup>24</sup>

This *Islâm*, which *Allâh* is pleased with from us – and which He does not accept from us other than it - it is the '*ibâdah* (worship) of *Allâh*, and it is having *Tawhîd* of *Allâh* and obeying Him, and it is following His Legislation; through statements, actions, and creed.

Just as the Exalted said:

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

*"Truly, the religion with Allâh is Islâm."*

And there is no way to achieve this knowledge and this understanding of the '*ibâdah* (worship) of *Allâh*, except by *Allâh* [facilitating and granting it.]

<sup>22</sup> Sûrah Âl-'Imrân: 19

<sup>23</sup> Sûrah Âl-'Imrân: 85

<sup>24</sup> Sûrah al-Mâ'idah : 3

Then after that, it is by seeking the legislated knowledge until you have knowledge of the religion of *Allâh* which you are created for. And this is the religion of *Islâm*, and it is the *Tawhîd* of *Allâh* and Obeying Him.

So it is a must to seek knowledge and understanding, [and it is a must] to have attention and diligence on the Noble *Qur'ân* and the *Sunnah*. To the extent where you will have the knowledge of this '*ibâdah* (worship) which you have been created to observe. And to the extent where you will fulfill these by having complete sincerity to *Allâh*, and love of *Allâh*, and glorification of *Allâh* at all times and places.

And also it is a must to be upright and steadfast on *Tawhîd* of *Allâh* and in obeying Him, and following His Legislation, and abandoning what He has prohibited – forever and ever. And wherever you might be, until the moment you die, you are upon that.

Just as the Exalted said to His Prophet, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*:

وَأَعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ

*“And worship your Lord until there comes unto you the certainty (i.e. death).” F<sup>25</sup>*

Meaning: death.

And He, the Exalted said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ .  
وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

*“O you who believe! Fear Allâh (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared.*

*[Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always],*

*and die not except in a state of Islâm (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allâh.*

*And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allâh (i.e. this Qur'ân), and be not divided among yourselves...” F<sup>26</sup>*

This is the '*ibâdah* (worship) which you have been created to observe: [it is] to have piety and the fear of *Allâh*, and holding on to His rope [the *Qur'ân*], and having uprightness and steadfastness upon His religion, and to ask of Him; to help you upon the Book of *Allâh* , and to learn the Book of *Allâh* , and to seek understanding of it, and of the *Sunnah* of the Prophet of *Allâh*, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*.

In accordance to the statement of the Prophet, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*:

<sup>25</sup> Sûrah al-Hijr : 99

<sup>26</sup> Sûrah Âl-'Imrân : 102-103

من يرد الله به خيراً يفقهه في الدين

“Whoever Allâh wishes good for ; He grants him understanding of the religion.”<sup>27</sup>

And, I congratulate those who are running these schools, in their diligence and care of the Book of *Allâh*. And I thank them regarding what they are undertaking, in form of glorification of the Book of *Allâh* and teaching and learning it.

Indeed this is the path to happiness, for the one who is steadfast upon it, and for the one who has *Ikhlâs* (doing it sincerely for *Allâh*) upon it.

We ask *Allâh* to help them in that which He is pleased with, and that which will bring their success, and that which is facilitation for their understanding and knowledge of the religion.

And I strongly encourage all the teachers and the students, to focus their attention and have prudence of the Book of *Allâh*.

And I advise all the people to having diligence and attention to the Book of *Allâh*, its recitation, pondering over it, understanding it, acting upon it, and memorizing.

Verily in the Book of *Allâh* is Light and Guidance. Just as the One who is free from all imperfections said:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ

“Verily, this Qur'ân guides to that which is most just and right...”<sup>28</sup>

And He, the Exalted said:

قُلْ هُوَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا هُدًى وَشِفَاءً

“... Say: "It is for those who believe, a guide and a healing..”<sup>29</sup>

And He ,the One who is free from all imperfections, said:

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

“And this is a blessed Book (the Qur'ân) which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allâh (i.e. do not disobey His Orders), that you may receive mercy (i.e. saved from the torment).”<sup>30</sup>

<sup>27</sup> Agreed upon.

<sup>28</sup> Sûrah al-Isrâ : 9

<sup>29</sup> See Footnote 3

<sup>30</sup> See Footnote 6

Therefore in this great Book is guidance and light, and in (reciting) and learning it; every letter has a reward, and the reward is multiplied ten times.

And I [again] advise all the people to having diligence and attention to the Book of *Allâh*, the Most High, the Most Mighty; learning it, reciting it, and pondering over its meanings.

And to have a strong will in understanding its meanings, and then acting upon that. Together with memorizing whatever is easy for the person.

And verily it is the Greatest Book, and the most Truthful of all the books.

Indeed *Allâh* revealed it as a mercy to all the people, and a cure for the hearts.

And likewise he made the Prophet, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*, a mercy and a guide to the people. Just as the Exalted said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَشِفَاءٌ لِمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ  
لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

*"O mankind! There has come to you a good advice from your Lord (i.e. the Qur'an, ordering that is good and forbidding all that is evil), and a healing for that (disease of ignorance, doubt, hypocrisy and differences, etc.) in your breasts, - and a guidance and a mercy (explaining lawful and unlawful things, etc.) for the believers."*<sup>31</sup>

And He, the Exalted said:

وَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تِبْيَانًا لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ

*"..And We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'an) as an exposition of everything, a guidance, a mercy, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves (to Allâh)."*<sup>32</sup>

And He, the Exalted said:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

*"And We have sent you not but as a mercy for the 'Alamîn (all that exists)."*<sup>33</sup>

Therefore it is upon us to learn this Book, and have an understanding of it, such that we can know what we have been created for. [And] So we know the worship which we have been created for, hence we can be steadfast and upright on it.

<sup>31</sup> Sûrah Yûnus : 57

<sup>32</sup> Sûrah an-Nahl : 89

<sup>33</sup> See Footnote 11

And likewise the *Sunnah*, the *Sunnah* of the Prophet, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*, we have to learn it, and preserve it, and have understanding of it, and ask regarding what is doubtful to us.

The student always asks regarding that which is hard on him in the Book of *Allâh* and the *Sunnah* of His Prophet.

The Exalted said :

فَاسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

“So ask the people of remembrance [the Scholars who are on the right path] if you know not.”<sup>34</sup>

So learning the Book of *Allâh* is from the greatest bounties from *Allâh*.

Therefore I encourage every student of knowledge to be diligent and have extra attention to the Book of *Allâh*. Recitation, pondering, understanding, and acting upon it. And this is a great blessing.

And I advise you to have uprightness and be steadfast in this great goodness, and to ask *Allâh* for facilitation and to give you sincerity in directing your actions to Him alone.

And to be prudent in understanding the Book of *Allâh*, and the *Sunnah* of His Prophet, *sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*, together with acting upon the obligatory matters, and leaving off the *harâm* (prohibited matters), and being hasty into doing all that which is good, and avoiding all that which is evil, and to recite the Book of *Allâh* and study it and gain understanding of it.

And [also I advise you] in returning to the beneficial books of *tafsîr* (commentaries of the *Qur'ân*) like the *tafsîr* of Ibn Jarîr , and Ibn Kathîr, and Baghawî , and others ... so that to know the truth, and understand what is hard on them [the students].

And it is upon the student to ask his teacher regarding what he is finding difficult, with the intention of rectification and while having desire for it, so that he can have understanding of the Book of *Allâh*.

And it is upon the teacher to be diligent in that towards the student; in the aspect of directing them, guiding them, and teaching them what is good and the actions.

And they, the youth have to be doers of good, learning and acting upon what they learn. And hastening towards all that which is good.

And that which is more important after the testification of *Islâm* is the observation of the five daily prayers , and preserving them in the *masjid* with the congregation.

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<sup>34</sup> Sûrah an-Nahl : 43

And it is upon the scholars to be good examples, and be among those who hasten to attend the congregational prayer. Such that those who are less than them will take notice of their humility in observing this matter [and thus imitate them].

Indeed the scholars are the inheritors of the prophets – and ahead of them –are the messengers (peace and blessings be upon them all). And after the prophets, the scholars are their successors, they call to *Allâh* by statements, actions, and character.

And likewise the students of knowledge; it is upon them to learn and to teach, and to be good examples to others, and to make apparent the effects of the knowledge and the understanding they gain from the religion, and from the Book of *Allâh*.

We ask *Allâh* by His most beautiful names and His exalted attributes, to facilitate for all that which He is pleased with, and to grant, for all, an understanding in the religion of *Allâh*, and to grant us with diligence and extra attention to His Book and to the *Sunnah* of His Prophet (*sallAllâhu 'alayhi wasallam*) and to act upon them.

And to call to them [the Book and the *Sunnah*], and to hold on to them, through statements, actions, creed and understanding.

And we ask Him to secure us from the trials of deviance and the whisperings of the devil.

Just as we ask Him, the One free from all imperfections, to grant victory to His religion, and to exalt His word, and to rectify the affairs of the *Muslims* in all lands, and to bestow on them understanding of the religion, and to facilitate the leaders of the *Muslims* to that which pleases Him, and to mend their affairs and bestow on them steadfastness upon His religion and ruling by His Legislation.

Just as we ask Him, the One free from all imperfections, to facilitate for our leaders in Saudi Arabia towards all that which pleases Him, and to aid them in all that is good, and to rectify their matters, and to make them amongst the guided ones and those who guide others, and to repel from them and us and all *Muslims*, from the trails of deviations and the plans of the devils, and to make all of us amongst His righteous slaves, and among his successful party.

Indeed He is The All-Hearer, The one who is near.

And may peace and blessings be upon our prophet Muhammad, and on his family and all of his companions, and to those who followed their guidance to Day of Judgment.”

[End of the speech of Al-Imâm Ibn Bâz (*rahimahullâh*).]

*And our last message is ; Alhamdulillahil Rabbil 'âlamîn  
[ All Perfect Praise is for Allâh , The Lord of All the Worlds ]*