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Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan [May Allaah preserve him]

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "He says: Oh virtuous Shaykh, may Allaah grant you success! Is this an authentic hadeeth: "The differing of my Ummah is a mercy"¹?"

Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan [May Allaah preserve him]: "No. It is not an authentic hadeeth. And differing is not a mercy. Differing is a punishment. And Allaah the Majestic and Most High forbade differing and disunity. Differing occurs but it is settled by returning back to the Book of Allaah..."

[(And) if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allaah and his Messenger [(sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him]]²

And otherwise it does occur. From the nature of the human being is that differing occurs but it is obligatory to return back to the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (May Allaah send peace and blessings upon him) and the differing will come to an end. But as for us remaining upon differing, no, that is impermissible. Yes."

السؤال: يقول: فضيلة الشيخ وفقكم الله. أهذا حديث صحيح: إختلاف أمتي رحمة؟

الجواب: لا. ما هو حديث صحيح. والإختلاف ما هو برحمة. الإختلاف عذاب. والله جل وعلا نهى عن الإختلاف والتفرق. الإختلاف يقع لكن يحسم بالرجوع إلى كتاب الله (فإن تنازعتم في شيء فردوه إلى الله والرسول). وإلا هو يقع. طبيعة البشر يقع الخلاف لكن يجب الرجوع إلى كتاب الله وسنة رسوله وينتهي الخلاف. أما أن نبقى على الخلاف. لا. ما يجوز هذا. نعم

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¹ The great Muhaddith Muhammad Naasiruddeen al-Albaanee, may Allaah have mercy upon him, mentions in "Silsilah al-ahaadeeth ad-da'eefah" regarding this hadeeth: "There is no basis for it".

² Soorah an-Nisaa' [4:59]