## أخطاء بعض المسلمين في رجب

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### MISTAKES OF SOME MUSLIMS IN RAJAB

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أَخُطْبَةُ ٱلْأُولَى:

**First Sermon:** 

الحمدُ للهِ الذي أنعَمَ عَلَيْنا بالإسلامِ الذي كَمَّلَهُ حَتَّى بَلَغَ التمامَ، والصلاةُ والسلامُ على خيرِ الأنامِ محمدِ بنِ عبدِ اللهِ اللهِ وأشهدُ ألَّا إلهَ إلا اللهُ وحدَهُ لا شريكَ لَهُ وأشهدُ أنَّ محمدًا عبدُهُ ورسولُهُ.

All praise is due to Allāh, who has blessed us with Islam, which He has perfected until it has reached its completion. Peace and blessings be upon the best of creation, Muḥammad ibn ʿAbdullāh . I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worshiped but Allāh, alone without any partners, and I bear witness that Muḥammad is His servant and Messenger.

 $\{O\ you\ who\ have\ believed,\ fear\ All\ as\ He\ should\ be\ feared\ and\ do\ not\ die\ except\ as\ Muslims.\ \bigcirc\ \}$   $\{Ali-{\rm Imr\ an\ 3:102}\}$ 

أمًّا بعدُ:

To proceed:

فإنّنا في شهرِ رجبِ الذي كانَ أهلُ الجاهليَّةِ يُعظِّمونَهُ، ثبتَ عندَ ابنِ أبي شيبةَ أنَّ عمرَ بنَ الخطابِ - على يضرِبُ أَكُفَّ الناسِ في رجبٍ، حقى يضعُوها في الجِفَانِ، ويقولُ: "كُلُوا، فإنَّمَا هوَ شهرُ كانَ يُعَظِّمُهُ أهلُ الجاهليَّةِ".

We are in the month of Rajab, a month that the people of Jāhiliyyah (pre-Islamic era of ignorance) used to venerate. Ibn Abī Shaybah has authentically reported that 'Umar ibn Al-Khaṭṭāb would strike the hands of people in Rajab until they placed them in the food dishes, saying, "Eat, for it is merely a month that the people of Jāhiliyyah used to venerate."

وَمِنْ أُصُولِ الشريعةِ الإسلاميَّةِ مُخَالَفَةُ مَا عليهِ أَهلُ الجاهليَّةِ، فَفِي صحيحِ مسلمٍ عَن أبي مالكِ الأشعريِّ أنَّ النبيَّ فَ قالَ: «أَرْبَعُ فِي أُمَّتِي مِنْ أُمْرِ الجَاهِليَّةِ لَا يَتْرُكُونَهُنَّ: الْفَحْرُ فِي الأَحْسَابِ، وَالطَّعْنُ فِي الأَنْسَابِ، وَاللَّيْسَابُ وَالنَّيَاحَةُ».

Among the principles of Islamic law is opposing the practices of the people of Jāhiliyyah (pre-Islamic era of ignorance). In Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim, it is narrated from Abū Mālik Al-A<u>sh</u>carī that the Prophet said:

«There are four matters in my Ummah that are from the affairs of Jāhiliyyah that they will not abandon: boasting about ancestry, defaming lineage, seeking rain through the stars, and wailing (over the dead).»

وَقَدْ أَلَّفَ الإمامُ المُجَدِّدُ محمدُ بنِ عبدِ الوهابِ - وَسَالةً مُفِيدَةً فِيدَةً فِي بيانِ الأمورِ التي خالَفَتْ الشريعةُ المحمديةُ مَا عليهِ أهلُ الجاهليةِ، فَحَبَّذَا قِرَاءَتُها فإنَّهَا جَمَعَتْ بينَ الاختصارِ وسهولةِ العبارةِ وغزارةِ العلمِ.

The eminent scholar and reformer, Imam Muḥammad ibn 'Abd Al-Wahhāb , authored a beneficial treatise explaining the matters in which the <u>Sh</u>arī 'ah of Muḥammad opposed the

practices of the people of Jāhiliyyah. It is highly recommended to read this work, as it combines brevity, clarity of expression, and a wealth of knowledge.

وَقَدْ وَقَعَ كَثيرٌ مِن المسلمينَ في بدعٍ في شهرِ رجبٍ، والبِدَعُ مِن أبغَضِ الأعمالِ إلى اللهِ؛ لأنَّ حقيقَتَهَا استِدْرَاكُ على الشرع، وتَقَدُّمُ بينَ يدي اللهِ ورسولِهِ عَلَى احذروهَا وَحَذَّرُوا مِنْهَا طاعةً للهِ وابتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِهِ.

Many Muslims have fallen into innovations (bida') during the month of Rajab. Innovations are among the most detested actions to Allāh because their essence implies an addition to the Sharī'ah and a presumption to act ahead of Allāh and His Messenger. Therefore, beware of such practices and warn others against them out of obedience to Allāh and seeking His pleasure.

Among these innovations are the following:

البدعة الأولى: الاجتِهَادُ في الصيامِ برجبٍ، والإِكْثَارُ حتَّى إِنَّ بعضَهُم يصومُ شهرَ رجبٍ كُلَّهُ، وهذا مِن البدعِ المُنكرةِ، فَقَدْ تَقَدَّمَ أَنَّ عُمَرَ بنَ الخطاب - الله كانَ يَنْهَى عَن صيامِهِ؛ لأنهُ شهرُ كانَتْ تُعَظِّمُهُ أهلُ

الجاهليةِ، وَثَبَتَ عِندَ عبدِ الرزاقِ أنَّ عبدَ اللهِ بنِ عباسٍ - اللهِ كانَ ينهَى عَن صيامِ رجبٍ كُلِّهِ؛ لِئلَّا يُتَّخَذَ عِيدًا.

The first innovation: Exerting great effort in fasting during the month of Rajab, including some individuals fasting the entire month. This is one of the reprehensible innovations. As mentioned earlier, 'Umar ibn Al-Khaṭṭāb prohibited fasting in Rajab because it was a month venerated by the people of Jāhiliyyah. Furthermore, it is authentically reported by 'Abdur-Razzāq that 'Abdullāh ibn 'Abbās would discourage fasting the entire month of Rajab to prevent it from being regarded as a festive occasion.

وإنَّمَا شهرُ رجبٍ كغيرِهِ مِن الشهورِ يُصَامُ فيهِ يومُ الاثنينِ والخميسِ وأيامُ البيضِ وَمَا تَيَسَّرَ صِيامُهُ، لكِنْ لَا يُخَصُّ بمزيدِ صيامٍ، فإنَّ هذا مِن البدعِ المنكرةِ.

Indeed, the month of Rajab is like any other month, where it is recommended to fast on Mondays, Thursdays, the white days (13th, 14th, and 15th of the lunar month), or whatever one finds easy to fast. However, it should not be singled out for

additional fasting beyond this, as doing so is among the reprehensible innovations.

إلا أنَّ مَن صامَ الأشهرَ الحُرُمَ كُلَّهَا -وَهِيَ مُحَرَّمُ وَرَجَبُ وَذُو القِعْدَةِ وَذُو الْحِعْدَةِ وَنُو الْحِيْرَةِ فَيُستَحَبُّ لهُ صِيامُ رَجَبٍ تَبَعًا، كَمَا ثبتَ عندَ عبدِ الرزاقِ عن ابنِ عمرَ، وإلى هذا ذهبَ جمعُ مِن أهلِ العلم كالحسنِ البصريِّ وأبي إسحاقَ السَّبِيعيِّ والثوريِّ، وغيرِهِم، لكن لا يُصامُ رَجَبُ وحدَهُ.

However, for those who fast all the sacred months—namely, Muḥarram, Rajab, <u>Dh</u>ul-Qa<sup>c</sup>dah, and <u>Dh</u>ul-Ḥijjah—it is recommended for them to fast during Rajab as part of fasting these months collectively. This is supported by a report from 'Abdur-Razzāq regarding Ibn 'Umar and several scholars, including Al-Ḥasan Al-Baṣrī, Abū Isḥāq As-Sabī<sup>c</sup>ī, and A<u>th-Th</u>awrī, among others, uphold this view. However, Rajab should not be singled out for fasting on its own.

البدعةُ الثانيةُ: صلاةُ الرَّغَائِبِ، يعتقدُ بعضُ المسلمينَ أنهُ يُستَحَبُّ أَنْ يُحِيىَ مَا بينَ المغربِ والعشاءِ بالصلاةِ في الليلةِ الأولى مِن ليالي الجمعةِ في ما بينَ المغربِ والعشاءِ بالصلاةِ الرَّغَائِبِ، وَلَمْ يَصِحْ فيها حديثُ في شهرِ رجبٍ، وَسَمَّاها مُحدِثُوهَا بصلاةِ الرَّغَائِبِ، وَلَمْ يَصِحْ فيها حديثُ

عَن رسولِ اللهِ ﷺ بإجماع أهلِ العلم، كَمَا بَيَّنَ ذلكَ شيخُ الإسلامِ ابنُ تيميةَ، والعِزُّ بنُ عبدِ السلامِ، والنوويُّ وجماعةٌ كثيرةٌ مِن أهلِ العلمِ.

The second innovation: The prayer of Raghā'ib (the prayer of desires), where some Muslims believe it is recommended to perform a specific prayer between Maghrib and 'Ishā' on the first night of Friday in the month of Rajab. This prayer is called **Ṣalat Ar-Raghā'ib**. However, there is no authentic narration about it from the Messenger of Allāh , as confirmed by the consensus of scholars. This has been clarified by scholars such as <u>Shaykh</u> Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, Al-'Izz ibn 'Abd As-Salām, An-Nawawī, and many others.

بَلْ إِنَّ هذِهِ الصلاةَ لَمْ تحدُثْ في الأمةِ إِلَّا في القرنِ الخامسِ، ذَكَرَ هذا الطرطوشيُّ عَن شيخِهِ أبي محمدٍ المقدسيِّ، فَلَمْ يفعَلْهَا رسولُ اللهِ هؤ وَلَا الصَّحابةُ الكِرَامِ وَلَا التَّابِعُونَ لَهُمْ بإحسانٍ، وَلَا أئمَّةُ الإسلامِ كالأئمةِ الأربعةِ.

In fact, this prayer did not originate in the Ummah until the 5th century. Aṭ-Ṭarṭushī mentioned this from his teacher Abū Muḥammad Al-Maqdisī. The Prophet did not perform it, nor did the honorable companions (Ṣaḥābah), nor the righteous successors (Tabi $^c\bar{u}n$ ), nor the leading scholars of Islam, including the four Imams.

فَدَلَّ هذا على أنَّ هذِهِ الصلاة مِن البدع المحدثةِ التي يجبُ أنْ يُنكِرَها المسلمونَ.

This indicates that the prayer of  $Ragh\bar{a}$  is one of the newly introduced innovations ( $bida^c$ ), which Muslims must reject and deny, as the Prophet neither practiced it, nor his companions, nor the early generations of Muslims, nor the great scholars of Islam.

البدعة الثالثة: إِحْيَاءُ ليلةِ الإسراءِ والمِعراجِ في السابع والعشرينَ مِن رَجَبٍ بصلاةٍ أو احتفالٍ، وهذا مِن البدع المُنكرَةِ؛ لأنهُ لَمْ يثبُتْ تحديدُ الإسراءِ باليومِ السابعِ والعشرينَ مِن رجبٍ، كمَا بَيَّنَ ذلكَ شيخُ الإسلامِ ابنُ تيمية - الله - ، ثُمَّ لو ثَبَتَ أنهُ أُسْرِيَ بِهِ في في اليومِ السابع والعشرينَ مِن رَجَبٍ فإنهُ لا يَصِحُ الاحتفالُ بِهِ، وَلَا تخصيصُهُ بمزيدِ عبادةٍ؛ لأنهُ لو كانَ تخصيصُهُ بمزيدِ عبادةٍ مُستَحَبًّا لَفَعَلَهُ رسولُ اللهِ في والصحابةُ الكِرامُ والتابعونَ لهم بإحسانٍ.

The third innovation: The celebration of the night of Isrā' and Mi'rāj on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab with special prayers or festivities. This is one of the rejected innovations because there is no authentic evidence that the night of Isrā' took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab, as <u>Shaykh</u> Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah clarified. Even if it were established that the Isrā' occurred on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Rajab, it would still be incorrect to celebrate it or to single it out for extra acts of worship. If it were recommended to do so, the Prophet, the noble companions, and the righteous successors would have certainly practiced it.

اتَّقُوا اللهَ أَيُّها المسلمونَ، وَكُونُوا مُتَّبِعِينَ لَا مُبْتَدِعِينَ، فإنَّ الدِّينَ مَا كَانَ مَبْنِيًّا على الكتابِ والسُّنةِ وَمَا عليهِ سلَفُ الأُمَّةِ، لَا ما شاعَ وانتشَرَ مِن عاداتِ الناسِ المُخالفةِ للكتابِ والسُّنةِ.

Fear Allāh, O Muslims, and be followers, not innovators. Indeed, the religion is based on the Book (Qur'ān) and the Sunnah, and on what the early generations of the Ummah (the Salaf) practiced, not on what has become widespread and prevalent in the customs of people that contradict the Book and the Sunnah.

# أقولُ مَا تسمعونَ، وأستغفِرُ اللهَ لي وَلَكُمْ فاستغفِروهُ؛ إنهُ هُوَ الغفورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

I say what you hear, and I ask Allāh for forgiveness for myself and for you. So seek forgiveness from Him; indeed, He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

### الْخُطْبَةُ الثَّانِيَةُ:

#### Second Sermon:

All praise is due to Allāh, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allāh. As for what follows:

فَمَا أَكْثَرَ البدعَ التي انتَشَرَتْ بينَ المسلمينَ بِحُجَّةِ أَنَّهَا بدعَةُ حَسَنَةُ، يا سُبْحَانَ اللهِ فَ كيفَ تكونُ حَسَنَةً وَلَمْ يفعَلْهَا رسولُ اللهِ وَلا يا سُبْحَانَ اللهِ اللهِ وَلا اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ ال

How many innovations have spread among Muslims under the justification that they are "good innovations"? Subḥān Allāh! How can something be considered good when the Prophet , the noble companions (Ṣaḥābah), and the righteous successors (Tabiʿūn) did not practice it? Imām Muslim narrated from Jābir ibn ʿAbdullāh that the Messenger of Allāh said: «Every innovation is a form of misguidance.»

It is authentically reported by the five <code>hadīth</code> compilations, except for An-Nasā'ī, from Al-'Irbāḍ ibn Sāriyah , that the Prophet said: «Beware of newly introduced matters, for every newly introduced matter is an innovation (bid'ah).»

Al-Marwazī authentically reports from 'Abdullāh ibn 'Umar that he said: "Every innovation is misguidance, even if people consider it to be good."

فإيّاكُم أَنْ تَتَعبّدُوا الله إلّا بدليلٍ مِن كتابِ الله وسنة رسولِه في بفهم سلفِ هذه الأمة، فَلَا عبادة بمُقْتَضَى فهم الآباء والأجداد، ولا عبادة بتحسيناتِ العقولِ، وَلَا عبادة بِمَا يرجِعُ إلى أهوائِنَا وأذواقِنَا، وإنّمَا العبادة دينٌ والدّينُ يُؤخَذُ عَن اللهِ وَعَن رسولِهِ .

Beware of worshiping Allāh except with evidence from the Book of Allāh and the Sunnah of His Messenger , as understood by the righteous predecessors (Salaf) of this

Ummah. There is no worship based on the understanding of our fathers and ancestors, worship based on the improvement of human intellects, or worship according to our desires and tastes. Indeed, worship is a matter of religion, and religion is taken from Allāh and His Messenger.

(And indeed, this is My straight path, so follow it; and do not follow other paths, for they will separate you from His path. This He has instructed you that you may become righteous. (1) (Al-An<sup>c</sup>ām 6:153)

Imām Mālik said: "Whoever introduces an innovation into the religion has claimed that Muḥammad betrayed the message, because Allāh says:

(This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as your religion.) (Al-Mā'idah 5:3)."

O Muslims, indeed, the month of Rajab is one of the sacred months. In the sacred months, sins are magnified.

{Indeed, the number of months with Allāh is twelve months in the Book of Allāh, the day He created the heavens and the earth. Of these, four are sacred. That is the correct religion, so do not wrong yourselves during them. () } (At-Tawbah 9:36)

فاحْذَروا معصية اللهِ في السنةِ كُلِّها ليلًا ونهارًا، صباحًا ومساءً، وزيدُوا الحذر حَذَرًا في الأزمانِ التي يُعظَّمُ فيها جُرْمُ الذنبِ والمعصيةِ كَالأشهُرِ الحُرُمِ.

Beware of disobeying Allāh throughout the entire year, whether by night or day, in the morning or evening. Increase your caution even more during times when the gravity of sin and disobedience is magnified, such as the sacred months.

اللهُمَّ يا مَنْ لا إلهَ إلا أنتَ، اللهُمَّ يا حيُّ يا قيومُ، اللهُمَّ اجعلنا نعبُدُكَ على مَا تريدُ، اللهُمَّ اجعلنا نعبُدُكَ على هدي رسولِكَ في اللهُمَّ أحيينا على ما عليهِ السلفُ الصالحُ، وأمِتنا على ما عليهِ السلفُ الصالحُ، واجعلنا نلقاكَ وأنتَ راضٍ عَنَّا، وقُوموا إلى صلاتِكُم يَرْحَمْكُم اللهُ.

O Allāh, there is no god but You, O Ever-Living, O Sustainer of all existence. O Allāh, make us worship You in the way that pleases You. O Allāh, make us worship You according to the guidance of Your Messenger . O Allāh, grant us life while holding upon what the righteous predecessors had, and cause us to die while holding upon that. And make us meet You while You are pleased with us. Now, rise to your prayer; may Allāh have mercy on you.