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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا

فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ .

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

قُلْ أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ ثُمَّ اسْتَقِم .

BE ON THE TRUE PATH, STAY SAFE

FROM ANY WORRIES!

Honorable Muslims!

One of the Companions went near the Prophet Muhammad (saw) and said, “O Messenger of Allah! Give me a piece of advice about Islam so that I will not need to ask anybody else about it.” Then, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) said, “Say, **‘I have believed in Allah’, and be steadfast.**”¹

Dear Believers!

Human’s reason for existence is servitude to Allah, and the most important duty of human is to believe in the existence and oneness of Allah, and live steadfastly as required by such iman (faith). This is because once iman is absorbed in heart, it is manifested in feelings, thoughts, and behaviors. It leads one to the truth and truthfulness as well as honesty and steadfastness. Only then Muslims have a peaceful and honorable life. They become assured of troubles and sorrows both in this world and in the Hereafter. They attain taqwa and divine blessings.

Dear Muslims!

Istiqamah (the true path) means perseverance in faith and commitment to

promises. It means to obey Allah the Almighty and follow the Prophet Muhammad (saw). It means to be the same on the inside and on the outside, and either seem as you are or be as you seem.

Istiqamah means to be clear of blasphemy and polytheism, and stay away from committing sins and going against Allah. It means to stay away from sedition and corruption, and fight against the extreme desires of the self and the whispers of the Satan.

Dear Believers!

Muslims on the true path do not make any concessions on righteousness. They do not bend their words and never tell a lie. They observe justice and do not gravitate towards injustice. They are well-intended and sincere, and are not ostentatious. They pay due diligence in their work and do it finely, and do not resort to deception. They, with their love and respect for the Creator, show mercy and compassion to the created beings and do not hurt any living being. In short, they live on the sirat al-mustaqim (the straight path). They see the consent of Allah greater than any gain or profit. They lead a life as aware that Allah (swt) sees and hears all things, concealed or open, and that He will call His servants to account.

I would like to conclude the khutbah with the following good news of our Lord (swt), **“Indeed, those who have said, ‘Our Lord is Allah,’ and then remained on a right course - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.”**²

¹ Ibn Hanbal, III, 413.

² Ahqaf, 46/13.