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THE SUNNA PROTECTS THE FORT OF FAITH

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We need to strengthen our faith. We need to protect our faith. Faith is strengthened by obeying Allah's commands, performing the fard (obligatory), the wajib (necessary), and the sunna. A new trend is out now: "Sir, we are going to hajj and umra." Good, the hajj is fard of course, but instead of going to umra and learning good things, they learn other things. They say, "People there are next to the Kaaba. Their faith is stronger." What are they doing? They are not praying the sunna. They pray the fard and run off. That is due to weak faith. The person with strong faith fulfills all the worships and tries to do more.

It is not good to neglect the sunna (traditions of the Prophet). Later you cannot look at the face of our Holy Prophet (SAW) on the Day of Judgment. The sunna protects the fort, and acts as the first line of defense. When the first is gone the others weaken further and further, and in the end the last fort is left. This makes it easy for faith (iman) to be taken, since our faith is very weak that time. They are also neglecting these sunnas during Friday prayers. Some hodjas and even muftis say, "Two rakats. No need for more." The imam sits there and when people see this they do not pray the sunna.

The sunna is pretty important. In order to keep our faith safe, we need to pay attention to the sunnas and to everything our Holy Prophet (SAW) did. We need to do the sunna and even what is beyond the sunna, the mustahab (beloved). This is not something to be taken lightly. They run after unnecessary things the whole day, and do not think about doing five more minutes of worship but try to trim it. Our way is correct. There is no need to look at others.

It could be that the mazhabs of others could be more forgiving in this matter of sunna. However, we need to protect what we have learned. Our Holy Prophet (SAW) says, "Grab on to this religion ever so tightly, even with your teeth and your nails, and hold on. Not just with your hands but bite on even with your teeth so it does not slip your hands." This is an important thing because people loosen up. They say, "We went to umra and saw this and that there." It is the wisdom of Allah that people do not learn good things, but Shaitan immediately shows bad things as beautiful.



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May Allah tie us to the sunna, the sunna of our Holy Prophet (SAW) Inshallah. He says, "The Ahl-e Sunnat wal Jamaat is the faction that will be saved among the 73 factions." The others are those who have deviated from the sunna and it will be hard for them. May Allah give us all guidance and keep us firm on the right path Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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