

## **TWO CHOICES**

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāh. Aū'dhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-Shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm. Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-salāmu 'alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Ākhirīn. Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-F 'āiz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-

## Haqqānī. Madad.

Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

Allah 'azza wa jalla states in the Holy Quran that whoever comes against Allah, rebels against Allah, and prefers this dunya, then his end will be hellfire, and he should not think that he will be going somewhere good. The choice is his. If he prefers the life of this world, this dunya, leaves Allah, and does all kinds of filth, committing sins and rebelling against Allah, then the place he is going is hell—some for eternity and some not forever. Some who believe in Allah but are then rebellious towards Him will also go to hell. But Allah 'azza wa jalla says that whoever does not save himself and stop himself from this rebellion is going to hell.

Whoever does stop himself, however, will go to paradise. So people have a choice of either of these two: either they are going to choose hell or heaven. There is no other choice, because there is nowhere else. People have been given a mind, and Allah who has given them the mind has also given them the choice, so that wherever they want to go, they can go.

How can that be? Is this justice from Allah? You can't interfere with Allah by questioning Him like that. Allah does not oppress, and that means that he has given people the choice to make the decision. So whoever controls his ego—that's the biggest thing. You have to control yourself; you have to control your ego. It is difficult, but if you control it, you are saved. But if you run after your ego and do whatever it wants, certainly the end will be hellfire. May Allah protect us! May Allah protect us from the evil of our ego, and help us to strengthen our faith.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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