

Following the Sunnah or abandoning The Sunnah.

Our Khutbaa today is about the virtue of adhering to the Sunnah and the consequences for abandoning it.

1st : Virtue of adhering to the Sunnah

1. Following the Prophet PBUH is the guidance to the straight path.

In Surat Al-Shura Verse 52, Allah Taalah says: “Indeed you do guide to the straight path”. Meaning to Islam.

2. Obeying the Messenger is obeying Allah

Allah said in Surat Al-Nisaa Verse 80:” Whoever obeys the Messenger is Obeying Allah”. This means that whoever obeys the Messenger when he commands him has obeyed Allah as Allah taalah has asked us to obey and to follow the prophet pbuh.

3. Following the messenger is evidence of our love to Allah, and the way of Allah's love for us, and a reason for the forgiveness of our sins. Allah says in Surat Al-Imran Verses 31 & 32: “ Say if you love Allah follow me and Allah will love you, and will forgive you your sins Allah is Forgiving and Merciful” – “Say Obey Allah and his Messenger, But if they turn away Allah does not love the disbelievers”.

2nd: Leaving the Sunnah Brings us closer to hell fire

1. Fitna in this dunya and Torture in the hereafter

Allah taalah says in Surat Al-Noor, ayah 63, “ Do not make [your] calling of the Messenger among yourselves as the call of one of you to another. Already Allah knows those of you who slip away, concealed by others. So let those beware who dissent from the Prophet's order, lest fitnah strike them or a painful punishment:.. ”. In this Ayah, there is a clear warning for those that disobey the prophet in this dunya.

2. Abandoning the Sunnah bring us close to hellfire,

Muslim has narrated of Jaber: “the messenger of Allah said, my example to yours is like the example of a man who makes a fire, the grasshoppers and the butterflies fall in it and they melt away from it. And I struggle in preventing you from falling into the fire; you slip from my hand.

The falling of the ignorant and the disobedient in hellfire due to their sins and desires and their will to fall into hellfire although the Messenger is trying to prevent them from falling into it and expelling them from it is exactly like the butterflies falling in fire in the example above; both are destroying themselves due to their ignorance.

3. Abandoning the Sunnah and giving it up Will deprive us of drinking from the Prophet's Basin

Muslim narrated of Abu-Hurayra:” They will come with lights on their faces, hands and feet because of Wuduu, I’ll be serving them the water from my basin, some men will be guided away by the angel from my basin like a lost camel guided away by the people, I call on the angles that they are my follower, the angles reply they’ve diverted from your way then I say Pity Pity”

Bukhari, Muslim and others narrated of Abdullah Ibn Abbas may Allah be pleased with them:” the Messenger of Allah started advising us: Oh People you will be gathered by Allah footless, naked and uncircumcised and recited the ayah 104 from Surat Al-Anbyaaa ” Just as We began the first creation, We will repeat it. [That is] a promise binding upon Us. Indeed We will do it.” – Ibrahim AS will be the first one to be covered – Indeed men from my ummah will be taken to hell, I say my lord they are my followers, Allah says you don’t know what they’ve innovated after you, so I say what Issa said in Surat Al-Maedah Verses 117 & 118 “And I was a witness over them while I was among them; but when You took me to Yourself, you became the Watcher over them - You are Witness over everything. If You punish them, they are Your servants; but if You forgive them, you are the all Mighty and Wise.” Allah then says that they’ve have left your way since you left them”

4. Giving up the Sunnah and turning it away is a refusal to entering Al-Jannah

Bukhari has narrated of Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger said:” All of my Ummah will enter Jannah except the ones that refuse. Someone said:” who would refuse oh messenger of Allah, he answered:” who obeys me enters Jannah and who disobeys me has refused”.

This hadeeth has a promise for those who obey the messenger of Allah, and they will all enter Jannah except for those who disobey Allah and his Messenger and follow their desires.

Allah Says in Surat Al-Naziaat Verses 37 – 41:

“As for who was defiant - And preferred the life in this world - Then Hell is their shelter – But who he fears the standing of his lord and restrained the self from desires – Then Jannah is their shelter”