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ad-Þawābiṭ ash-Sharʾiyyah li-Mawqifil-Muslim fil-Fitan by Shaykh Saleh ibn Abdul-Aziz al-Shaykh

I would like to bring to the readers' attention that this book is NOT a word-for-word translation of the Arabic text. Rather, in order to simplify the language, and clarify the issues under discussion, I have translated the essence of the Shaykh words in few sentences (only).

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If what I have translated is correct, then this is by the Grace of Allāh, the All-Mighty—but if I have erred, I ask Allāh to forgive me.

May Allāh accept this humble effort to translate and make widespread the writings of the scholars of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah. And may He grant me many more similar opportunities in the future—Amīn

Shawana A. Aziz

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PREFACE



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All Praise be to Allāh, Who said:

﴿ لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَنسَكًا هُمْ نَاسِكُوهُ فَلَا يُنْزِعُنَّكَ فِي ٱلْأَمْرِ وَٱدْعُ إِلَى رَبِكَ إِنَّكَ لَعَلَى هُدَّى مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿ اللهَ ﴾

"For every nation, We have ordained religious ceremonies which they must follow; so let them (the disbelievers) not dispute with you on the matter, but invite them to your Lord. Verily! You (O Muhammad) indeed are on the (true) straight guidance. And if they argue with you, say; "Allāh knows best of what you do."

[Sūrah al-Ḥajj, 22:67-68]

﴿ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُۥ وَيُحَوِّفُونَكَ بِاللَّذِينَ مِن دُونِهِ وَمَن يُضْلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ ٣ وَمَن يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ ٣ وَمَن يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِعْ زِيزٍ ذِي انْفَامِ اللهُ إِلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِعَزِيزٍ ذِي انْفَامِ اللهُ ﴾

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"Is not Allāh Sufficient for His slave? Yet they try to frighten you with those besides Him! And whom Allāh sends astray, for him there will be no guide. And whomsoever Allāh guides, for him there will be no misleader. Is not Allāh All-Mighty, Possessor of Retribution?"

[Sūrah az-Zumar, 39:36-37]

"I testify that there is no deity worthy of being worshiped except Allāh Alone, Who has no partner."

If this testimony of *Tawhīd* (Oneness of Allāh) was to penetrate the heart of a person, then he will know from it what are those statements and actions that are beloved and pleasing to Allāh:

"I bear witness that Muhammad is the slave of Allāh and His Messenger, His chosen (slave) and His beloved, and he is the one (whom Allāh sent) with glad-tidings and warnings."

The Prophet gave glad tidings, and he warned (against the evil), and he taught (the religion). So glad tidings be for the one, who adheres to his Sunnah and follows his way, and sticks to his guidance.