



Sharh Aqeedat ul-Waasitiyyah

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Part 12: The Straight Path of the Prophets, Truthful, Martyrs and Righteous

Text:

صِرَاطُ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ

...the Straight Path of those upon whom Allaah has bestowed favours from amongst the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs and the Righteous.

Explanation:

This means that the Straight Path, the one which the Messengers came with in terms of belief (I'tiqaad) and other matters of the religion and which the Ahl us-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah travelled upon is (***...the Straight Path of those upon whom Allaah has bestowed favours...***). Allaah favoured them with an absolute and most perfect favour to which everlasting happiness is attached. They are the ones about whom Allaah has commanded that we ask Him to guide us to their path. These four groups are the recipients of this absolute favour:

1. The Prophets (nabiyyoon, pl. of nabiyy) and they are the ones whom Allaah has chosen for prophethood and (delivering) His messages.
2. The Truthful (siddeeqoon, pl. of siddeeq) A siddeeq is excessive in truthfulness and very strong in his faith. He is excessive in His compliance to the Messenger (sas) and along with that shows perfect sincerity towards Allaah.
3. The Martyrs (shuhadaa, pl. of shaheed) A shaheed is the one who is killed in the path of Allaah. He is named as such because Paradise is attested for Him and the Angels of mercy (take his soul and) give testimony for him .
4. The Righteous (saalihoon, pl. of saalih) A saalih is one who fulfils and performs the rights of Allaah and the rights of His servants.

The word path (siraat) is sometimes annexed to Allaah the Exalted as occurs in the verse:

And verily, this is My Straight Path therefore, follow it [An'aam 6:153]

Because He is the One Who legislated and determined it. And sometimes it is annexed to (Allaah's) servants such as in the verse:

The Path of those whom you have favoured [Faatihah 1:7]

Because they are the ones who have travelled upon it. In the above verse is a notification of the companionship along this path and that it consists of those upon whom Allaah has bestowed His favour from amongst the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs and the Righteous. This is so that the person who is lonely and feels strange amongst his people will no longer be so when he perceives that his company along this path is the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs and the Righteous.

The Shaikh (rh) now goes on to mention examples from the Qur'aan and the Sunnah which contain the affirmation of the Names of Allaah and His Attributes.