

# COMMENTS UPON THE REVILEMENTS OF SHAYKH MUḤAMMAD IBN HĀDĪ AL-MADKHALĪ AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INNOCENT OF WHAT HE DESCRIBES THEM WITH

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ﷺ All praise is due to Allāh and may the peace and salutations be upon the Messenger of Allāh, upon his Family, his Companions and those who follow his guidance.

To proceed:

Indeed, Shaykh Muḥammad Ibn Hādī has conduct through which he has defamed many of the *Salafīs*, calling them *Ṣa‘āfiqah* and saying about them that they are connected to the people of desires.<sup>2</sup>

This is *tabdī‘* (declaring someone an innovator) of them without mentioning the proofs for his claims. So I wanted to aid the

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by Maaz Qureshi.

<sup>2</sup> As occurred in his lecture that he gave on Saturday night, the 15<sup>th</sup> of Ṣafar, 1439H, which corresponds to 4/11/2017CE, to the Abū Bakr al-Ṣiddīq Center of North America, which is supervised by ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-‘Umayyās. The title of it was *al-Ta‘līq ‘alā Athar al-Imām Mufaḍḍal Ibn Muḥalhal fī al-Taḥdhīr min Turuq Ahl al-Bida‘*. The statement takes place 36 minutes and 40 seconds into the recording.

oppressed, in conformity to the statement of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), “Aid your brother whether he is an oppressor or an oppressed person,”<sup>3</sup> and starting with the statement of Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ),

﴿قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ﴾

“Say: Produce your proof, if you should be truthful.”

[Sūrah al-Baqarah 2:111]

Before the noble readers is a discussion of his claims that are devoid of proofs:

1. Shaykh Muḥammad Ibn Hādī – may Allāh grant him success – has various statements to some of the *Salafīs* in recordings that are widespread in his voice:

“The obligation upon us – O gathering of loved ones – is that we must be diligent in taking from the major scholars who are firmly grounded in knowledge and well established, and we must

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<sup>3</sup> Related by al-Bukhārī (no. 2952).

abandon taking from the minor ones, the youngsters who have sprung upon us from here and there.”<sup>4</sup>

**I say:**

I hope that you will name for us those major scholars who are firmly grounded and well established; those whom you are diligent in taking from them.

**2. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“...Then, I advise you – O gathering of loved ones – with maintaining the ties of brotherhood between yourselves and all of your brothers: *Ahl al-Sunnah*, students of the *Sunnah* and the *Ḥadīth*. I advise you to maintain the ties of brotherhood between yourselves and to distance yourselves from the causes of splitting.”<sup>5</sup>

**I say:**

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<sup>4</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *al-Barakah ma‘a Akābirikum*, dated Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of *Muḥarram*, 1439H, corresponding to 10/19/2017. This was delivered to the brothers at Dār al-Ḥadīth li al-Imām Ibn Abī Zayd al-Qayrawānī in the city of Ṭān Ṭān, Morocco. The statement is at 30 minutes and 32 seconds.

<sup>5</sup> From a lecture for the Albanian brothers entitled, *‘Aqīdah Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jamā‘ah fī al-‘Asmā‘ wa al-Ṣifāt*, delivered on Sunday night, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of *Ṣafar*, 1439H, corresponding to 11/10/2017CE. The statement is at 30 minutes and 32 seconds.

This speech contradicts your positions in which you have split apart the *Salafis* in a number of lands. From those positions is your statement to the Algerian group of al-Farkaws that they must not unite with the *Salafis* who are calling for unity. This speech has been recorded with your voice.

This action of yours opposes the statement of Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ),

﴿فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَصْلِحُوا ذَاتَ بَيْنِكُمْ وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِن كُنْتُمْ

مُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

**“So fear Allāh and adjust all matters of difference amongst you, and obey Allāh and His Messenger, if you are believers.” [Sūrah al-Anfāl 8:1]**

It opposes the statement of Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ),

﴿إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ﴾

**“The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islām). So make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allāh.” [Sūrah al-Hujurāt 49:10]**

It opposes the statement of the Prophet (عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ), “Shall I not inform you about something greater in degree than Prayer,

fasting and charity?” They said, “Of course!” He (صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) replied, “It is mending discord between people, and causing corruption between them is the shaver.”<sup>6</sup>

### 3. Shaykh Muḥammad said:

“From the causes of splitting is listening to those youngsters and from the causes of splitting in this time is taking from those youngsters, from those *Ṣa‘āfiqah* who have torn apart the *Salafīs*. They have torn apart *Ahl al-Sunnah* in every place. We seek refuge with Allāh from them and from their actions. By Allāh, they are evil, evil upon you. I warn you against all of that, gathering of loved ones. By Allāh, there is nothing behind them except *fitan* (trials, tribulations) and splitting up the ranks of *Ahl al-Sunnah* and splitting up the ranks of the *Salafīs*. The people of knowledge strive to unite and unify the word.

As for these *Ṣa‘āfiqah*, then they destroy whoever rushes into their arms and listens to their words, even if he is an **elder in age!** We seek refuge with Allāh from that. So you find that their effects are apparent, even in some of the major scholars.”<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> **Ṣaḥīḥ:** Related by Abū Dāwūd (no. 4919), al-Tirmidhī (no. 2509) and Aḥmad in *al-Musnad* (4/444). It was authenticated by al-Albānī in *Silsilah al-Ṣaḥīḥah* (no. 2639).

<sup>7</sup> From a lecture for the Albanian brothers entitled, *‘Aqīdah Ahl al-Sunnah wa al-Jamā‘ah fī al-‘Asmā‘ wa al-Ṣifāt*, delivered on Sunday night, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Ṣafar, 1439H, corresponding to 11/10/2017CE. The statement is at 59 minutes and 52 seconds.

**I say:**

1. Bring the proofs and evidence that those whom you have called the *Ṣaʿāfiqah* have split up the *Salafīs* in every land.
2. Do not forget your call to the Algerians who are connected to you to not unite with their brothers who are keen to unite.
3. Name for us the people of knowledge who strive to unite and unify the word, may Allāh reward them with goodness, and then follow their way.
4. Name for us some of the elders whom those that you describe as *Ṣaʿāfiqah* have destroyed.
5. Mention to us the names of those major scholars who have been affected by those that you describe as *Ṣaʿāfiqah* and mention to us these apparent effects.

**4. Shaykh Muḥammad Ibn Hādī said:**

“The Shaykh comes with knowledge and experience, so the doubt does not enter upon him with regards to his knowledge, nor is he overcome by desires, contrary to the newly arisen ones. Desires enter upon them and you see them now. They avert their eyes from the apparent stains that are like the mountain of Uḥud! This is for no other reason than the fact that the person with the stain is with them! So they do not remain allied with him except due to the fact that he is with them; they are not allied upon the

Religion, nor upon the truth and guidance. So he gets carried away with desire in this issue – refuge is sought with Allāh from that – contrary to the Shaykh. The Shaykh is not overcome by desire – by the success of Allāh for him. The youth inclines towards greed and how many have we already seen in these days! How great is what we have seen! How astonishing is what we have seen! Those who sell their Religion for the life of this world and the *Shayṭān* causes them to slip.”<sup>8</sup>

**I say:**

1. I and others hope that you will mention to us the apparent stains that are like the mountain of Uḥud.
2. Bring the clear proofs for the allegiance of some of those whom you refer to as *Ṣa‘āfiqah* to those who have sold their Religion for the life of this world and the *Shayṭān* has caused them to slip.

**5. He also said,**

“These individuals are young in age and foolish in their ideas due to their lack of merchandise in knowledge. We have seen them changing colors in the Religion of Allāh. They are silent with regards to falsehood because its proponent happens to be someone

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<sup>8</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *al-Barakah ma‘a Akābirikum*, dated Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of *Muḥarram*, 1439H, corresponding to 10/19/2017. This was delivered to the brothers at Dār al-Ḥadīth li al-Imām Ibn Abī Zayd al-Qayrawānī in the city of Ṭān Ṭān, Morocco. The statement is at 20 minutes and 50 seconds.

close to them and they do not accept the truth when it is in opposition to one of their companions. These individuals are a cause for calamities in this time. Refuge is sought with Allāh from that.”<sup>9</sup>

**I say:**

Bring the evidences for these individuals, whom you refer to as *Ṣa‘āfiqah*, changing colors in the Religion of Allāh and for them remaining silent with regards to falsehood due to the closeness of its proponent to them and them not accepting the truth when it is in opposition to one of their companions.

**6. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“Some of the people entered upon Rabī‘ah, the teacher of Mālik (رَحِمَهُمَا اللَّهُ), and found him crying. So the one who entered was alarmed and fearful due to the crying and thought that Rabī‘ah had suffered a personal calamity, so he said, “Have you suffered a calamity? Have you been afflicted by a calamity?”

Rabī‘ah replied, “No, but those who have no knowledge are being asked for religious rulings and a grave affair has become apparent in Islām.”

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<sup>9</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *al-Barakah ma‘a Akābirikum*. The statement is at 27 minutes and 37 seconds.



There is none worthy of worship besides Allāh! Look! This occurred in the time of Rabīʿah. What would Rabīʿah say if he saw us today with these those *Ṣaʿāfiqah* who leap upon the people from every place like a jerboa leaps up?!”<sup>10</sup>

**I say:**

I hope that you will mention to us the *fatāwā* that have been issued by those individuals and what has occurred due to them as a grave affair in Islām.

**7. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“Let him beware and take every precaution against going to the youngsters whilst the elders are present.”<sup>11</sup>

**I say:**

I ask you: have you yourself accepted the advices of the elders, such that you may become a key to great good and close the door to great evil, which leads to destruction?!

**8. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“Indeed, the one who is young in age has no knowledge with him and his ignorance becomes apparent when he is surrounded by gatherings of people and he brings out apparent and hidden

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<sup>10</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *al-Barakah maʿa Akābirikum*. The statement is at 33 minutes and 46 seconds.

<sup>11</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *al-Barakah maʿa Akābirikum*. The statement is at 11 minutes and 56 seconds.

defects, yet he wants the people to defend everything that he says. So he is misguided and he misguides others.”<sup>12</sup>

**I say:**

Clarify to use what those individuals, or one of them, have come with in terms of conceit and vanity and that they, or one of them, want the people to defend everything he says, or they say.

**9. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“Beware, beware with every precaution from the youngsters turning to each other and taking from each other. By Allāh, this is a calamity. This is what befell the *Khawārij*. We ask Allāh for well-being and safety. Whenever you see something from this, then remember the statement of the Prophet (ﷺ), “...young in age, foolish in their thoughts.””<sup>13</sup>

**I say:**

Your comparison of those whom you dispute with to the *Khawārij* is falsehood.

Then, those individuals whom you have repeatedly accused of being *Ṣa‘āfiqah*, from them are those who carry doctorate degrees

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<sup>12</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *al-Barakah ma‘a Akābirikum*. The statement is at 11 minutes and 13 seconds.

<sup>13</sup> From a lecture delivered to the people of Benghazi on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of *Ṣafar*, 1439H, corresponding to 12/16/2017, under the title: *al-‘Ilm al-Ṣaḥīḥ ‘Iṣmah min al-Fitan*. The statement is at 36 minutes and 25 seconds.

in *al-Sharī‘ah*. From them are those who carry masters degrees and from them are those who carry degrees from the university. So this accusation is a major mistake and your accusing them of ignorance is an oppressive error. In the time of the two Imāms: Muḥammad Ibn Ibrāhīm (d.1389H) and ‘Abd al-‘Azīz Ibn Bāz (d.1420H), their likes would have been appointed as teachers and judges and no one from the people of knowledge would oppose these two in that.”

**10. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“Do not take from those individuals, since the newly arisen ones have novel affairs with them and the novel affair occurs from the young individual. The novel affairs are with the novices and the novel affairs with the novices are many.”<sup>14</sup>

**I say:**

Indeed, those individuals are not novices and novel matters have not emanated from them. You have opposed the scholars with regards to them; scholars who are older than you in age from the people of knowledge and virtue and who hold fast to the *Sunnah* more than you.

**11. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

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<sup>14</sup> Taken from a lecture given to the new Moroccan students at the Islamic University. The statement occurs at 23 minutes and 44 seconds.

“Be diligent in sticking to the elders and distance yourselves from the youngsters. Beware of the *Ṣa‘āfiqah* since those individuals cut off the paths for the students of knowledge. Those individuals are highway robbers who cut off the path for the students of knowledge. They drive the students away from the major scholars even though the major scholars are present. They cause the students to prefer the youngsters who, one of them is like a chick drowning in a cup. His voice is like the voice of a chick, no one hears it but him. They imitate the scholars and they have deceived many of the people and portrayed themselves to the people as Shaykhs, but in reality, they are not like that. Rather, they are beginner students of knowledge.”<sup>15</sup>

**I say:**

1. Mention for us these elders from whom the youth have been diverted away.
2. Since the voice of one of these individuals against whom you have waged war can only be heard by himself, then there is no need at that point for this war that you have launched against them.
3. The affair is not as you have mentioned, since these individuals that you have waged war against are *Salafī* students of knowledge.

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<sup>15</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *Waṣāyā li Du‘āt al-Tawḥīd fī al-Sūdān*. The statement occurs at 37 minutes and 29 seconds.

So your speech contradicts the reality and it opposes the actions of the scholars who appoint the likes of those individuals – and the least of them in terms knowledge have degrees – as teachers and callers to Allāh.

**12. Shaykh Muḥammad Ibn Hādī said:**

“Those individuals do not have a firm foothold in knowledge. What comes from them in terms of harm is greater than what comes from them in terms of good. So it is upon you – O gathering of loved ones – to be diligent in this. Connect to the major people of knowledge, the scholars of the *Sunnah*, the reference point for the *Sunnah*, the people of sound knowledge and reliable narration.

As for those individuals who have come upon us in recent times, the shaykhs who hide behind these screens, and the shaykhs of Google, and the likes of that; beware of them. They do not have anything other than what I have mentioned to you. The evil that comes by way of them is greater than the good that comes by way of them.”<sup>16</sup>

**I say:**

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<sup>16</sup> Taken from a lecture entitled, *Waṣāyā li Du‘āt al-Tawḥīd fī al-Sūdān*. The statement occurs at 43 minutes and 22 seconds.

1. Clarify to us the harm that those individuals have innovated and mention to us the names of the major scholars that you are enjoining upon the people to connect with, and leave out the many ambiguities.
2. Clarify to us the falsehoods of those whom you have described as the shaykhs of screens and those whom you have mentioned.

**13. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“Whenever a student of knowledge comes and sits with them, they never begin by spreading what they have of falsehood. They only make apparent that they are with the elders, with the scholars and with the Shaykhs, yet they are liars. By Allāh, they are liars. They revile the scholars in their private sittings, they defame and slander them. When they are alone with one another, they speak to one another about what they are they are actually upon in reality.”<sup>17</sup>

**I say:**

1. Bring the evidence for what those individuals are upon from falsehood.
2. Bring the proofs that they are liars who revile the scholars, not to mention that you have sworn by Allāh that they are liars who revile the scholars.

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<sup>17</sup> Taken from the lecture entitled, *al-Ta‘līq ‘alā Athar al-Imām Mufaḍḍal Ibn Mubalḥal fī al-Taḥḍīr min Ṭuruq Ahl al-Bida’*. The statement takes place 37 minutes and 5 seconds into the recording.

#### 14. Then he said:

“Beware of those *Ṣa‘āfiqah* who cut off the paths upon you. They have a doubt now that is close to a doubt from the people of innovation: Stick to the elders, stick to the elders and we are with the elders, but they are liars. When they are in seclusion, they will bite their fingertips out of anger. Say: Die in your anger. They revile the scholars and the Shaykhs in their private sittings.”<sup>18</sup>

#### I say:

1. Mention to us the names of those scholars and Shaykhs that those individuals revile and mention to us these revilements.
2. Clarify to us the revilements that those individuals have made against the people of knowledge and how they have cut off the path for those who desire to reach the people of knowledge. Clarify to us their rulings against the people of knowledge.

#### 15. Then he said:

“Those individuals are evil upon the students of knowledge, evil upon the students of the *Sunnah* and evil upon the sons of the *Sunnah* in every place. There is a great calamity in their communications by way of social media in Twitter, or Facebook,

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<sup>18</sup> Taken from the lecture entitled, *al-Ta‘līq ‘alā Athar al-Imām Mufaḍḍal Ibn Muḥalhal*. The statement takes place 37 minutes and 44 seconds into the recording.

or Instagram or in whatever is connected to Whatsapp or the likes of these new and modern things.”<sup>19</sup>

**I say:**

The one who reads this speech is in need of clear and evident proofs being established, yet you have not presented to him anything in terms of proofs. Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) said,

﴿قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ﴾

**“Say: Produce your proof, if you should be truthful.”**

[Sūrah al-Baqarah 2:111]

So bring the proofs in accordance with the command of Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ), because the intelligent people who rely upon this statement of Allāh will not accept claims that are devoid of proofs.

**16. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“However, Allāh (جَلَّوَعَلَا) has exposed those individuals and brought out their hidden secrets in their posts, in their retweets, in their posts on Twitter, Facebook, Whatsapp and the likes of that.”<sup>20</sup>

**I say:**

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<sup>19</sup> Taken from the lecture entitled, *al-Ta’līq ‘alā Athar al-Imām Mufaḍḍal Ibn Muḥalhal*. The statement takes place 38 minutes and 3 seconds into the recording.

<sup>20</sup> Taken from the lecture entitled, *al-Ta’līq ‘alā Athar al-Imām Mufaḍḍal Ibn Muḥalhal*. The statement takes place 38 minutes and 46 seconds into the recording.



Bring the proof that Allāh has exposed those individuals and brought out their hidden secrets in their posts...

**17. Then he said:**

“Some of them have not been known, except in recent years, two or three years or the likes of that. After that, they come and pass judgements against the people of knowledge, they revile the people of knowledge, they speak against the people of knowledge and they cut off the paths for the students of knowledge to connect to the people knowledge.”<sup>21</sup>

**I say:**

1. Go ahead and present to the readers the rulings of those individuals against the people of knowledge.
2. Mention their revilements against the people of knowledge and how they cut the students of knowledge off from reaching the people of knowledge.

**18. Shaykh Muḥammad said:**

“So beware to the utmost, because by Allāh, no one benefits from them except the enemies of *al-Da‘wah al-Salafiyyah*. Indeed, they come with disgraceful and shameful things and when *Ahl al-Sunnah* examine their statements, they come to realize their

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<sup>21</sup> Taken from the lecture entitled, *al-Ta‘līq ‘alā Athar al-Imām Mufaḍḍal Ibn Muḥalhal*. The statement takes place 39 minutes and 9 seconds into the recording.

ignorance. However, the one who has not acquainted himself does not know and the one who knows is an authority over the one who does not know. It must be known that they have become an authority for those who lie upon *Ahl al-Sunnah*; the liars use them as proofs because they are students of the Shaykhs and because they speak in the name of the Shaykhs. No, by Allāh! By the Lord of the *Ka'bah*, they have lied.

So do not trust them, do not listen to them and do not take from them. Indeed, those individuals have cut off the paths for the students of knowledge, they have cut off the paths for *Ahl al-Sunnah*, they have cut off the paths between them and the people of knowledge. Beware, may Allāh preserve you, of the people of desires. Beware of those who attempt to resemble the students of knowledge and the scholars, because they are only imitating and they are not from them in reality. Those individuals are evil and a calamity and Allāh (جَلَّ وَعَلَا) is about to expose them and remove their cover and expose their affair and humiliate them in front of all the world to see.”<sup>22</sup>

**I say:**

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<sup>22</sup> Taken from the lecture entitled, *al-Ta'liq 'alā Athar al-Imām Mufaḍḍal Ibn Muḥalhal*. The statement takes place 40 minutes and 5 seconds into the recording.

Clarify to us what are the benefits that the enemies of *al-Da‘wah al-Salafiyyah* have gained from those individuals against whom you are waging war. Clarify to us their disgraceful and shameful affairs so that we may participate with you in warning against them.

And I say:

Indeed, your statement after these revilements, “Allāh (جَلَّوَعَلَا) is about to expose them and remove their cover,” is from the proofs that you have not found proofs against them to expose them with.

You have gone on and on in speaking against the individuals that you are waging war and warning against, but you have not presented a single proof for their deviation.

What is benefited from your failure to establish the proofs is that you are empty handed with regards to proofs. So fear Allāh concerning yourself and them and direct your attention to the statement of Allāh (تَبَارَكَوَتَعَالَى),

﴿مَّا يَلْفُظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ﴾ (١٨)

“Not a word does he (or she) utter, but there is a watcher by him ready to record it.” [Sūrah Qāf ٥٠:١٨]

Allāh said,

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ  
لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾﴾

“O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allāh and fear Him, and speak always the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger he has indeed achieved a great achievement.”

[Sūraḥal-Aḥzāb 33:70]

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