

As for what follows: I advise you and myself to have Taqwa of Allah; it is the sustenance for the journey and the escape during times of hardship, as Allah says: "And take provisions, but indeed, the best provision is Taqwa of Allah". عِبَادَ اللهِ: أَعْظَمُ الكَرَامَةِ: الثَّبَاتُ على طَرِيقِ الإسْتِقَامَة، والسَّلامَةُ مِنَ الزَّيغِ والضَّلَالَة! قال تعالى: (وَلَوْلا أَنْ تَبَتَّنَاكَ لَقَدُ كِدْتَ تَرْكَنُ إِلَيْهِمْ شَيْئًا قَلِيلًا). قال المُفَسِّرُون: (في هَذِهِ الآيَةِ، دَلِيْلٌ على شِدَّةِ افْتِقَارِ العَبْدِ إلى تَتَبْيِتِ اللهِ إِيَّاه؛ لِأَنَّ النَبِيَّ ﷺ -وَهُوَ أَكْمَلُ الخَلْقِ- قَالَ ۞ لَهُ: (وَلَوْلا أَنْ تَبَتْنَاكَ)؛

O servants of Allah: The greatest honor is steadfastness on the path of righteousness, and being safe from deviation and misguidance! Allah Almighty says: "And if We had not strengthened you, you would have almost inclined to them a little." The commentators have said: "This verse is evidence of the servant's dire need for Allah's support; because even the Prophet - ^{##} the most perfect of creation - was told by Allah: 'And if We had not strengthened you.' How much more so for others"?

والثَّبَاتُ وَالعَزِيْمَةُ: هُمَا جِمَاعُ الفَلاح! فَعَنْ شَدَّادِ بن أَوْس τ قال: كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ تَخْ يُعَلِّمُنَا أَنْ نَقُولَ: (اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الثَّبَاتَ فِي الأَمْرِ، وَالعَزِيمَةَ عَلَى الرُّشْدِ).

Steadfastness and determination are the essence of success! Shaddad ibn Aws reported that the Messenger of Allah ^{see} taught us to say: "O Allah, I ask You for steadfastness in matters and determination on the path of guidance".

وَأَصْلُ النَّبَاتِ: ثَبَاتُ القَلْب على الدِّيْنِ؛ قال Y: ﴿ أَلَمْ تَرَكَيْفَ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا كَلِمَةُ طَيِّبَةً كَشَجَرَةٍ طَيِّبَةٍ أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُها فِي السَّماءِ». قال السِّعْدِي: (شَجَرَةُ الإيمانِ ﴿ أَصَّلُهَا ثَابِتٌ ﴾ في قَلْبِ المُؤْمِن: عِلْمًا وَاعْتِقَادًا، ﴿ وَفَرْعُهَا ﴾: العَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ ﴿ في السَّمَاءِ ﴾).

The root of steadfastness is the heart's steadfastness in religion; Allah says: "Have you not considered how Allah presents an example, [making] a good word like a good tree, whose root is firmly fixed and its branches [high] in the sky?" Al-Sa'di said: "The tree of faith [whose root is firmly fixed] in the heart of the believer: in knowledge and belief, [and its branches]: good deeds [high] in the sky".

وَكَلِمَةُ التَّوْحِيْدِ: أَعْظَمُ مَا يُثَنَّبَتُ ۞ بِهَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ! قال تعالى: ﴿ **يُثَبَّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ** آمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ التَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْأَخِرَةِ ﴾. قال البَغَوي -في تفسير القولِ الثابث-: (هِيَ قُولُ: "لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا الله". ﴿فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيا ﴾: يَعْنِي قَبْلَ المَوْتِ. ﴿وَفِي الآخِرَةِ ﴾: يَعْنِي في القَبْرِ).

The word of monotheism (Tawheed) is the greatest thing by which Allah strengthens the believers! Allah says: "Allah keeps firm those who believe, with the firm word, in worldly life and in the Hereafter." Al-Baghawi said: "It is the saying, 'There is no god but Allah.' 'In worldly life' means before death. 'And in the Hereafter' means in the grave".

وَشَجَرَةُ الثَّبَاتِ؛ لا تَقُوْمُ إلا على سَاقِ الصَّبْرِ واليَقِينِ! فَالصَّبْرُ: يَدْفَعُ الشَّهَوَات، واليَقِينُ: يَدْفَعُ الشُّبُهَات؛ قال على (وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أَئِمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَا صَبَرُوا وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ .

The tree of steadfastness can only stand on the trunk of patience and certainty! Patience repels desires, and certainty repels doubts; Allah says: "And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs".

والنَّمَسُّكُ بِالكِتَابِ وَالسُّنَّة؛ مَصْدَرُ الثَّبَاتِ وَالعِصْمَة؛ قال ﷺ: (تَرَكْتُ فِيكُمْ شَيْئَيْنِ، لَنْ تَضِلُوا بَعْدَهُمَا: كِتَابَ الله، وَسُنَّتِي).

Adherence to the Quran and Sunnah is the source of steadfastness and protection; the Prophet said: "I have left among you two things, you will not go astray after them: the Book of Allah and my Sunnah". وعلى قَدْرِ الإيمانِ؛ يَكُوْنُ الثَّبَات؛ قال تعالى: ﴿إِذْ يُوحِي رَبُّكَ إِلَى الْمَلائِكَةِ أَنِّي مَعَكُمْ فَتَبَيُّوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا﴾. وَأَهْلُ الإيمان: أَهْدَى النَّاسِ قُلُوْبًا، وأَتَّبْتُهُم عِنْدَ المصائِب! قال I: ﴿مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللهِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنْ بِاللهِ يَهْدِ قَلْبَهُ﴾. يقول ابنُ القَيَّم: (مَنْ رَضِيَ عَنْ رَبِّهِ فِي جَمِيعِ الْحَالَاتِ: اسْتَقَرَّتْ قَدَمُهُ فِي مَقَامِ الْعُبُودِيَّة. وَالسُّخْطُ: يُوَجِبُ تَلَوُّنَ العَبْدِ، وَعَدَمَ تَبَاتِهِ مَعَ اللهِ؛ فَلَا تَتْبُتُ لَهُ قَدَمٌ عَلَى الْعُبُودِيَّةِ.

The degree of faith is proportionate to steadfastness; Allah says: "When your Lord inspired to the angels, 'I am with you, so strengthen those who have believed.'" And the people of faith have the most guided hearts and are the most steadfast in calamities! Allah says: "No disaster strikes except by permission of Allah. And whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart." Ibn al-Qayyim said: "Whoever is pleased with his Lord in all states, his stance will be firm in servitude. And dissatisfaction causes the servant to waver, and he will not stand firm with Allah".

وَكُلَّمَا اشْتَدَّتْ غُرْبَةُ الدِّيْنِ؛ تَحْمَاعَفَ الأَجْرُ لِلتَّابِتِينَ الصَّابِرِينِ! قال ﷺ: (إِنَّ مِنْ وَرَائِكُمْ أَيَّامَ الصَّبْرِ؛ الصَّبْرُ فيهِنَّ: مِثْلُ قَبْضٍ عَلَى الجَمْرِ، لِلْعَامِلِ فَيهِنَّ: أَجْرُ خَمْسِينَ رَجُلًا يَعْمَلُونَ مِثْلَ عَمَلِهِ!) قَيْلَ: (يَا رَسُولَ الله، أَجْرُ خَمْسِينَ مِنْهُمْ؟) قال: (أَجْرُ خَمْسِينَ مِنْكُمْ!).

As the strangeness of religion increases, the reward for those who remain steadfast and patient doubles! The Prophet Said: "Ahead of you are days of patience, during which being patient will be like grasping a hot coal. The one who does good in those days will have the reward of fifty men who do the same." It was asked, "O Messenger of Allah, the reward of fifty of them?" He said: "The reward of fifty of you". والرَّاسِخُون في الثَّبَات؛ لا تَنْطَلِي عَلَيْهِم زَخَارِفُ الشُّبُهات، والتَّشْكِيكُ في المُسَلَّمَات! قال تعالى: (فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللهِ حَقِّ وَلا يَسْتَخِفَّنَّكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُوقِنُونَ). قال ابنُ تَيْمِيَّة: (الخَفِيْفُ لا يَتْبُتُ بَلْ يَطِيش، وَصَاحِبُ اليَقِينِ تَابِت!).

Those who are firmly grounded in steadfastness are not deceived by the allurements of doubts, nor do they doubt the fundamentals! Allah says: "So be patient. Indeed, the promise of Allah is truth. And let not those who are not certain make you impatient." Ibn Taymiyyah said: "The light-hearted cannot stay firm but are erratic, whereas those who have certainty are stable".

وَسُؤَالُ الثَّبَاتِ على الدِّيْنِ، سِمَةُ القُدُوَاتِ العَارِفِيْنِ؛ فَعَنْ أَنس ت قال: كَانَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ يُكْثِرُ أَنْ يَقُولُ: (يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبَ؛ تَبَتْ قُلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ). والدُّعَاءُ بِالنَّبَاتِ، مَطْلُوْبٌ حَتَّى بَعْدَ المَمَات! فَإِنَّ النَّاسَ يُمْتَحَنُونَ في قُبُوْرِهِم؛ وكانَ ﷺ إذا فَرَغَ مِنْ دَفْنِ المَيّتِ؛ وَقَفَ عليه وقال: (اسْتَغْفِرُوا لِأَخِيْكُمْ، وَسَلُوا لَهُ التَّبْبِيتَ، فَإِنَّهُ الآنَ يُسْأَلُ).

Asking for steadfastness in religion is a trait of the knowledgeable exemplars; Anas reported that the Prophet ^(#) frequently used to say: "O Turner of hearts, keep my heart firm on Your religion". The prayer for steadfastness is required even after death, for people are tested in their graves; the Prophet, ^(#) after burying the deceased, would stand over him and say: "Seek forgiveness for your brother and ask for him to be made steadfast, for now he is being questioned".

وَأُنْزِلَ القُرِآنُ؛ لِتَثْبِيتِ الإيمان؛ قال Y: (قُلْ نَزَّلَهُ رُوحُ الْقُدُسِ مِنْ رَبِّكَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيُثَبِّتَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُواً». قال ابنُ القَيِّم: (قِرَاءَةُ القُرْآنِ بِالتَّدَبُّر: تُثَبِّتُ قَوَاحِدَ الإِيمَانِ في القَلْبِ).

The Quran was revealed to strengthen faith; Allah says: "Say, 'The Holy Spirit has brought it down from your Lord in truth to make those who believe more firm and as guidance and good tidings to the Muslims." Ibn al-Qayyim said: "Reading the Quran contemplatively stabilizes the foundations of faith in the heart".

وَمِمَّا يُثَبِّتُ القَلْبَ: سَمَاعُ المُوَاعِظ، وَفِعْلُ الأَوَامِرِ! يقول تعالى: ﴿وَلَقْ أَنَّهُمْ فَعَلُوا مَا يُوعَظُونَ بِهِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ تَثْبِيتًا ﴾.

Among the things that strengthen the heart are listening to reminders and performing the commands! Allah says: "And if they had done what they were advised, it would have been better for them and a firmer position [for them in faith]".

والإسْتِعَانَةُ بِالصَّلَوَاتِ؛ مِنْ أَعْظَمِ المُثَبِّتَات؛ لِأَنَّهَا مَنَاعَةٌ مِنَ المُنْكَرَات! قال سَنِي: (وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالمُنْكَرِ».

Seeking help through prayers is one of the greatest stabilizers, for they prevent indecencies! Allah says: "And establish prayer. Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing".

وَكَثْرَةُ الْعِبَادَةِ: تُثَبِّتُ صناحِبَهَا وَقْتَ الْفِتَنِ؛ قال ﷺ: (العِبَادَةُ في الهَرْجِ -أي في الفِتَن- في الفَتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفُتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفِتَن- في الف في الفِتَن- في الفوتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفوتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفوتَن- في الفَت الفِتَن- في الفوتَن- في الفِتَن- في الفَت الفِتَن- في الف

Increased worship stabilizes a person during tribulations; the Prophet **said:** "Worship during turmoil is like emigrating to me".

وَمِنْ عَوَامِلِ الثَّبَاتِ وِالأَمَانِ: كَثْرَةُ الذِّكْرِ بِالقَلْبِ وِاللِّسَانِ؛ قال تعالى: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آَمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاتْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا﴾.

Frequent remembrance with the heart and tongue bring stability and security; Allah says: "O you who have believed, when you encounter a company [from the enemy forces], stand firm and remember Allah much". وَمِنْ أَسْبَابِ الثَّبَاتِ: الوَسَطِيَّةُ وِالإعْتِدَالُ، والتَّأَنِّي وِعَدَمُ الإسْتِعْجَالِ؛ ﴿وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْقُرْآنُ جُمْلَةً وَاحِدَةً كَذَٰلِكَ لِنُثَبَّتَ بِهِ فُوَادَكُ، وفي الحديث: (أَحَبُّ العَمَل إلَى اللهِ؛ أَدْوَمُهُ وَإِنْ قُلَّ).

Among the reasons for steadfastness are moderation and patience, not being hasty; Allah says about those who disbelieve: "Why is not the Qur'an revealed to him all at once? Thus [it is] that We may strengthen thereby your heart. And We have spaced it distinctly." And in the Hadith: "The most beloved deed to Allah is the one that is the most consistent, even if it is small".

وَأَخْبَارُ الصَّالِحِينِ: تُثَبَّتُ القَلْبَ، وتُقَوِّي العَزْمِ! يقول I: (وَكُلَّا نَقُصُ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ الرُّسُلِ مَا تُثَبِّتُ بِهِ فُوَادَكَ». قال بَعْضُ السَّلَف: (الحِكَايَاتُ: جُنْدٌ مَنْ جُنُودِ اللهِ، يُثَبِّتُ اللهُ بِهَا قُلُوبَ الْعَارِفِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِه!).

The stories of the righteous stabilize the heart and strengthen determination! Allah says: "And each [story] We relate to you from the news of the messengers is that by which We make firm your heart." Some of the predecessors said: "Stories are among the troops of Allah, with which He stabilizes the hearts of the knowing among His servants".

أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ؛ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الغَفُورُ الرَّحِيم

<u>الخُطْبَةُ الثَّانِيَةُ</u> الحَمْدُ للهِ عَلَى إِحْسَانِهِ، والشُّكْرُ لَهُ عَلَى تَوْفِيْقِهِ وَامْتِنَانِه، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لا إِلَهَ إِلَّ الله، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُه. أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَمَا أَحْوَجَنَا إلى الثَّبَاتِ، لا سِيَّما في أَوْقَاتِ الْمُلِمَّات، وَالفِتَنِ الْمُدْلَهِمَّات! فَ(يَا عِبَادَ اللهِ، فَاتْبُتُوا).

As for what follows: How much we need steadfastness, especially during distressing times and dark tribulations! (O servants of Allah, be steadfast).

وَمَنْ ثَبَتَ عَلَى الصِّرَاطِ المُسْتَقِيمِ؛ ثَبَّتَ اللهُ قَدَمَهُ عَلَى الصِّرَاطِ المَنْصُوبِ عَلَى جَهَنَّمَ، وَمَنْ لَم يَتْبُتْ على الحَقِّ هُنَا، زَلَّتْ قَدَمُهُ هُنَك! قال تعالى: (وَإِنْ مِنْكُمْ إِلا وَارِدُهَا كَانَ عَلَى رَبِّكَ حَتْمًا مَقْضِيًّا * ثُمَّ نُنَجِّي الَّذِينَ اتَقَوْا وَنَذَرُ الطَّالِمِينَ فِيهَا جِثِيًا ﴾.

Whoever remains steadfast on the straight path, Allah will stabilize his step on the bridge over Hell, and whoever does not remain steadfast in the truth here will slip there! Allah says: "And there is none of you but will come to it. This is upon your Lord an inevitability decreed. * Then We will save those who feared Allah and leave the wrongdoers within it, on their knees".

فَعَلَيْكَ بِطَرِيقِ الْحَقِّ، وَلا تَسْتَوْحِشْ مِنْ قِلَّةِ السَّالِكِينَ (وَمَا أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ وَلَوْ حَرَصْتَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ»، وَإِيَّاكَ وطَرِيقَ البَاطلِ، وَلا تَغْتَرَّ بِكَثْرَةِ الْهَالِكِين (فَاسْتَمْسِكْ بِالَّذِي أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ).

Therefore, adhere to the path of truth, and do not feel alienated by the few who walk it. 'And most of the people, although you strive [for it], are not believers.' And beware of the path of falsehood, and do not be deceived by the multitude of those who perish. 'So hold firmly to that which has been revealed to you; you are indeed on a straight path.'

* اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الإسْلامَ والمُسْلِمِينَ، وأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ والمُشْرِكِيْن.

* اللَّهُمَّ فَرِّجْ هَمَّ المَهْمُوْمِيْنَ، وَنَفِّسْ كَرْبَ المَكْرُوْبِين.

* عِبَادَ الله: {إِنَّ اللهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالإحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ}

* **فَاذْكُرُوا الله**َ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوْهُ على نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ **﴿وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا** تَصْنَعُونَ﴾

