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## The Belief in the Divine Decree

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا  
وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يُضِلِّهِ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَتَبَاعِهِ، وَعَلَى كُلِّ مَنْ  
اهْتَدَى بِهَدْيِهِ وَاسْتَنَّ بِسُنَّتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، فَقَدْ

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ. وَلَا تَمُونَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾<sup>(1)</sup>

All praises, glory and exaltations belong to the Almighty, Allah. We praise Him. We seek His Forgiveness for our sins, His Aid, and His Help in our matters. And we rely upon Him. Indeed, I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Him. And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is His servant and Messenger. May Allah, the Almighty send salutations, peace, and blessings upon Muhammad (peace be upon him), his noble family, and his beloved companions! And may these salutations, peace, and blessings also include all those who follow them until the Day of Judgment! Amen!

(1) Surah Aal-'Imran (3:102)



O Muslim brothers! I advise and urge myself and all of you to be mindful of Allah, the Almighty! Allah, the Almighty says: “O You who have believed! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and do not die except as Muslims (in submission to Him).”<sup>(2)</sup>

O Muslim brothers! It is narrated from 'Ubadah ibn As-Samit (may Allah be pleased with him), he said to his son: “O my son! you will not taste the sweetness of true faith until you realize that whatever has befallen you was never going to miss you, and whatever missed you was never going to befall you. I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) say: ‘Indeed, the first thing Allah created was the Pen. He said to it: Write. It said: My Lord, what should I write? He said: Write the decrees of all things until the Hour is established.’ O my son, I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) say: ‘Whoever dies upon anything other than this is not from me.’”<sup>(3)</sup> 'Ubadah ibn As-Samit (may Allah be pleased with him) taught his son the importance of believing in the Divine Decree, one of the pillars of faith. If one does not completely believe in the Divine Decree then their faith is not complete. The belief in the Divine Decree is the Sixth Pillar of Faith. If anyone neglects any pillar of faith, then they are not a believer. When Jibreel (may peace be upon him) asked the Messenger (peace be upon him) what faith is, he replied:

(أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ، وَتُؤْمِنَ بِالْقَدَرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ)<sup>(4)</sup>

(2) Ibid

(3) Reported by Abu Dawood (4700), And Al-Albani said: “It is sahih (authentic) hadith.” see: Kitab As Sunnah by Ibn Abi Asim with Dhilal Al-Jannah (102-107)

(4) Reported by Muslim (8).



“It is to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Last Day, and to believe in the Divine Decree, both its good and its bad.”

O Muslim brothers! Regarding the belief in the Divine Decree, both its good and its bad, one must believe in four things. The first thing is to believe that Allah, the Almighty, knows everything. To believe that long before Allah created the creation, He knew everything about them in His Eternal Knowledge: everything that has happened in the heavens and the earth, everything that is happening, and everything that will happen in the future. He says:

﴿وَعِنْدَهُ مَفَاتِحُ الْغَيْبِ لَا يَعْلَمُهَا إِلَّا هُوَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ

وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٍ فِي ظِلْمَتِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَابِسٍ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ﴾<sup>(5)</sup>

“And with Him are the keys of the unseen; none knows them except Him. And He knows what is on the land and in the sea. Not a leaf falls except that He knows it. And no grain is there within the darkneses of the earth, nor any moist or dry (thing), except that it is (written) in a clear record.” He also says:

﴿وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا وَيَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا وَمُسْتَوْدَعَهَا كُلٌّ فِي كِتَابٍ

﴿مُبِينٍ﴾<sup>(6)</sup>

“And there is no creature on earth but that its provision is upon Allah, and He knows its place of dwelling and its place of burial after death. All is in a clear register.”

(5) Surah Al-An'am (6:59)

(6) Surah Al-Hud (11:6)



O Muslim brothers! The second thing that one must believe, regarding the belief in the Divine Decree, is that Allah, the Almighty, has written everything in Al-Lawh al-Mahfuz (the Preserved Tablet). He says:

﴿ مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِّن قَبْلٍ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا إِنَّ

ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴾<sup>(7)</sup>

“No disaster strikes upon the earth or among yourselves except that it is in a register (the Preserved Tablet) before We bring it into being. Indeed, that is easy for Allah.” Allah, the Almighty, has written everything long before the creation of the heavens and the earth. The Messenger (peace be upon him) said:

(كَتَبَ اللَّهُ مَقَادِيرَ الْخَلَائِقِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَخْلُقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِخَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ

سَنَةٍ) <sup>(8)</sup>

“Allah has written the decrees of the creation fifty thousand years before He created the heavens and the earth.”

O Muslim brothers! The third thing that one must believe, regarding the belief in the Divine Decree, is the belief that everything happens by the will of Allah and that nothing happens without His will. Allah, the Almighty, says:

﴿ وَإِن يَمَسَّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ وَإِن يَمَسَّكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

قَدِيرٌ ﴾<sup>(9)</sup>

(7) Surah Al-Hadid (57:22)

(8) Narrated by Muslim (2653)

(9) Surah Al-An'am (6:17)



“And if Allah should touch you with adversity, there is none to remove it except Him. And if He touches you with good, then He is competent over all things.” No matter how hard people try to harm you or benefit you, it will not happen except by His will. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said advising 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both):

(وَاعْلَمَ أَنَّ الْأُمَّةَ لَوِ اجْتَمَعَتْ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَنْفَعُوكَ بِشَيْءٍ لَّمْ يَنْفَعُوكَ إِلَّا بِشَيْءٍ قَدْ كَتَبَهُ اللَّهُ لَكَ، وَإِنْ اجْتَمَعُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَضُرُّوكَ بِشَيْءٍ لَّمْ يَضُرُّوكَ إِلَّا بِشَيْءٍ قَدْ كَتَبَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ. رُفِعَتِ الْأَقْلَامُ، وَجَفَّتِ الصُّحُفُ) (10)

“And know that if the entire nation were to gather to benefit you with something, they would not benefit you except with something that Allah has written for you. And if they were to gather to harm you with something, they would not harm you except with something that Allah has decreed upon you. The pens have been lifted, and the pages have dried (i.e, everything has been already written in the Preserved Tablet. And it will happen without any change).”

O Muslim brothers! The third thing that one must believe, regarding the belief in the Divine Decree, is the belief that Allah, the Almighty, is the creator of the universe and everything in it. This includes the movements of all creatures, as well as their abilities and powers. Allah, the Almighty, says:

(10) Narrated by At-Tirmidhi (2516), he said: “This is a sound and authentic Hadith.”



﴿اللَّهُ خَلِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ﴾<sup>(11)</sup>

“Allah is the Creator of everything, and He is the Disposer of affairs over all things.” He also says:

﴿وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ﴾<sup>(12)</sup>

“And Allah created you and what you do.”

O our Creator and Sustainer! Make us those who believe in the Divine Decree completely and are steadfast in it! Amen!

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ الْجَلِيلَ لِي وَلَكُمْ  
وَلِجَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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## Second Sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ  
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَالتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ وَاحْشَوْهُ، قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ

لَهُ مَخْرَجًا \* وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ﴾<sup>(13)</sup>

(11) Surah Az-Zumar (39:62)

(12) Surah As-Saffat (37:96)

(13) Surah At-Talaq (65:2-3)



Praise and thanks be on to Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He! I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Him. And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is His servant and Messenger. O our Creator and Sustainer! Send salutations, peace, and blessings upon Muhammad (peace be upon him), his family, and his companions!

O Servants of Allah, the Almighty! Be mindful of Allah, the Almighty! He says: “And whoever is mindful of Allah, He will make for him a way out. And He will provide for him from where he does not expect.”<sup>(14)</sup>

O Muslim brothers! The one who believes in the Divine Decree will live their lives in contentment. They will not be staggered by tribulation. They will not be overcome when faced with difficulties. Those who believe that everything happens with the Knowledge of Allah, the Almighty, and with His Will need not be afraid, anxious, or despair. They will not regret what has happened to them, nor harm their lives. Allah, the Almighty, says:

﴿قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ﴾

﴿الْمُؤْمِنُونَ﴾<sup>(15)</sup>

“Say: ‘Nothing will ever befall us except what Allah has decreed for us. He is our Protector.’ And upon Allah let the believers place their trust.”

O Muslim brothers! Allah, the Almighty, has created everything in this universe for the benefit of His servants. Whether

(14) Ibid

(15) Surah At-Tawbah (9.51)



we know it or not, whatever happens, happens in the best way possible. Only He knows what He has created and what has been decreed for them. He is exalted from all imperfections. Allah, the Almighty, says:

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَاءَ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا لَعِبِينَ ﴾<sup>(16)</sup>

“And We did not create the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in vain.”

O Muslim brothers! Allah, the Almighty, does not burden a soul beyond its capacity. He is the Most Just. And also, He does not wrong any of His servants. Allah, the Almighty, says: “Indeed, Allah does not commit injustice, even to the extent of an atom's weight. And if there is a good deed, He multiplies it and grants from Himself a great reward.”<sup>(17)</sup>

O Muslim brothers! In the face of adversity, our strongest weapons should be belief in the Divine Decree and patience. If protection is sought through faith and patience, He grants rewards and compensation in this world and the Hereafter without measure. Allah, the Almighty, says:

﴿ إِنَّمَا يُوفَّى الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴾<sup>(18)</sup>

“Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account (i.e., limit).”

(16) Surah Al-Anbiya (21:16)

(17) Surah An-Nisa (4:40)

(18) Surah Az-Zumar (39:10)





O Muslim brothers! Allah, the Almighty, has commanded us to send salutations and peace upon the Noble Muhammad (peace be upon him). He says:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾<sup>(19)</sup>

“Indeed, Allah sends blessings upon the Prophet, and His angels invoke blessings upon him. O you who have believed! Ask Allah to send blessings upon him and grant him peace.”

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ. اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ. وَأَرْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ. أَبِي بَكْرٍ، وَعُمَرَ، وَعُثْمَانَ، وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ سَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ أَجْمَعِينَ. وَعَنَّا مَعَهُمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. آمِينَ!

O our Creator and Sustainer! Make us believers in the Divine Decree and among those who adorn themselves with the trait of patience! Eliminate all diseases and afflictions from us. Heal the sick and bestow upon us the blessings of good health and well-being! Bestow goodness upon those with special needs, and grant patience to their families and caregivers, and reward them! Grant us the ability to follow the path you are pleased with!

O our Creator and Sustainer! Make our country prosperous and bless the fisheries industry and the agricultural industry and increase its abundance! Strengthen our country's economy and grant it prosperity and success! Bless the efforts of those who strive to

(19) Surah Al-Ahzab (33:56)

attain their sustenance through lawful means! Relieve the debtors of their debts and increase their prosperity!

O our Creator and Sustainer! Grant guidance, victory, and success to the leaders whom You have chosen to lead the affairs of Islam and the world along the righteous path! May Allah relieve the calamities that are afflicted all Muslims and distance them from them. Forgive the sins of those who have passed away and those alive among us, and have Mercy upon us all! Grant us goodness in this world and the hereafter and save us from the torment of Hellfire! Amen!

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ. وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي عِزَّةٍ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ. اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُجَاهِدِينَ فِي سَبِيلِكَ فِي فَلَسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ. اللَّهُمَّ وَحِّدْ صُفُوفَهُمْ، وَسَدِّدْ رَمِيَّهُمْ، وَاجْبُرْ كَسْرَهُمْ، وَاشْفِ مَرْضَاهُمْ، وَتَقَبَّلْ شَهَادَتَهُمْ، وَانصُرْهُمْ عَلَى عَدُوِّكَ وَعَدُوِّهِمْ. اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْكَ بِالْيَهُودِ الْعَاصِبِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ، وَمُجْرِي السَّحَابِ، وَهَازِمِ الْأَحْزَابِ، اهْزِمْهُمْ وَرَزَلْهُمْ، وَانصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا عَلَيْهِمْ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ! ﴿ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴾ (20) ﴿ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِابْتِغَاءِ مَنَاقِبِهِ إِنَّكَ عَزِيزٌ مُجِيبٌ ﴾ (21) وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ!

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(20) Surah Al-Baqarah (2:201)

(21) Surah Al-Ankabut (29:45)