



Sharh Aqeedat ul-Waasitiyyah

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Part 11: How Allaah Describes Himself

Text:

وَهُوَ سُبْحَانَهُ قَدْ جَمَعَ فِيهَا وَصَفَ وَسَمَّى بِهِ نَفْسَهُ بَيْنَ النَّفْيِ
وَالْإِثْبَاتِ.

فَلَا عُدُولَ لِأَهْلِ السُّنَّةِ وَالْجَمَاعَةِ عَمَّا جَاءَ بِهِ الْمُرْسَلُونَ؛ فَإِنَّهُ
الصِّرَاطُ الْمُسْتَقِيمُ،

And He, the one free from all imperfections, in whatever He has described Himself and named Himself with, has used both statements of denial and affirmation Therefore, for Ahl us-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah there is no turning away from what the Messengers came with because that is [what constitutes] the Straight Path,...

Explanation:

(And He, the one free from all imperfections, in whatever He has described Himself ...) to the end. This is an explanation of the methodology (manhaj) which Allaah has outlined in His Book for affirming His Names and Attributes. And this is the same methodology which the Believers adhere to and travel upon in this very important subject of the names and attributes.

(...in whatever He has described Himself and named Himself with...) that is all His Names and Attributes **(...has used both statements of denial and affirmation...)** This is the denial of whatever opposes (His) perfection from among the various types of faults and shortcomings, such as the denial of rivals, partners, tiredness, sleep, death and weariness. As for affirmation then that is the acceptance of the qualities of perfection and the most lofty and sublime characteristics for Allaah such as what is contained in the saying of the Exalted:

He is Allaah (besides) Whom there is none deserving of worship, the King, the Holy, the One free from all defects, the Giver of Security, the Watcher over His creatures, the Mighty, the Compeller. Free and

remote is Allaah from all that they associate with Him as partners. He is Allaah, the Creator, the Inventor of all things, the Bestower of forms. To Him belong the most excellent of names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him and He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. [Hashr 59:23-24]

and other such names and attributes which the author will mention as examples in what follows.

(...Therefore, for the Ahl us-Sunnah there is no turning away from what the Messengers came with...) meaning that there is no deviating for the Ahl us-Sunnah from that. Rather, they follow in the footsteps of the Messengers, seeking light by their lights (of guidance) and included in that is affirming the qualities and attributes of perfection for Allaah and clearing Him from what does not benefit Him. The Messengers certainly established this mighty principle. As for the enemies of the Messengers, they turn away from that.

(...because that is [what constitutes] the Straight Path.) This is an explanation and justification for the author's previous sentence **(...Therefore, for the Ahl us-Sunnah there is no turning away...)** because whatever the Messengers came with is the Straight Path. The Straight Path is the justly balanced way in which there is no separation and no division. It is the one mentioned in Surah Faatihah:

Guide us to the Straight Path [Faatihah 1:6]

and also in His saying:

And verily, this is My Straight Path, therefore follow it and do not follow other paths for they will separate you from His Path [An'aam 6:153]

And this is the same path for which we call upon Allaah in every rak'ah of our prayer that He guides us to it.