



The Saved Sect

Allah (SWT) says in Quran,

"Hold fast to the Rope of Allah all of you together and do not differ."
[Surah Al-Imraan: 103]

Allah (SWT) says at another place,

"Be not of the Mushrikeen, of those who split up their religion and became sects, each rejoicing in that which is with it". [Surah Ar-Room: 30-32]

The Prophet (PBUH) also described them in the following terms: "My ummah will split into seventy-three sects, all of whom will be in Hell except one group." They said: Who are they, O Messenger of Allah? He(PBUH) said: "(Those who follow) that which I and my companions follow." This hadith has authentic chain of transmission which can be seen in Sunan Abu Dawud, Masnad Ahmad, Sahih al-Tirmidhi, Masnad Hakim and Takhreej al-Ihya by Iraqi. Ibn Kathir and Ibn Hajar also quoted this hadith.

According to the hadith, it is very much clear that all the sects are Muslims and believers of Islam. The one sect who will follow the Quran and Sunnah strictly will go to paradise straight away. The other sects will be in hellfire, stay there for a certain period of time and then will go to paradise except for the one who will be in hell fire forever. This is the sect who polluted their beliefs with shirk.

The Noble Messenger Mohammad (PBUH) has also informed us that the Jews and the Christians split up into many sects and that the Muslims will split up more than them, so these groups will be subjected to entering the Fire due to their deviations and their distancing themselves from the Book of their Lord, and from the Sunnah of their Prophet.

We have been informed that the one Saved Sect from them will enter Paradise and they are the Jamaa'ah, those who cling to the Book of Allah (SWT) and the authentic Sunnah and the practice of the Companions of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

This is important for us to be strict in the basics of Islam and do not deviate from the straight path.

From Ibn Mas'ood: "The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) drew for us a straight line. Then he (PBUH) said: 'This is Allah's straight Path.' Then he (PBUH) drew lines on the right and left of it. Then he (PBUH) said, 'These are the paths, there is not a path amongst them except a devil's call to it.' Then he (PBUH) recited the ayah from the Quran,

“And, [moreover], this is My path, which is straight, so follow it; and do not follow [other] ways, for you will be separated from His way. This has He instructed you that you may become righteous.” [Surah Al-Anaam: 6/153]

When people drift away from the main body of Islam and develop their own approaches to understand the commandments of the Quran, then there is a fear to lose their way.

Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) said: “I am leaving amongst you two things, you will never go astray as long as you cling to them: The Book of Allah (SWT) and my Sunnah. They will not separate from each other until you meet me at the Lake.” ***[Sahih: Related by al-Hakim from Abu Hurayrah. It was authenticated by al-Albaani in Takhrijul-Mishkat (186)]***

Once people argued with Hazrat Ibn Abbas (RA) that Hazrat Umar (RA) was performing Umrah in a different way as was told by the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). He (PBUH) said: “I fear that the stones will descend upon you from the sky” because they were quoting Hazrat Abu Bakar (RA) and Hazrat Umar (RA) as compare to the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

When people prefer to follow others than Sunnah, though do it in love of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and to please Allah (SWT), they change their direction slightly, and then gradually turn into a new sect. These people distinguish themselves by different names and characters, for example, Khwarijies in the era of Hazrat Uthman (RA). They believe in Allah (SWT), Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), Holy Quran, but they follow other believers to get more reward and barakah.

The only thing to unite the Muslim Ummah is believing Allah (SWT), the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the Holy Quran. A Muslim who may live anywhere in the world is a member of Muslim Ummah.

“O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed, Allah is ever, over you, an Observer.”
[Surah An-Nisa: 1]

Allah (SWT) commands to unite. Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) also described Muslim Ummah as one body and people as different parts of this body. But Muslims are separated on petty issues which are meaningless or not beneficial for the Ummah. Rather, they are divided into sects on such issues. This disunity resulted in intellectual decline, falsification, the decline of brotherhood and sacrifice. Instead of supporting each other, Muslims involve in misconceptions which create anarchy in the society. It also makes the state weak and enemies get control over it. Muslims should realize and believe that the unity of the Ummah will be helpful to move forward in this world as well as in the hereafter. They can support each other in the fields of Education, Trade, Technology, Economy and Safety of the Muslim world.