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OF
HAJJ**

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Peace be upon him/her/them: ﷺ

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The Sermon of Hajj (Pilgrimage)

Imam Ahmed Al-Hasan Al-Yamani Al-Mahdi®

In the name of God, the Abundantly Merciful, the Extremely Merciful, praise be to God Almighty. May God's peace and prayers be upon Muhammad and his family, the Imams, and the Mahdis. The Almighty said,

{Thus We empowered Joseph on the earth; he takes from it whatever he pleases. We reach whom We will with Our mercy and we do not lose the reward of the good doers. And the reward of the Hereafter is better for those who believe and are pious.}¹

O believers, fear God who is capable of everything. Do not fear those who cannot do anything; for they cannot do anything except through God's might, power, and will. You are all on a journey in this life, and every traveller must reach a destination. Be sure that your destination will not be hell, and work toward making your destination heaven. Every wise person must seek the path that leads him to safety; every wise person must seek the path that leads him to safety since regret will be of no benefit when time has run out and preparation has ended.²

You are true believers, as you have known from God and not from Ahmed Al-Hasan that you are walking on the straight path and adopting the religion of truth that God Almighty wants—He created you for this, the truth you have come to know. Work, work, and work until you are breathless. In work lies your salvation, as there is no good in knowing without practicing. The truth I say unto you is that the devil (God curse him) used to know but not practice, so he is from the dysfunctional clerics. Work using the knowledge God Almighty has given you without fearing or considering anything else, no matter how great it is in the eyes of people who consider the world and the material but do not consider God Almighty.

The truth I say to you: Rest assured, O believers, that peace is upon you from a merciful Lord. God Almighty will save you because He is the Generous and Ardent One who defends His believing chosen people at all times. The truth I say unto you: The ardent father defends his children and household, so how could the Almighty Lord not defend His people whom He has chosen? Yes, you have chosen to support God and He, the

¹ Quran, 12:56.

² This is in reference to the emergence of the Riser (*Qa-im*)®—Trans.

Almighty, accepted you in supporting His religion as He is the Generous One who grants much in exchange for little. So work, work, and work as it is a race to heaven. Blessed are the winners whose names are written in the record of eternal life.

From the beginning, I have always said that guidance comes from God, not from Ahmed Al-Hasan. The mountains may vanish but those guided by God will not, as they asked for the truth from the truth, knew God through God, and followed God's guardian through God. Now, after knowing the Truth, I say to you, do not call yourselves the supporters (*Ansar*) of Ahmed Al-Hasan, a servant who will die and cannot do anything. Rather, be the supporters of the Ever-Living Who never dies and is capable of everything. Be the supporters of God because He is the Generous One who gives Himself to whoever genuinely supports Him. People say we support so-and-so. As for you, say that we are God's supporters.

I, a poor servant, deem you all to be better than me. I do not see myself qualified even to be a servant to those who believed in the words of God—those who worked by the words of God and patiently endured harm, oppression, and the denial of God's successor. I am honored and blessed by soil that is stepped upon by the feet of the true supporters of God. I see myself and my household as something small to present to my beloved God Almighty. Regarding money, I do not consider it important or valuable enough to even say it is a small token to be offered to God Almighty.

I have been awaiting death day and night, for in it lies parting from the enemies of God and uniting with God's beloved ones, Muhammad and his household, the prophets, and successors. So Glory be unto God. I have found death fleeing from those requesting it while it swiftly seeks those fleeing from it.

I have always loved solitude. I isolate myself from people and seek the company of God Almighty. God knows how much it burdens me to be present among people unless it is to promote virtue, prevent vice, or to guide and direct them to God, reminding them of Him, the Almighty, and giving glad tidings of heaven and warning them of hellfire. In fact, it burdens me to be with the believing brothers in particular because they give a special type of respect and rank to me when I am with them; I do not find myself worthy of that. I am also extremely fearful that God Almighty will hold me accountable or admonish me for the special respect they give to me.

I tell you truthfully that I did not request allegiance be given to me initially. Rather, what happened in the time of the tyrant Saddam was that a group of students from The

Hawza Ilmiyya³ in Najaf Al-Ashraf⁴ decided to give allegiance to me as a messenger from Imam Al-Mahdi after seeing visions, revelations, and miracles. Then they began requesting allegiance be given to me from other students of the Hawza Ilmiyya in Najaf. God knows and so do they. That was the first allegiance.

Afterward, people apostated except for the few who were loyal to God Almighty's covenant. The ones who apostated began saying that the visions and revelation were from jinn and that the miracles were witchcraft. They would say *the honest* and *the trustworthy*. Then, they began saying *a magician* and *a liar*. I returned to my home and remained like the serenity of day and night, enjoying the company of my beloved, the Almighty, satisfied with His fate and destiny, patient and convinced that God does not allow the reward of those who do good to perish.

Then God willed, after the fall of the tyrant,⁵ that the few loyal to God Almighty's covenant began inviting people again without me directing or asking them to do so. In fact, I had not met with them at all at that time. Then they came and renewed the allegiance to me and took me out of my house. This was the second allegiance. The call broadened and spread, and the number of believers increased.

Afterward, Haider Al-Mushattat and his group apostated, and only a loyal few continued to adhere to the covenant of God.

So, I returned to my home again, enjoying the company of my beloved Almighty, patient with His generous hardships. I did not ask anyone to give allegiance to me; God willed that those whom He had purified through their loyalty to Muhammad's family and chose before He created this world to support the Riser (*Qaim*)⁶ from Muhammad's family would come to me and renew their allegiance. This was the third allegiance, after I was struck on the head twice.⁷

All praise be to God, who made me similar to Dhul Qarnayn⁸ and made me similar to

³School of Religious Studies—Trans.

⁴A city in Iraq—Trans.

⁵The fall of Saddam Hussein—Trans.

⁶The Riser of Ahlul Bayt: Imam al Mahdi^o—Trans.

⁷ See footnote below. Being struck twice is a figure of speech referring to his followers breaking their oath of allegiance to him twice—Trans.

⁸The story of Dhul Qarnayn has been explained by Ahl Al-Bayt^o in the narrations. The most significant clarification is that there is a Dhul Qarnayn of this time—the Riser^o. The Commander of the Believers was asked about whether Dhul Qarnayn was a prophet or a king. He said^o, "He was not a prophet nor a king, but a worshipper who loved God and God loved him. He advised people for God so God advised people about him. God sent him to his people and they struck him on the right side of his head, so he had an occultation from them for as long as God wished. Then he was sent again and they struck him on the left side of his head, so he had an occultation from them for as long as

Ali, the Commander of the Faithful. All praise be to God, who did not make me request Imamate⁹ but made it request me instead. All praise be to God, who did not humiliate me by requesting this world, but made this world request me instead.

By God I did not ask for sovereignty, reign, rank, position, people's obedience to me, or their submission to my command except by the order of God Almighty and Imam Al-Mahdi[®]. Were it not that the presence of supporters establishes a proof for me, I would have left the matter alone without accountability. By God, to me this world is just as God Almighty has shown me and just as my father Ali Ibn Abi Talib[®] described:

“...pig's sweat in the hand of a leper.”

Blessed are you, O Believers. You have acknowledged the sovereignty of God Almighty, His supremacy, and His appointing.¹⁰ As for those who have rejected God's religion, sovereignty, and divine appointment, namely, the clerics of misguidance and their followers, I say to them, “Do what you please. Verily, you are paving the way for the inheritor whether you like it or not. You will lose this world and the hereafter and that is the clear loss. Here you are, sensing your loss in this world day after day. The falsehood of your calculations and judgment will be confirmed for you, as you have taken into account everything except God. How insignificant is He on your scale of judgement!”

{Rather, they have not esteemed God as He has the right to be esteemed.}¹¹

The followers of the dysfunctional clerics began to realize that they had placed them in a desolate and dark valley without vegetation, water, or light—certain death in the darkness. Those dysfunctional clerics began to disavow their sayings and actions. The wicked shepherd abandons his sheep, feeding them to the wolves.

To their followers, I say: Abandon your clerics and follow the bitter and heavy truth; your salvation lies in it. Do you not see that they have abandoned you, feeding you to the wolves? Is there no reasonable, sane person who will save himself from certain death in this world and the hereafter? Fear God. Fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

God wished. He was sent for the third time, and God empowered him on the earth. There is someone equal to him among you.” *Bihar al Anwar* [Oceans of Lights], vol 12, 178—Trans.

⁹The position of an Imam—Trans.

¹⁰His appointing of the successor—Trans.

¹¹Quran, 6:91.

O people, those dysfunctional clerics have tempted you by making falsehood resemble truth, as something is called obscure because it resembles the real thing. The Commander of the Faithful[®] said,

Something is called obscure because it resembles the real thing. As for God's supporters, their light has certitude and their proof has the mark of guidance. Yet, for God's enemies, their appeals have misguidance and their proof is blindness.

They have asked you to vote in the Lesser Election, changing the laws of God just as the men of Al-Saqifa¹² had done with the Greater Election. Previously, they did this to Ali Ibn Ali Talib[®], changing the laws of God in the city of Madina. Today, they are doing the same thing to Imam Al-Mahdi[®] in Iraq, the capital of the blessed Mahdi state.

Huthayfa Ibn Alyaman and Jabir Ibn Abdullah Al-Ansary narrated that they heard the Messenger of God[®] say,

Woe, woe to my nation in the Greater Election and the Lesser Election.

He was then asked about them and he[®] said,

As for the Greater Election, it will happen in my city after my death to usurp my brother's succession and to usurp my daughter's right. As for the Lesser Election, it shall be set during the major occultation in the Zawra to change my tradition¹³ and replace my laws.¹⁴

In a lengthy narration from the Commander of the Faithful, Ali Ibn Abi Talib[®] says:

The territory of sovereignty returns to Al-Zawra, and the matters become voted upon. He who has the power over a thing shall do it. At that time is the emergence of the Sufyani; he shall ride in the earth for nine months oppressing them [the people] with the most evil torment," until he says, "Then the guider and the rightly-guided Mahdi will emerge and take the banner from the hand of Jesus Son of Mary.

I am calling upon you, O people, to save yourselves from the trial of these dysfunctional

¹²The meeting of some of Prophet Muhammad's[®] companions after his death in the Saqifah of Bani Sa'eda, where they agreed to assign a companion or successor instead of Ali[®]—Trans.

¹³The Sunna of the Prophet Muhammad[®]—Trans.

¹⁴Zawraa is a place in the area of current day Baghdad, Iraq. The Lesser Election matches the democratic elections in Iraq. It challenges the sovereignty of God who chooses the leader instead of the people—Trans.

clerics who are misguided and misguide others. Ponder the situation of the nations that preceded you. Do you see the dysfunctional clerics supporting one of the prophets or one of the successors? Do not repeat the same thing again by following the dysfunctional clerics and fighting the successor of Imam Al-Mahdi as the nations before you followed the dysfunctional clerics and fought the dispatched successors and prophets.

Be fair to yourselves for once. Ask yourselves this question: “Have you asked the Messenger of God^ﷺ and the Imams about the clerics of the end times before you ask the clerics of the end times about the successor of Imam Al-Mahdi?” Have you asked the Quran about the unchanging stance of the clerics when a prophet or successor is sent? Have you asked the Quran who kindled the fire for Abraham and who wanted to kill Jesus and who fought Noah, Hud, Saleh, Shuaib, Moses, Jonah, and all the prophets and successors?

If you are not fair to yourselves and do not answer this question now, then surely you will answer it in hellfire with this:

{They will say: “Our Lord verily we obeyed our masters and great men and they misled us from the Way.”}¹⁵

If you had asked God, you would have found the answer in the narration of The Ascension. The Messenger^ﷺ spoke with God Almighty as reported in this lengthy narration:

I said, “O Lord, so when will that be (referring to the emergence of the Riser)?” So He, the Almighty, revealed to me, “It will happen when knowledge disappears and ignorance appears, when there are many reciters while the ones who practice are few, when murders increase, and when guiding clerics decrease and the treacherous clerics of misguidance increase.”

The Messenger of God^ﷺ said,

A time will come upon my nation when the only thing left of the Quran is its script, and the only thing left of Islam is its name. They are called Muslims but are the furthest of people from it. Their mosques are well-built but are ruins of guidance. The clerics of that time are the worst clerics under the shade of the sky. Affliction will emerge from them and eventually return to them.

¹⁵Quran, 33:67.

I am calling you, O people, to stop worshipping these idols. They made permissible what God forbid and made forbidden what God allowed, and by following them you have worshipped them instead of God.

Abi Baseer narrates from Al-Sadiq®:

“I asked him [about the verse], {They have taken as lords beside God their rabbis and their monks.}¹⁶ He® said, ‘No, by God, they did not call the people to worship them. Had they done that, the people would not have accepted. Instead, they made the forbidden permissible and the lawful forbidden, so the people worshipped them without even realizing it.’”

I call you to acknowledge the sovereignty of God and to reject the sovereignty of the people. I call you to obey God and to reject obeying Satan and his counterparts, the dysfunctional clerics. I call you to fear God, recognize His sovereignty, and reject everything else without considering the political reality that America imposes. I urge you to reject falsehood, even if falsehood suits your desires. I call you to acknowledge and follow the truth, even if it is devoid of what the people of this world desire.

Proceed towards the bitterness of the truth because the cure for the harmful disease lies in the bitter medicine. Proceed towards the truth which shall leave you with no friend. Proceed towards the truth and the light while seeking only God Almighty and the hereafter, away from the ornaments of this world and its darkness. Abu Thar Al-Ghafari said, “My beloved the Messenger of God® told me,

‘Say the truth, O Abu Thar,’

So, I spoke the truth and the truth has left me with no friend.” This is similar to what we see in the Quran,

{Say, “O God, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty unto whom You will and You withdraw sovereignty from whom You will. You exalt whom You will and You humiliate whom You will. All good comes from You. Verily, You are able to do all things.”}¹⁷

During the Hajj pilgrimage, you comply:

¹⁶Quran, 9:31.

¹⁷Ibid., 3:26.

*I am here, God, at your service. You have no partners, I am at your service.
Praise and blessings are yours, and sovereignty is yours. You have no partners.*

Work by this verse and apply this observance. When you do that, you will see it is up to God to appoint [a successor], not the people. So what is the matter with you? How do you judge?

“I comply, God, at your service. Sovereignty is yours. You have no partners,” despite the disbelievers' indifference to Your authority and Your supremacy from the past to the end times.

The disbelievers in God's appointment [of the successor] and their followers will come to know by what reversal they will be overturned. The [good] end will be for those who fear God and do not accept any alternative regarding God's appointment, nor do they assign partners with God in His authority. Therefore this observance will be a disgrace for those who repeat it in the pilgrimage, while they do not work by it nor do they acknowledge God's appointing [of the successor] or His sovereignty as if they are cattle, not realizing what they say. Rather, they are more astray in their path because they were created to realize what they say, but they disgraced themselves:

*This is {an announcement from God and His Messenger to the people on the day of the greater pilgrimage that God is disassociated from the disbelievers, and [so is] His Messenger. So if you repent, that is best for you; but if you turn away—then know that you will not cause failure to God. And give tidings to those who disbelieve of a painful punishment.}*¹⁸

The truth I say unto you O believers, Yazeed (God's curse on him) could not kill Al-Hussein because Al-Hussein[®] revolted for the purpose of establishing the sovereignty of God, which had been rejected in the Saqifa and Greater Election. Al-Hussein succeeded in establishing the sovereignty of God and the fact that authority and appointment [of a vicegerent] is for God and belongs to Him, and it is not the people's right nor does it belong to them.

The fruit of the blood of Al-Hussein, his household, and companions was a faithful nation that stood up to the tyrants who have overpowered this nation. This faithful nation did not accept any alternative to God appointing [a successor] for over a thousand

¹⁸ Quran, 9:3.

years. But then came the dysfunctional clerics of the end times to demolish what Al-Hussein built with his pure sacred blood. They came to establish the sovereignty of people and reject the sovereignty of God. For cheap worldly gain, they have sold the religion of God and assumed that their deficient intellects are able to identify the worldly interests of the nation but they never considered the hereafter interests of the nation.

I speak the truth, O believers. The clerics will not be able to kill Al-Hussein[®] because he[®] and his divine revolution, which is founded on divine appointment, remains inside of you, O believers. As for the dysfunctional clerics, when they claim to cry over or visit Al-Hussein[®], he curses them because they are his murderers in this time. They tried to demolish the Hussein revolution and to cause it to miss its goal but they failed. Satan returned embarrassed after your pure hands grasped the torch of the Hussein revolution and you had decided to maintain its blessed goal, the sovereignty of God in His land, with your pure blood.

Ahmed Al-Hasan is a weak servant who has only his conviction that there is no power except by God. Yet, if he were to oppose mountains with this conviction, they would be demolished. I know that the dysfunctional clerics possess an enormous amount of money that is lavishly given to those who worship them instead of God. I know that they possess mass media, a country, and authority, which beat drums and blow horns for them. These dysfunctional clerics have America, and they mutually back each other. I know they possess much in this materialistic world, but I will face them with my conviction in these words, *there is no power except in God*, and I will face them the same way Al-Hussein faced the clerics' ancestors.

The whole world will witness a new Karbala on this earth, a Karbala that has Al-Hussein and his companions in it, and these people are few. They are calling others to the truth and the sovereignty of God and to reject the sovereignty of the people, American democracy, and the Saqifa of the dysfunctional clerics. A Karbala which has Shareeh Al-Qathi, Shimr Ibn Thul Jawshan, and Shibth Ibn Rabiyy, the dysfunctional clerics who commanded the killing of Al-Hussein. A Karbala that has Yazeed, Ibn Ziyad, Sirjaun, and the Roman Empire (America).

The world will see an epic battle upon the holy land revolving around a new message from Jesus son of Mary. It will be a holy land with Jesus and his disciples, who are few in number, oppressed, and fearful of harm from the people; with the Jewish clerics who demand that Jesus be killed; and with the Romans, [i.e.,] the Americans, who comply with the demands to try to kill Jesus. Jesus[®] said,

O evil clerics, God's matters are not as you want or for you to choose. You are building a dwelling for death, building and constructing for ruin, and paving the way for the inheritor.

This land has been and always will be a site for epic battles. Thus has the Lord willed, so let the will of the Lord be done. He is the One to defend His supporters, prophets, and messengers,

{Our word went forth of old unto Our servant messengers that verily they would be victorious and that Our soldiers would verily be triumphant.}¹⁹

The Lord of Muhammad will take revenge on the oppressors in this land. He will take revenge on the offspring of those who killed Al-Hussein because they were satisfied with the actions of their forefathers.

Whoever from you wants to believe, believe, and let the pure become more purified, and let the sacred become more sacred. Whoever from you wants to disbelieve, let him disbelieve, oppress further, and become more impure. Follow your dysfunctional clerics, collect the firewood to kindle a fire for Abraham, mock Noah, prepare the poisoned sword for the head of Ali, and prepare your horses to bruise the chest of Al-Hussein. But I will never compromise, never bargain, and never stop confronting Uthman and exposing him publicly.

In fact, my struggle now is much more difficult than the struggle my grandfather, the Messenger of God^ﷺ, faced with the Quraysh idols. They were idols made of stone, whereas the idols I grapple with today wear the clothes of the Messenger of God, Muhammad^ﷺ. They pretend to uphold the Quran, and claim to represent the Imam. They are idols that bear the legacy of the previous enemies to the prophets and messengers and are familiar with [the tactic] of holding up copies of the Quran on spears to break up Ali's army.

But they do not comprehend that there is no power except by God. Praise be to God, I am not alone, as I am accompanied by a small, faithful group that I have the honor, all the honor of serving. They bore the truth in their hearts and walked toward God, toward the light, and they will only accept light with no darkness inside.

{Recite to them the news of Noah, when he said to his people, "O my people, if my residence and my reminding of the signs of God has become burdensome

¹⁹Quran, 171-173.

upon you—then I have relied upon God. So resolve upon your plan and [call upon] your associates. Then let not your plan be obscure to you. Then carry it out upon me and do not give me respite.”²⁰

Let the will of the Lord be this way, as it has always been: that the tyrants triumph and the messengers and believers are killed because we are not created for this world but for the Hereafter. O God, if this satisfies You, then take until You are satisfied. Or let the will of the Lord change; let the will of the Lord change this time, and the whole world will witness a few oppressed people who have nothing but their conviction that there is no power except in God. [It is a conviction] that will triumph over and defeat the worst tyrants this earth has ever known.

These dysfunctional clerics will say, actually some of them have already said, “Kill Ahmed Al-Hasan as he speaks against the clerics.” Yes he speaks against the clerics because he wants to restore the way of the Messenger of God anew. What kind of clerics *are* they? They fight those who call to part of the Truth, so imagine how much worse it is that I am calling them today to the complete truth, the history of the prophets and messengers, the history of the Imams and successors, the history of Muhammad and Ali, the history of Al-Hussein, the history of Imam Al-Mahdi[®], and the history of Jesus[®]. Jesus said,

My servant is my hands, my transportation is my feet, the earth is my bed, and my pillow is stone. My warmth in winter is the rising of the sun, my light at night is the moon, my food is hunger, my slogan is fear, my clothing is wool, and my fruit and basil are what the land plants for the wild and cattle. I sleep having nothing and I rise having nothing, yet there is no one on earth wealthier than me.

I did not come to invite to the whole truth, the Absolute Truth, without facilitation and preparation from God Almighty. God showed you the reality of these dysfunctional clerics when He sent scholars who called them to some of the Truth. The dysfunctional clerics met them with killing and expulsion. They attacked their character and helped the tyrants to kill their bodies or expel them. Right before you are the examples of Sayyed Khumeini, Sayyed Muhammad Baqer Al-Sadr, and Sayyed Muhammad Muhammad Sadiq Al-Sadr.

Blind is the eye that doesn't see or neglects the truth. What is this trap they have entangled you with, O people? Does it make sense that you are always driven to killing

²⁰Quran, 10:71.

a prophet, successor, or functional scholar while siding with the dysfunctional clerics of misguidance? After he is eliminated you beat your chests and shed tears from your eyes, showing remorse for your abominable hideous act. Then you repeat the same thing again time after time, following the dysfunctional clerics of misguidance. The same snake is stinging you from the same hole every single time.

Awaken, O Sleepers. Awaken, O Dead.

Do you know what Jesus® has to say about the situation between me and these dysfunctional scholars? Then hear this example from Jesus®,

There was a grape farm owner. He left the farm in the hands of workers and traveled far away. Then he sent his deputies to reclaim the farm and fruits, but the workers killed his deputies. Then he sent his son and said, "They will fear my son and hand over the farm and fruits to him." When they saw the son they said, "This is his only son and he is the inheritor. Let's kill him so that the farm and fruits continue to be ours."

The ones who seized the farm are the dysfunctional clerics, and the owner of the farm is Imam Al-Mahdi®. The deputies he sent are the functional scholars who were killed and expelled. As for his son, he is the one calling out to you,

Awaken, O Sleepers. Awaken, O Dead. Awaken.

{Not equal are the living and the dead. God causes whom He wills to hear, but you cannot make those in the graves hear.}²¹

Awaken, O Sleepers. Awaken, O Dead.

These dysfunctional clerics, for the sake of Haroon's²² and their [comfortable] worldly life, want to kill or imprison Musa Ibn Jaafar®.

Awaken, O Sleepers. Awaken, O Dead.

Don't follow the dysfunctional clerics; don't go with them into the abyss of hell. Return to God. With all that He, the Almighty, has done and is doing in Iraq and the world, He wants the people of the earth to pay attention so that perhaps they will be guided to the

²¹Quran, 35:22.

²²Haroon Al-Rasheed—Trans.

truth. The Almighty said,

{Corruption has appeared on land and sea because of [the evil] which men's hands have gained, that He may make them taste a part of that which they had done in order that they may return.}²³

The Almighty also said,

{We make them taste the lower punishment before the greater that perhaps they may return.}²⁴

He also said,

{We showed them not a sign except that it was greater than its sister, and We seized them with affliction that perhaps they might return.}²⁵

And He said,

{We have destroyed villages around you, and displayed [for them] Our revelation, that perhaps they might return.}²⁶

Return to God. Return to the Truth. Return to the Book of God and its companion.²⁷ Returning to the Truth will give you the best of this world and the Hereafter and deliverance from torment in this world and the Hereafter. There is no other choice for deliverance, because this is the Day of God in which His supporters are victorious.

{He made it a word enduring among his descendants that perhaps they would return.}²⁸

The Commander of the Faithful[®] said,

There will come a time after me when nothing is more concealed than the truth, nothing more revealed than falsehood, and lying about God and His messenger is extremely prevalent. There is no commodity less valued by the people of that time than the Book recited correctly and nothing more valued than the Book

²³ Quran, 30:41.

²⁴ Ibid., 32:21.

²⁵ Ibid., 43:48.

²⁶ Ibid., 46:27

²⁷ The person who knows the Quran through knowledge from God—Trans.

²⁸ Ibid., 43:28.

taken out of context. There is nothing in the land more rejected than good and more accepted than evil. The bearers of Quran have discarded it, and its custodians have neglected it.

The Book and its people at that time are expelled fugitives; they walk the same path finding no shelter. The Book and its people in that time are [physically] amongst people but not [truly] among them nor with them because misguidance does not concur with guidance even if they coexist.

The people agreed on division and disagreed on unity, as if they are the leaders of the Book and not the other way around. They have nothing from the Book except its name, knowing only its script. Previously, they had harmed the righteous people in every way possible. They called their honest words about God slander and gave the good deed the penalty of a bad deed.

O Believers, these are the days of the pilgrimage so blessed be your pilgrimage, whether you have gone to the Kaaba or remained in your house. You are pilgrims even in your homes because the house of God is in your hearts. God has made the pilgrimage obligatory upon people in order for them to present their allegiance and support to the Riser of Muhammad's family. As for those who have turned away from the Riser from the family of Muhammad, to whom will they present their allegiance and support?

The truth I say unto you, those who have turned away are dead, not alive. They do not know when they will be resurrected. The people of the age of ignorance (*Jahiliya*)²⁹ also used to make pilgrimage:

{Their prayer at the [holy] House was nothing but whistling and hand-clapping. Therefore [it is said unto them], "Taste the torture because of what you used to disbelieve."}³⁰

Those of today are like those of yesterday:

{For those who have wronged is a portion [of punishment] like the portion of their

²⁹The pre-Islamic period of ignorance—Trans.

³⁰Quran, 8:35.

companions [i.e., predecessors], so let them not impatiently urge Me.}³¹

God has warned those who have turned away about the torment, and the one who has warned is blameless:

{If We delay for them the torment until a known time they will surely say, "What withholds it?" Verily, on the day when it comes to them it cannot be withdrawn from them and that which they mocked will surround them.}³²

Praise be to God alone, alone, alone.

O Lord, praise and gratitude be to You.

O Lord, I did not know of the Book or faith, but You taught me.

- O Lord, I was misguided and You guided me.
- O Lord, I was lost and You showed me the way.
- O Lord, I was ill and You cured me.
- O Lord, I was naked and You clothed me.
- O Lord, I was hungry and You fed me.
- O Lord, I was thirsty and You gave me water.
- O Lord, I was poor and You enriched me.
- O Lord, I was an orphan and You sheltered me.
- I am unable to thank You, because nothing good has come to me except from You and no one has pushed evil away from me except for You.
- So praise be to You as You deserve to be praised for the generosity of Your face and the glory of Your majesty.
- O Lord, send prayers upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, and open my heart to hear Your remembrance so that I comprehend Your inspiration, follow Your command, and avoid what You have prohibited.
- O Lord, send prayers upon Muhammad and Muhammad's family. [Please] do not turn Your face away from me, deny me Your favor, or deprive me of Your forgiveness.
- Allow me to support Your supporters and fight Your enemies.
- Bestow upon me fear of You, desire for You, submission to Your command, acceptance of Your Book, and following the way of Your Prophet^ﷺ.
- O Lord, fill my journey with lessons, make my silence contemplation and my speech a remembrance. Forgive me for the great sin, and join me with my righteous forefathers. Praise be unto You from beginning to end, manifestly and secretly.

³¹Quran, 51:59.

³²Ibid., 11:8.

- O Lord, send my peace to Your supported, victorious, guided, uniting, reviving messenger Muhammad^ﷺ.
- I apologize, ask forgiveness, and repent to You and to him for my shortcomings in delivering the message about Your successor and his oppressed son Muhammad Ibn Al-Hassan. May Your prayers be upon him and his pure fathers.
- May the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon the believing men and women all over the world.