



## Glad Tidings of the Unity of *Ahl al-Sunnah*

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**O**N THE THIRTIETH of *Shawwāl*, 1436 Hijrī, *Al-'Allāmah*, *al-Shaykh* Rabī' ibn Hādī al-Madkhalī (حفظه الله) stated: I give you glad tidings that the word of the people of *Sunnah* is one in the east and west; however, some of the people of *fitnah* have been planted among them, creating division and disagreement, and Allāh willing these disagreements will end and the hearts will unite upon the truth and proceed.

I remind you, and I have said this more than once to my brothers, that before the *fitnah* of Juhaymān—we seek refuge with Allāh—which was from the plants of the *Hizbis* (partisans), the *Salafis* would meet from the east and west, as if they were raised in one house and as if they were one family, no differing among them, not in creed nor in *Manhaj* (methodology)—all praise is for Allāh. The *Salafi* would come from the east and west and speak in the *Haramayn* without needing anyone's permission, speaking in every *masjid* of the Kingdom [of Saudi Arabia] as if he was in his own land, not feeling any strangeness; and the brothers of this country did not feel that they were foreigners to them, having the utmost affinity, love, and affection.

The enemies of the *Sunnah* envied the *Salafis* due to this display, and *Salafiyyah* spread with this good spirit. They were envious of them and began to spread the poison of division—Allāh bless you—by way of a people who feigned *Salafiyyah*; nay, with [feigned] enthusiasm for it, they planted the poison of division among the *Salafis*, and the splitting increased.

However, the people of intellect—praise is for Allāh—recognized what occurred with the *Salafis* due to the schemes of their adversaries and woke up—Allāh willing—and learned the way of rectifying it and began treating it—and praise is for Allāh—and this had great effects.

I recall when there arose division in France and the people became five different groups; they were united—all praise is for Allāh—due to great efforts. Also in Algeria, they divided and scattered; and their hearts came together—praise is for Allāh—due to the great efforts of the people of knowledge and excellence. And it took place in this country as well, praise is for Allāh. Many of the youth from the people of Makkah would not even give the *salāms* to one another and were at odds; and they united.

So I give our brothers glad tidings that conditions are good—praise is for Allāh—and you now see before you in every land [...some words inaudible...] and with that which we say to them each night—Allāh willing—will only increase them in adherence to the Religion, unity, and brotherhood between them.

We ask Allāh to join their hearts, and to raise His Word and aid the *Sunnah* of His Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) by way of them. Indeed our Lord is the One Who Hears supplication. May Allāh's blessings be upon our Prophet Muḥammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), his family, and companions.\*



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\* See <http://www.sahab.net/forums/index.php?showtopic=154310#entry717498>