

فَقَالَ الْعِرْبَابُ صَلَّى بِنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ ذَاتَ يَوْمٍ ثُمَّ أَقْبَلَ عَلَيْنَا فَوَعظَنَا مَوْعِظَةً بَلِيغَةً ذَرَفَتْ مِنْهَا الْعُيُونُ وَوَجَلَتْ مِنْهَا الْقُلُوبُ فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ كَأَنَّ هَذِهِ مَوْعِظَةٌ مَوْدَعٌ فَمَاذَا تَعْهَدُ إِلَيْنَا فَقَالَ: ((أَوْصِيكُمْ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَالسَّمْعِ وَالطَّاعَةِ وَإِنْ عَبْدًا حَبَشِيًّا فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ يَعِشْ مِنْكُمْ بَعْدِي فَسَيَرَى اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ الرَّاشِدِينَ تَمَسَّكُوا بِهَا وَعَضُّوا عَلَيْهَا بِالنَّوَاجِذِ وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَمُحَدَّثَاتِ الْأُمُورِ فَإِنَّ كُلَّ مُحَدَّثَةٍ بَدْعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بَدْعَةٍ ضَالَّةٌ.))

Al-'Irbaad ibn Saariyah said, "...You must adhere to my Sunnah and the way of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs who come after me. Adhere to it and cling to it strongly, and beware of newly-invented matters, for every newly-invented matter is an innovation (bid'ah) and every innovation is a going astray." (Narrated by Abu Dawood (4607) and classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh Abi Dawood)

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اقتدوا بالذين من بعدي من أصحابي؛ أبي بكر وعمر واهتدوا بهدي عمار وتمسكوا بهدي ابن مسعود

"Follow those after me, among my companions, Abu Bakr and Umar. And be guided through the guidance of Ammar, and stick to the advice of Ibn Mas'ud"

[Tirmidhi (3805) Bashshar Awwaad, Tabrani in "Al-Kabeer" (8426), and in "Al-Awsat" (7173), Ibn 'Adi in "Al-Kamil" (7/2654), Al-Hakim (3/75-76), Baghwi (3496)]

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This is recorded by Imam Tirmidhi in his "Sunan" [Al-Manaaqib, manaaqib Abu Bakr and 'Umar]

حدثنا الحسن بن الصباح البزار أخبرنا سفيان بن عيينة عن زائدة عن عبد الملك بن عمير عن ربعي هو ابن حراش عن حذيفة قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم "اقتدوا بالذين من بعدي أبي بكر وعمر"

Narrated by Hudhaifa (ra), he said: Prophet (saw) said, "follow those after me: Abu Bakr and Umar."

Chain: Imam Tirmidhi said, narrated to us Hasan b. Sabbaah, reported to us Sufiyan bin Uyaina, from Zaa'ida, from Abdul Malik bin 'Umair, from Raba'ee b. Haraash, from Hudhaifa (ra) ...hadith...

This hadith has also been recorded by Ibn Sa'd (2/334), Tahawi in "Sharh Mashkil al-Aathaar" (1229), Baghwi (3893) without having the name of Zaa'idah in the Sanad. [Tahqeeq Sunan Tirmidhi (6/43), h-3662]

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حدثنا سعيد بن يحيى بن سعيد الأموي أخبرنا وكيع عن سالم أبي العلاء المرادي عن عمرو بن هرم عن ربيعي بن حراش عن حذيفة قال: - "كنا جلوسا عند النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فقال إني لا أدري ما بقائي فيكم، فاقتدوا بالذين من بعدي وأشار إلى أبي بكر وعمر

Tirmidhi said: narrated to us Sa'eed b. Yahya b. Sa'eed Al-Amwi, (he said) reported to us Wakee' b. Jarraah, from Saalim Abil 'Alaa Al-Muraadi, from 'Amr bin Haram, from Raba'ee b. Haraash, from Hudhaifa, he said:

"We were sitting near Prophet (saw), so he said: "I don't know how much I will remain among you. So follow among those." And he indicated towards Abu Bakr and 'Umar.

Recorded by Ibn Sa'd (2/334), Ahmed in his "Musnad" (5/399), and in "Fadha'il As-Sahaba" (479), Tahawi in "Sharh Al-Mushkil" (1233), Ibn Hibbaan (6902) [See Tahqeeq Tirmidhi by Bashhar Awwaad, vol.6, page-45]

Some scholars have pointed some weakness in this chain

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