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Indeed all Praises are for Allah alone. We praise Him, seek His assistance, and seek His forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Him from the evil of our own selves and the evil consequences of our actions. Whomever Allah guides, there is no one to lead him astray, and whomever is lead astray, there is no guide for him. I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, who is alone without any partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and final messenger. To proceed:

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Growing the Beard (part 1)

A Friday sermon by,
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All praise is for Allah who has blessed us with the most perfect blessing and complete religion, ordered us to follow the guidance of the prophets and messengers and warned us from following the sinful opposition. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah who is alone, judges with the truth and rules with justice who is the most Just and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger, the best of the messengers may peace and blessings be upon him, his family, companions, and followers in perfection until the last day.

O people, fear Allah the Most High and follow the guidance of your prophet Muhammad ﷺ for his guidance is the

best and his practice is the most straight and his way is the most guided. Follow your prophet ﷺ in action so that you can be from his followers on the day of judgment the day of reckoning and accountancy. Follow the prophet ﷺ in your worship, morals and manners, dealings, and in your methodology. Follow him in all of that, in public and in private, in ease and hardship, in that which is inspiring to you and in that which is an obligation and a must, in that which is in agreement with your desires and in that which disagrees with them for that is the real following and imitation. As for he who does not follow the prophet ﷺ except in public, in difficulty and in ease, or only in that which is in agreement with his desires then he is not following him in the true sense of following.

O people, follow the way and practice of you prophet ﷺ in order to actualize your taking him as a prophet and leader. Follow his way so that you will be raised up in his company and obtain his intercession. Follow his way in order to be happy in this life and the next and to be victorious with a beneficial trade. Follow his way for it is inclusive of all that is good and rejects all that is evil. Indeed some people have realized that reality, followed the Sunnah and were saved and others have denied that reality, opposed the Sunnah and have been destroyed.

O people, from the way or Sunnah of the messenger of Allah ﷺ, which he practiced with his action, called to with his statement, made obligatory with his command and is required by the natural disposition which Allah has instilled in His servants, is growing the

beard and trimming the mustache. On the authority of Aisha رضي الله عنها, the messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "10 things are from the natural disposition; trimming the mustache, growing the beard, using the siwak (cleaning the teeth), rinsing the nose with water, clipping the finger nails, washing between the joints of the digits, removing arm-pit hair, shaving the pubic region, and cleaning the private regions with water after answering the call of nature, and the narrator said, I forgot the 10th except that it is rinsing the mouth and some of the scholars say it is circumcision".

O Muslims if growing the beard and trimming the mustache is from the natural disposition then it is the manner of the prophets and messengers and the way of the believing servants of Allah so listen to the statement of Allah the Mighty and Majestic regarding Harun عليه السلام when he said to his brother Musa عليه السلام "O brother do not take from by beard or my head". Listen to what happened to the companions according to your prophet ﷺ the seal of the prophets and leader of the righteous the messenger of the Lord of the worlds Muhammad ﷺ on the authority of Aisha who said "I used to perfume the prophet ﷺ when he was making Ihram with the best perfume and would put it in his hair and beard" (Bukhari). Jabir ibn Samurah رضي الله عنه said that the messenger of Allah ﷺ had a full thick beard (Muslim). And in the hadeeth collection of Imam

Ahmad, a man saw the prophet ﷺ in his sleep and told ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه who said, can you describe the man that you saw to me, and he replied yes and said what included a man with his beard filling what is between his two shoulders so much so that it filled his chest. Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه if you saw him while awake you would not be able to describe him more than that as the description was a perfect match with the description of the prophet ﷺ. Ibn Masood رضي الله عنه said when describing the prophet ﷺ that he had a full bushy beard that was not long, and Ali ibn Abi Talib رضي الله عنه said that he had a full beard and in another hadeeth he had a massive beard.

O Muslims, servants of Allah, if growing the beard and trimming the mustache is from the natural disposition, the practice of the prophets and the way of the believers then it is what the messenger of Allah ﷺ ordered his nation with in the statement, "be different from the polytheist, spare your beards and trim your mustaches (Bukhair & Muslim). Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه also narrated another hadeeth with the same meaning saying, cut your mustache and let you beard grow, be different from

the majians. O Muslims, that which is obligatory upon the believer is that he be firm, ruling with the book of Allah and the Sunnah of His messenger ﷺ with insight and intelligence. Which of the two paths is more guided and more rightful, the way which is from the natural disposition, the way of the prophets, their successors and those that followed them or the way which is based upon misguidance and is pleasing to the soul that urges and incites to evil which is the way of the enemies of Allah and His messenger from the polytheist and majians? That which is a must for the believer is to be firm and to execute the order of Allah's messenger ﷺ so that he may achieve the attribute of faith and the witness that Muhammad ﷺ is the messenger of Allah, Allah the Most High said,

It is not for a believer, man or woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decreed a matter that they should have any option in their decision. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger, he has indeed strayed in a plain error. (Al-Ahzab 33:36)

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