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## WHAT IS ISTIQAMAH?

*As-Salāmu ‘Alaykum wa Raḥmatullāhi wa Barakātuh.  
A‘ūdhu Billāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-raġīm. Bismillāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.  
Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwālina wa l-Akhirin.  
Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥabi Rasūlillāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā,  
Dastūr Mawlana Shaykh Abdullāh al-Fā’iz ad-Dāghistāni, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim  
al-Ḥaqqāni. Madad. Tariqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam‘iyyah.*

Our way is alhamdulillah clear. Following the order of Allah ‘Azza wa-Jalla to be in Jannah, to be in belief. “إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ”, ‘Inna l-Ladheena ‘Aamanu’ wa A’milu s-Salihaati, ‘Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds.’ (Qur’ān 18:107).

Istiqamah: to be on the way of Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. Don’t go right, don’t go left, Go Straight; this is Istiqamah. Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said, “شَيَّبَتْنِي هُوْدٌ”, “Sūrat Hūd made my hair turn white.” Because there is [in it], “فَاسْتَقِمْ كَمَا أَمَرْتُ وَمَنْ تَابَ مَعَكَ”, ‘Fa-staqim kamā umirta wa-man tāba ma‘aka’, ‘So remain on a right course as you have been commanded, [you] and those who have turned back with you [to Allah].’ (Qur’ān 11:112). Allah ‘Azza wa-Jalla ordered Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam: Be Straight. This was one word, but it is too heavy. Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam said, “It made some of beard become white.” Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam’s hair was black, but only with this Ayah did some of his blessed beard become white. It is heavy.

So it is one word, but it is not easy. You must be all the time in the way. Don’t go out of the way. Tariqah is the way. This is from Prophet salla Llāhu ‘alayhi wa-sallam. So to be in Akhirah in Jannah, Allah ﷻ promised us that who is in Istiqamah will be in Jannah insha’Allah. May Allah ﷻ make us to be strongly straight on the way. And not for our ego, shaytan, Dunya to take us away from this way. It is a big way. If you are sincere insha’Allah you will continue on this way.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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