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May Allah have mercy on him.

Ha'iyah Ibn Abi Dawud

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1. Hold Firmly to Allah's Rope, and follow the Guidance, and do not be an innovator, so that perhaps you will be from amongst those who succeed
2. And practice your religion based on the Book of Allah and the Sunan which have come from the Messenger of Allah in order that you will be saved and (in order that you may) achieve a reward (from Allah).
3. And say: (Surely) the Speech of Our King is not created; for (indeed) that was the belief of the righteous ones (who preceded us), and such was what they (eloquently) expressed.
4. And do not be (from those who) do not take a stance pertaining to the Qur'an, as was the case with the followers of Jahm, and they Asjahu (i.e. they were overly lenient).

5. And do not say that the Quran is created, meaning: its recitation, Since the Speech of Allah, through its recitation is made clear.
6. And say: Allah will make His self visible to the creation, openly, Just as the full moon is not hidden (on a clear night),
7. And He was not born, nor has He fathered anyone, Nor is there anything similar to Him, Exalted is He, the Glorified One.
8. And indeed a Jahmee rejects this, however, we have a clarifying hadith as confirmation of what we say.
9. Jarir narrated it from the statement of Muhammad, so say what he said concerning that issue, and you will be successful.
10. And certainly a Jahmee will deny His Right Hand as well, While both of His Hands are giving out all kinds of bounties.
11. And say: The Ever-Compelling descends each night, Without asking how; magnificent is the One God, The Perfect One, He is worthy of all Praise.
12. Down to the lowest heaven, granting bounties from His Grace, As the gates of the heavens are opened and spread widely.
13. He says: Is there anyone seeking forgiveness who would like to meet a Forgiver? Or is there anyone seeking gifts of goodness and provisions, so he could be given (what he requests)?
14. A group has reported this, whose reports are not to be rejected, but indeed some people have failed belying these narrators, thus they were criticized.

15. And say: Indeed the best of the people after Muhammad were his two Wazirs (i.e. deputies) of old, and then 'Uthmaan, according to the most correct position.
16. And the fourth of them was the best of creation after them, 'Alee, the companion of goodness, through goodness he was successful.
17. Those are the Raht, those who we have no doubt about,

Upon the grand camels of Firdows, shining brightly and roaming about.
18. Sa'eed, Sa'd, Ibn 'Awf, Talhah, Aamir of Fihri, and Zubayr the praiseworthy.
19. And speak with the best terms about the Companions, all of them. And do not be one who speaks ill of them, pointing out their faults and criticizing.
20. Since the clear Revelation has spoken of their excellence,

And in (Soorah) al-Fath are verses about the Companions, praising them.
21. And regarding the pre-ordained Qadr, be convinced, since it is

The pillar that combines many affairs of the Religion, and the Religion encompasses much.
22. And do not reject, out of ignorance, (belief in) Nakeer and Munkar,

Or the Pool or the Scales, surely you are being advised sincerely.

23. And say; Allaah, The Great, will remove, from His Grace,

Out of the Fire, people, burned severely, who will then be tossed

24. Into the river in Firdows, wherein they will regain life by its water,

Like a seed taken by a flood that comes and wipes things away with its abundant water.

25. And surely, the Messenger of Allaah will intercede for the creation.

And speak about the punishment of the grave, that it is the truth, made clear.

26. And do not make takfeer of those who pray, even if they commit sins,

Since all of them commit sins, while the Owner of the Throne forgives graciously.

27. And do not hold a belief like that of the Khawaarij, for it is

A position held by only those who desire it, and it is destructive and disgraceful.

28. And do not be a Murji', one who plays games with his religion,

Surely, the Murji' is joking about the religion (i.e. not taking it seriously).

29. And say: Eemaan (faith) consists of statements, intentions (ie. belief of the heart)

And Actions, according to the explicit statement of the Prophet.

30. And it decreases sometimes, due to disobedience, and sometimes

Because of obedience it grows, and on the Scale it will outweigh (other things).

31. And keep yourself from the opinions of people and their stances,

Since the stance of the Messenger of Allaah is more befitting and comforting to the chest.

32. And do not be from those who play games with their religion,

Attacking the people of hadeeth and reviling them.

33. If you keep the belief contained within this poem all your life, O my companion,

You will be upon goodness, day and night.