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The Qur'an informs us that we will be in three different categories on the Day of al-Qiyamah:

وكنتم أزواجا ثلاثة فأصحاب الميمنة ما أصحاب الميمنة وأصحاب المشأمة ما أصحاب المشأمة والسابقون السابقون

And you will be three kinds. So, Companions of the Right Hand, who will be Companions of the Right Hand? And Companions of the Left Hand, who will be Companions of the Left Hand? And those foremost will be foremost. 1

Those who will be in the "foremost" group will be the nearest people to Allah in al–Jannah2. All the other members of Paradise will be from the Right Hand group3. Our concern in this research are those who will be on the Left Hand. Everyone who will enter Hellfire will be from the Companions of the Left Hand:

And Companions of the Left Hand, who will be Companions of the Left Hand? In fierce hot wind and boiling water, and shadow of black smoke, neither cool, nor good.4

And:

And those who disbelieved in Our Verses, they will be Companions of the Left Hand. The Fire will be shut over them.5

May Allah protect us from ever being among the Companions of the Left Hand.

The question here is about the Sahabah: will any of them be from the Companions of the Left Hand? We ask this because they generally failed to accept the offspring of the Messenger, sallallahu 'alaihi wa alihi, as khalifahs and supreme guides after him.

So, what exactly will the consequence of their flouting of Hadith al-Thaqalayn and Hadith al-Khalifatayn be? Are they really going to suffer any punishment from Allah for their disobedience?

Furthermore, the Prophet had warned that his Ummah must follow his offspring after him in order to remain upon the true guidance. Well, the Sahabah did not heed his warning. So, did they derail from the Right Path?

Imam al-Bukhari (d. 256 H) records the answer:

حدثنا أحمد بن صالح حدثنا ابن وهب قال أخبرني يونس عن ابن شهاب عن ابن المسيب أنه كان يحدث عن أصحاب النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم قال يرد على الحوض رجال من أصحابي فيحلؤون عنه فأقول يا رب أصحابى ؟ فيقول إنك لا علم لك بما أحدثوا بعدك إنهم ارتدوا على أدبارهم القهقرى

Ahmad b. Salih – Ibn Wahb – Yunus – Ibn Shihab – Ibn al-Musayyab, who used to narrate from the Sahabah of the Prophet, peace be upon him, that the Prophet, peace be upon him, said:

Some men from my Sahabah will come to my Lake-Fount and they will be driven away from it. So, I will say, "O my Lord, my Sahabah!" It will be said, "You have no knowledge of what they INNOVATED after you: they turned APOSTATES."6

This hadith was transmitted by the Sahabah themselves, and it reflects the true Islamic position on the matter. Many of the Sahabah became "innovators" and "apostates" after the death of the Messenger of Allah. As a result, they will be Companions of the Left Hand on the Day of al–Qiyamah, and will thereby be thrown into Hellfire.

One of the Sahabah who spread this bad news about his kind was Anas. Imam Muslim (d. 261 H) has his report:

وحدثني محمد بن حاتم حدثنا عفان بن مسلم الصفار حدثنا وهيب قال سمعت عبدالعزيز بن صهيب يحدث قال حدثنا أنس بن مالك أن النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم قال ليردن علي الحوض رجال ممن صاحبني حتى إذا رأيتهم ورفعوا إلى اختلجوا دونى فلأقولن أي رب أصيحابى أصيحابى فليقالن لى إنك لا تدري ما أحدثوا بعدك

Muhammad b. Hatim – 'Affan b. Muslim al-Saffar – Wuhayb – 'Abd al-'Aziz b. Suhayb – Anas b. Malik:

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, "Some persons from amongst those who kept me company will

meet me at the Lake-Fount. I will see them, and they will be presented to me. Then, they will be forced away from me. I will say: 'O my Lord, my Sahabah! My Sahabah'. It will be said to me: 'You do not know what they INNOVATED after you.''7

We will, in the last chapter of this book, identify some of these innovators among the Sahabah, through sahih Sunni riwayat. Some of these names may severely bother some of our brothers from the Ahl al–Sunnah.

Imam al-Bukhari has documented the hadith of Ibn 'Abbas too, on this matter:

حدثنا محمد بن يوسف حدثنا سفيان عن المغيرة بن النعمان عن سعيد بن جبير عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم: تحشرون حفاة عراة غرلا ثم قرأً كما بدأنا أول خلق نعيده وعدا علينا إنا كنا فاعلين . {فأول من يكسى إبراهيم ثم يؤخذ برجال من أصحابي ذات اليمين وذات الشمال فأقول أصحابي فيقال إنهم لم يزالوا مرتدين على أعقابهم منذ فارقتهم فأقول كما قال العبد الصالح عيسى بن مريم} وكنت عليهم شهيدا ما دمت فيهم فلما توفيتني كنت أنت الرقيب عليهم وأنت على كل شيء شهيد .إن تعذبهم فإنهم عبادك وإن

قال محمد بن يوسف ذكر عن أبي عبد الله عن قبيصة قال هم المرتدون الذين ارتدوا على عهد أبي بكر فقاتلهم أبي بكر رضى الله عنه

Muhammad b. Yusuf – Sufyan – al-Mughirah b. al-Nu'man – Sa'id b. Jubayr – Ibn 'Abbas, may Allah be pleased with them both:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: "You will be resurrected bare-footed, naked and uncircumcised." Then he recited: {As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it: a promise We have undertaken. Truly, We shall do it} [21:104]. He continued: "The first to be dressed will be Ibrahim. Then, some of my Sahabah will be taken towards the right side AND TOWARDS THE LEFT SIDE. So, I will say: 'My Sahabah!' It will be said, 'THEY HAD BEEN APOSTATES SINCE YOU LEFT THEM.' I will then say as the Righetous Servant, 'Isa b. Maryam, said: {And I was a witness over them whilst I lived amongst them. But, when You caused me to die, You were the Watcher over them, and You are a Witness to all things. If You punish them, they are Your slaves, and if You forgive them, You, only You, are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise} [5:117-118]."

Muhammad b. Yusuf narrated from Abu 'Abd Allah that Qubaysah said: "They were those who apostatized during the time of Abu Bakr. So, Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, fought them." 8

Qubaysah, one of the Sunni Imams, identified the apostates among the Sahabah as only those of them who renounced Islam during the rule of Abu Bakr. Our contention is that the apostates truly included, but were far more than just the Ahl al-Riddah. More details will be provided.

Imam Ahmad (d. 241 H) records the testimony of yet another Sahabi:

حدثنا عبد الله حدثني أبي ثنا عفان ثنا حماد بن سلمة أنا علي بن زيد عن الحسن عن أبي بكرة أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم قال ليردن على الحوض رجال ممن صحبني ورآني حتى إذا رفعوا إلى ورأيتهم اختلجوا دوني فلأقولن رب أصحابى أصحابى فيقال إنك لا تدري ما أحدثوا بعدك

'Abd Allah (b. Ahmad) – my father (Ahmad b. Hanbal) – 'Affan – Hammad b. Salamah – 'Ali b. Zayd – al-Hasan – Abu Bakrah:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said:

Some persons from amongst those who kept me company AND SAW ME will meet me at the Lake–Fount. They will be presented to me and I will see them. But then, they will be forced away from me. So, I will say, "O my Lord! My Sahabah! My Sahabah!" It will be said, "You do not know what they INNOVATED after you."9

Shaykh al-Arnaut comments:

صحيح لغيره

Sahih li ghayrihi 10

Al-Bukhari returns again with the riwayah of Abu Hurayrah:

وقال أحمد بن شبيب بن سعيد الحبطي حدثنا أبي عن يونس عن ابن شهاب عن سعيد بن المسيب عن أبي هريرة أنه كان يحدث :أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم قال يرد علي يوم القيامة رهط من أصحابي فيجلون عن الحوض فأقول يا رب أصحابي فيقول إنك لا علم لك بما أحدثوا بعدك إنهم ارتدوا على أدبارهم القهقرى

Ahmad b. Shabib b. Sa'id al-Hinti – my father – Yunus – Ibn Shihab – Sa'id b. al-Musayyab – Abu Hurayrah, that he used to say:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: On the Day of al-Qiyamah, a group from my Sahabah will meet me. But, they will be driven away from the Lake-Fount. So, I will say, "O my Lord! My Sahabah!" Then, He will say, "You have no knowledge of what they INNOVATED after you: they turned APOSTATES."11

Ahmad b. Hanbal has the testimony of yet another Sahabi:

حدثنا عبد الله حدثني أبي ثنا سليمان بن داود ثنا عبد الرحمن بن عبد الله بن دينار عن أبي حازم عن النعمان بن

أبي عياش الزرقي عن أبي سعيد الخدري ان النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم قال فأقول أصحابي أصحابي فقيل انك لا تدرى ما أحدثوا بعدك قال فأقول بعدا بعدا أو قال سحقا سحقا لمن بدل بعدى

'Abd Allah (b. Ahmad) – my father (Ahmad b. Hanbal) – Sulayman b. Dawud – 'Abd al-Rahman b. 'Abd Allah b. Dinar – Abu Hazim – al-Nu'man b. Abi 'Ayyash al-Zarqi – Abu Sa'id al-Khudri:

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said: "So, I will say, 'My Sahabah! My Sahabah!' It will be said, 'You do not know what they INNOVATED after you.' Then I will say, 'Woe, woe to whoever changed after me.'"12

Al-Arnaut says:

صحيح

Sahih₁₃

Imam al-Bukhari also documents that of Ibn Mas'ud:

وحدثني عمرو بن علي حدثنا محمد بن جعفر حدثنا شعبة عن المغيرة قال سمعت أبا وائل عن عبد الله رضي الله عنه :عن النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم قال أنا فرطكم على الحوض وليرفعن رجال منكم ثم ليختلجن دوني فأقول يا رب أصحابي فيقال إنك لا تدرى ما أحدثوا بعدك

'Amr b. 'Ali – Muhammad b. Ja'far – Shu'bah – al-Mughirah – Abu Wail – 'Abd Allah, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said: I will be your predecessor at the Lake-Fount. Some persons from amongst you will be presented to me. Then they will be forced away from me. Therefore, I will say, "O my Lord! My Sahabah!" It will be said, "You do not know what they INNOVATED after you." 14

He was addressing his Sahabah, and clearly stated that the innovators would be "from amongst" them.

Imam Ahmad documents the report of Hudhayfah as well:

حدثنا عبد الله حدثني أبي ثنا سريج بن النعمان حدثنا هشيم عن المغيرة عن أبي وائل عن بن مسعود وحصين عن أبي وائل عن حذيفة قالا قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم أنا فرطكم على الحوض أنظركم ليرفع لي رجال منكم حتى إذا عرفتهم اختلجوا دوني فأقول رب أصحابي أصحابي فيقال إنك لا تدري ما أحدثوا بعدك

'Abd Allah (b. Ahmad) – my father (Ahmad b. Hanbal) – Shurayh b. al-Nu'man – Hushaym – al-Mughirah – Abu Wail – Ibn Mas'ud AND Husayn – Abu Wail – Hudhayfah, both of them (Ibn Mas'ud and Hudhayfah) said:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: "I will be your predecessor at the Lake-Fount, expecting you. Some persons from amongst you will be presented to me, and I will recognize them. Then, they will be forced away from me. So, I will say, 'O my Lord! My Sahabah! My Sahabah!' It will be said, 'You do not know what they INNOVATED after you." 15

Al-Arnaut comments:

This hadith has two chains. The first chain is sahih, and the narrators of the second chain are thiqah (trustworthy) narrators of the Sahih. 16

Ahmad also records:

حدثنا عبد الله حدثني أبي ثنا عبد الصمد ثنا عبد العزيز بن مسلم حدثنا حصين عن أبي وائل عن حذيفة أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم قال ليردن على الحوض أقوام فيختلجون دوني فأقول رب أصحابي رب أصحابي فيقال ليدك لا تدري ما أحدثوا بعدك

'Abd Allah (b. Ahmad) – my father (Ahmad b. Hanbal) – 'Abd al-Samad – 'Abd al-'Aziz b. Muslim – Husayn – Abu Wail – Hudhayfah:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said, "Groups of people will meet me at the Lake-Fount. But, they will be forced away from me. So, I will say, 'O my Lord, my Sahabah! O my Lord, my Sahabah!' It will be said to me, 'You do not know what they INNOVATED after you." 17

Al-Arnaut comments:

A sahih hadith 18

Imam al-Haythami (d. 807 H) copies the hadith of another prominent Sahabi:

وعن أبي مسعود عن النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم قال : " ليرفعن لي رجال من أصحابي حتى إذا رأيتهم اختلجوا " دوني فأقول : أصحابي فيقال : إنك لا تدري ما أحدثوا بعدك

Narrated Abu Mas'ud, from the Prophet, peace be upon him:

Some persons from my Sahabah will be presented to me. When I see them, they will be forced away from me. So, I will say, "My Sahabah!" Then it will be said, "You do not know what they INNOVATED after you."19

Al-Haythami says:

Al-Tabarani recorded it and its narrators are narrators of the Sahih.20

Imam Ahmad has not relented yet:

حدثنا عبد الله حدثني أبي ثنا قتيبة بن سعيد ثنا يعقوب بن عبد الرحمن عن أبي حازم قال سمعت سهلا يقول سمعت النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم يقول أنا فرطكم على الحوض من ورد شرب ومن شرب لم يظمأ بعده أبدا وليردن على أقوام أعرفهم ويعرفونني ثم يحال بيني وبينهم قال أبو حازم فسمعني النعمان بن أبي عياش وأنا أحدثهم هذا الحديث فقال هكذا سمعت سهلا يقول قال فقلت نعم قال وأنا أشهد على أبي سعيد الخدري لسمعت يزيد فيقول أنهم منى فيقال إنك لا تدري ما عملوا بعدك فأقول سحقا سحقا لمن بدل بعدي

'Abd Allah (b. Ahmad) – my father (Ahmad b. Hanbal) – Qutaybah b. Sa'id – Ya'qub b. 'Abd al-Rahman – Abu Hazim – Sahl:

I heard the Prophet, peace be upon him, saying: "I will be your predecessor at the Lake-Fount, and whoever will pass by there, he will drink from it and whoever will drink from it, he will never again be thirsty. Groups of people will meet me. I will recognize them and they will recognize me. Then, a barrier will be placed between me and them."

Abu Hazim said: al-Nu'man b. Abi 'Ayyash heard me while I was narrating this hadith to them and said. "Did you hear this from Sahl?" I said, "Yes." He said, "I bear witness that I heard Abu Sa'id al-Khudri adding (as part of the hadith): "I will say: 'They are from me'. It will be said, 'You do not know what they did after you.' I will say, 'Woe to those who changed after me." 21

Al-Arnaut declares:

Its chain is sahih upon the standard of the two Shaykhs.22

Imam Muslim returns again:

وحدثنا ابن أبي عمر حدثنا يحيى بن سليم عن ابن خثيم عن عبدالله بن عبيدالله بن أبي مليكة أنه سمع عائشة تقول سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم يقول وهو بين ظهراني أصحابه إني على الحوض أنتظر من يرد علي منكم والله ليقتطعن دوني رجال فلأقولن أي رب مني ومن أمتي فيقول إنك لا تدري ما عملوا بعدك ما زالوا يرجعون على أعقابهم

Ibn Abi 'Umar - Yahya b. Salim - Ibn Khaytham - 'Abd Allah b. 'Ubayd Allah b. Abi Mulaykah - 'Aishah:

I heard the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, saying while he was in front of his Sahabah: "I will be at the Lake-Fount, expecting whosoever from amongst you will meet me. By Allah, some persons will be cut away from me, and I will, as a result say 'O my Lord! From me, and from my Ummah.' He will say, 'You do not know what they did after you. They did not cease to turn back upon their heels.'"23

And al-Bukhari caps it with the report of her sister:

حدثنا سعيد بن أبي مريم عن نافع بن عمر قال حدثني ابن أبي مليكة عن أسماء بنت أبي بكر رضي الله عنهما قالت : قال النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم إني على الحوضحتى أنظر من يرد علي منكم وسيؤخذ ناسدوني فأقول يا رب مني . ومن أمتى فيقال هل شعرت ما عملوا بعدك والله ما برحوا يرجعون على أعقابهم

فكان ابن أبى مليكة يقول اللهم إنا نعوذ بك أن نرجع على أعقابنا أو نفتن عن ديننا

Sa'id b. Abi Maryam – Nafi' b. 'Umar – Ibn Abi Mulaykah – Asma b. Abi Bakr, may Allah be pleased with them both:

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said: "I will be at the Lake-Fount expecting whoever will meet me from amongst you. Some people will be taken away from me. So, I will say, "They are from me, and from my Ummah." It will be said, "Do you know what they did after you? By Allah! They did not cease to turn back upon their heels."

As a result (of this hadith) Ibn Abi Mulaykah used to say: "O Allah, we seeks refuge with You from turning back on our heels or facing trials in our religion".24

With this, the ahadith have been narrated by, at least, the following Sahabah:

- 1. Anas b. Malik
- 2. Ibn 'Abbas
- 3. Abu Bakrah
- 4. Abu Hurayrah

- 5. Abu Sa'id al-Khudri 6. 'Abd Allah b. Mas'ud 7. Hudhayfah 8. Abu Mas'ud 9. Sahl 10. Umm al-Muminin 'Aishah 11. Asma b. Abi Bakr So, the tawattur of this matter is beyond question. 1. Qur'an 56:7-10 2. Qur'an 56:10-12 3. Qur'an 56:27-40 4. Qur'an 56:41-44 5. Qur'an 90:19-20 6. Abu 'Abd Allah Muhammad b. Isma'il b. Ibrahim b. Mughirah al-Bukhari al-Ju'fi, al-Jami' al-Sahih al-Mukhtasar (Beirut: Dar Ibn Kathir; 3rd edition, 1407 H) [annotator: Dr. Mustafa Dib al-Bagha], vol. 5, p. 2407, # 6214 7. Abu al-Husayn Muslim b. al-Hajjaj al-Qushayri al-Naysaburi, Sahih Muslim (Beirut: Dar Ihya al-Turath al-'Arabi) [annotator: Muhammad Fuad 'Abd al-Baqi], vol. 4, p. 1800, # 2304 (40) 8. Abu 'Abd Allah Muhammad b. Isma'il b. Ibrahim b. Mughirah al-Bukhari al-Ju'fi, al-Jami' al-Sahih al-Mukhtasar (Beirut: Dar Ibn Kathir; 3rd edition, 1407 H) [annotator: Dr. Mustafa Dib al-Bagha], vol. 3, p. 1271, # 3263 9. Abu 'Abd Allah Ahmad b. Hanbal al-Shaybani, Musnad (Cairo: Muasassat Qurtubah) [annotator: Shu'ayb al-Arnaut], vol. 5, p. 48, # 20512 **10.** Ibid 11. Abu 'Abd Allah Muhammad b. Isma'il b. Ibrahim b. Mughirah al-Bukhari al-Ju'fi, al-Jami' al-Sahih al-Mukhtasar (Beirut: Dar Ibn Kathir; 3rd edition, 1407 H) [annotator: Dr. Mustafa Dib al-Bagha], vol. 5, p. 2407, # 6213 12. Abu 'Abd Allah Ahmad b. Hanbal al-Shaybani, Musnad (Cairo: Muasassat Qurtubah) [annotator: Shu'ayb al-Arnaut], vol. 3, p. 28, # 11236 **13.** Ibid 14. Abu 'Abd Allah Muhammad b. Isma'il b. Ibrahim b. Mughirah al-Bukhari al-Ju'fi, al-Jami' al-Sahih al-Mukhtasar (Beirut: Dar Ibn Kathir; 3rd edition, 1407 H) [annotator: Dr. Mustafa Dib al-Bagha], vol. 5, p. 2404, # 6205 15. Abu 'Abd Allah Ahmad b. Hanbal al-Shaybani, Musnad (Cairo: Muasassat Qurtubah) [annotator: Shu'ayb al-Arnaut], vol. 5, p. 393, # 23385
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 - 20. Ibid
 - 21. Abu 'Abd Allah Ahmad b. Hanbal al-Shaybani, Musnad (Cairo: Muasassat Qurtubah) [annotator: Shu'ayb al-Arnaut], vol. 5, p. 333, # 22873
 - 22. Ibid
 - 23. Abu al-Husayn Muslim b. al-Hajjaj al-Qushayri al-Naysaburi, Sahih Muslim (Beirut: Dar Ihya al-Turath al-'Arabi)

[annotator: Muhammad Fuad 'Abd al-Baqi], vol. 4, p. 1794, # 2294 (28)

24. Abu 'Abd Allah Muhammad b. Isma'il b. Ibrahim b. Mughirah al-Bukhari al-Ju'fi, al-Jami' al-Sahih al-Mukhtasar (Beirut: Dar Ibn Kathir; 3rd edition, 1407 H) [annotator: Dr. Mustafa Dib al-Bagha], vol. 5, p. 2409, # 6220

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