

THE BOOK
AL-SHARĪḤ AH

A COMPRESSIVE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE CREED OF *AHL AL-SUNNAH*

Imām Muḥammad b. Husayn al-Ājurri (d. 360H)

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allāh, The Most Merciful, The Beneficent

All praise belongs to Allāh, the Lord of all the creation. And may the peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad and his family.

‘Umar b. Ibrahīm (may Allāh pardon him) said that *al-Faqīh al-Imām* Abū al-Ḥasan Aḥmad b. Muqbil (may Allāh aid and guide him to that which is correct) informed us saying: *al-Faqīh al-Imām* Abū al-Ḥasan Aḥmad b. ‘Abdullah b. Mas‘ūd al-Burayhī (may Allāh have mercy upon him) informed us saying: *al-Faqīh al-Ḥāfiẓ* Abū al-Ḥasan ‘Alī b. Abū Bakr b. Ḥimyar b. al-Tubba‘ b Fuḍayl informed me saying: the *Shaykh al-Faqīh* As‘ad b. Khayr b. Yahyá b. ‘Isá b. Mulāmis (may Allāh be pleased with him) informed us, who narrated from his father, Khayr b. Yahya, who said: Abū Bakr Aḥmad b. Muḥammad al-Bazzār al-Makkī narrated to us saying: Muḥammad b. al-Husayn (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said:

Muḥammad b. al-Husayn al-Ājurri (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said:

The most deserving and befitting speech for me to begin with is: All praise belongs to Allāh, our Noble Protector and Guardian; and the best praise is the praise that Allāh, the Most Generous, mentioned for Himself – and I praise Him with this.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the creation.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ وَهُوَ
الْحَكِيمُ الْحَبِيرُ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلِجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ
فِيهَا وَهُوَ الرَّحِيمُ الْعَفُورُ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth, and to Him belongs [all] praise in the Hereafter. And He is the Wise, the Acquainted. He knows what penetrates into the earth and what emerges from it and what descends from the heaven and what ascends therein. And He is the Merciful, the Forgiving.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَجَعَلَ الظُّلُمَاتِ وَالنُّورَ ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
بِرَبِّهِمْ يَعْدِلُونَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, who created the heavens and the earth and made the darkness and the light. Then those who disbelieve equate [others] with their Lord.

وَقُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وِثْرٌ
مِّنَ الدُّلَىٰ وَكَبْرَهُ تَكْبِيرًا

And say, ‘Praise to Allah, Who has not taken a son and has had no partner in [His] dominion and has no [need of a] protector out of weakness; and glorify Him with [great] glorification.’

I praise Him, thanking Him for His continuous blessings that He bestows upon us and His continual assistance, praising Him as someone who knows that His Guardian loves to be praised. For Him belongs all praise, in all circumstances.

May the peace and blessings of Allāh be upon the bringer of glad tidings, the warner, the radiant lamp, the best of the sons of Adam, who has been described in the *Tawrah* and the *Injīl*. The seal of all the Prophets; this is Muḥammad. May the peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him, his virtuous family, his chosen companions and his wives, the mothers of the believers.

May Allāh grant us and you success in clinging to His obedience, to the obedience of His Messenger and sticking to the way of the Prophet's Companions and those who followed them in goodness. And may He grant us success to cling to what the Imāms from the Muslim scholars were upon. May He protect us and you from the misguiding innovations. Indeed, He is the All-Hearer, the Most Near [through His knowledge].