

Amir-ul-Momaneen^{SWS}'s Sermon on Taqleed¹

عنه، عن الحسن بن علي بن فضال، عن عاصم بن حميد، عن محمد بن مسلم، عن أبي جعفر عليه السلام، قال: خطب أمير المؤمنين عليه السلام الناس فقال: أيها الناس إنما بدء وقوع الفتن أهواء تتبع، وأحكام تبتدع، يخالف فيها كلام الله، **يقلد فيها رجال رجالا**، ولو أن الباطل خالص لم يخف على ذي حجي، ولو أن الحق خالص لم يكن اختلاف، ولكن يؤخذ من هذا ضغث ومن هذا ضغث فيمزجان فيجئان معا، فهناك استحوذ - الشيطان على أوليائه ونجا الذين سبقت لهم من الله الحسنى

Al-Hassan bin Ali bin Fazal heard from Asim bin Hameed, who from Mohammed bin Muslim, who narrates from Imam Abu Jafar^{SWS} that Amir-ul-Momaneen^{SWS} said in a sermon: O People! Anarchy evolves from following desires and inducing innovation in (Divine) Commands. These are against the Book of Allah^{swt}. It starts **when men emulate men [when men do man's Taqleed]**, even though it is against the Religion of Allah^{swt}. If 'Unjust' had been presented in its pure form (without ambiguity), those who dislike it would stay away from it. And if 'Just' had been offered in its original form, without blending it with 'Unjust', those who bear hatred towards it would have been silenced. However, What happens in practice, something is taken from here and something from there and their mixture is put forward! At this stage, Satan^{la} overpowers his friends and only those manage to escape from it who have previously been blessed with virtues by Allah^{swt}.

¹ Al-Mahasen, Vol-1 Page, 208. The book written by Abu Jafar Ahmad Ibn Muhammad Khalid Al-Barqi, born 274 Hijri