

## **Al-Sahab Releases Mansur Al-Shami Sermon 'Our Id is the Id'**

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A translation of the video follows:

(Onscreen text in Arabic) "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate ...  
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(Onscreen text in English) "Al-Sahab Media

(Onscreen text in Arabic) "Id Al-Adha Sermon 1430 (corresponding to 2009) by Shaykh Mansur al-Shami (may God protect him) entitled:

"Our Id is the Id "(Al-Shami speaking) We seek His help, and ask His forgiveness. We seek refuge in God from the evil within ourselves and our ill deeds. Whoever God guides cannot be led astray. I testify that there is no god but God alone. He has no equal. I testify that Muhammad is His servant and messenger. 'O mankind! Reverence your Guardian-Lord, who created you from a single person, created, of like nature, his mate, and from them twain scattered (like seeds) countless men and women. Reverence God, through whom ye demand your mutual (rights), and (reverence) the wombs (that bore you), for God ever watches over you' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:1). 'O ye who believe! Fear God, and (always) say a word directed to the right, that He may make your conduct whole and sound and forgive you your sins. He that obeys God and His messenger, has already attained the highest achievement' (Koranic verses, Al-Ahzab, 33:70-71).

"This day is one of the great blessed days in which Muslims rejoice and come closer to God through worship. These days are for God in food, drink, and prayer. One of the greatest forms of worship in these blessed days is sacrifice for God Almighty. This form of worship reminds us of the story of Ibrahim (may peace be upon him), whom God Almighty commanded to sacrifice his son, the light of his eyes, Isma'il (may peace be upon him). Ibrahim (may peace and prayers be upon him) went forth to sacrifice his son, in

accordance with the commandment of God and out of submission to Him the Exalted. Thus, he offered God Almighty a great sacrifice. Ibrahim (may peace be upon him) submitted to the commandment of God, because his heart was full of love for God Almighty.

"His readiness to sacrifice his son testified to the sincerity of his love for God Almighty, and so God Almighty held him to be a friend (khalil, epithet of Ibrahim). One of the greatest forms of worship by which the love of a servant for his Lord is known, (and by which) the love of the sincere is known from the love of liars, is worship through jihad. This form of worship requires that the servant part from what he loves for the sake of (his) love for God Almighty, and that he place his love for God Almighty above all else. He leaves his family, home, and wealth, and he sacrifices himself for God Almighty. The worship through jihad is evidence of the sincerity of the love of God held by those who undertake this blessed form of worship. The false claim of those whose love (of God) is wanting is exposed by their failure to perform this form of worship. God Almighty said: 'If it be that your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your mates, or your kindred; the wealth that ye have gained; the commerce in which ye fear a decline; or the dwellings in which ye delight are dearer to you than God, or His messenger, or the striving in His cause, then wait until God brings about His decision. And God guides not the rebellious' (Koranic verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:24).

"Servants of God, this day is a day of rejoice and happiness, in which Muslims everywhere exult. Many people think that the people of jihad do not rejoice during such days. Many people think that the people of jihad are without celebration and happiness, and that they the Id for them is empty. (They think) that they are constantly in a state of sadness and affliction. No! By God, the mujahidin live in a happiness, which, if known by the kings, they would be punished by the sword for it. If anyone knows the real joy of Id in this ill time, it is the people of jihad. In truth, this Id is theirs. It is the Id of the people of jihad.

"How could this Id not be their Id, when God has bestowed upon them two great blessings: the blessing of jihad and the blessing of emigration? Through the blessing of emigration, (the mujahidin) protect their religion, and through the blessing of jihad, they protect the religion of the Islamic nation. How could this Id not be their Id, when they have climbed to the pinnacle of Islam? How could this Id not be their Id, when God Almighty has prepared for the mujahidin one hundred levels (in heaven), and the difference between each level is like that between the sky and earth? How could this Id not be their Id, when their feet have become dust-worn for the cause of God, and He has forbidden that they enter hellfire? How could this Id not be their Id, when God has undertaken to guide them: 'And those who strive in my (cause), I will certainly guide them to my paths, for verily God is with those who do right' (Koranic verse, Al-Ankabut, 29:69). How could this Id not be their Id, when God has promised to those who come forth for His cause, those who are brought only by their belief in Him and their faith in his words, that He will place them in paradise or return them to their homes with their rewards? How could this Id not be their Id, when the example of the mujahid in the cause of God is like the fasting, upright, and obedient example found in the (Koranic)

verses of God, who neither breaks fast nor prayer until the mujahid in the cause of God returns?

"How could this Id not be their Id, when God has bestowed upon all who are killed in jihad (patiently and voluntarily) seven rewards? He is forgiven upon the first drop of his blood, and his place in paradise can be seen. He is spared the torment of the grave, and he is safe from the greatest terror. He is covered with the gown of faith. He dons the crown of dignity, one ruby of which is more precious than the world and all it contains. He is provided with 72 virgins and can forgive 70 of his relatives. How could this Id not be their Id, when they are suffering so much with their jihad? 'Unless ye go forth, He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place, but Him ye would not harm in the least. For Allah hath power over all things' (Koranic verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:39). How could this Id not be their Id, when they are the ones who were rewarded by God the Exalted for performing this lofty worshipping, which distinguishes the people of hypocrisy from the people of faith?

"(The prophet) (may the peace and prayers of God be upon him) said: 'Those who do not fight or consider jihad will die as hypocrites' (Hadith). How could this Id not be their Id, when they are the ones who were rewarded by God for protecting the honor of Islam and Muslims? They are the ones who seek to implement the laws of God, liberate the prisoners, aid the oppressed, and answer those who seek help. How could this Id not be their Id? The real Id is the Id of the people of jihad who removed the dust of humiliation off themselves. In fact, the days of a mujahid are all Id. Their entire life is Id. Killing them is Id. The day that they meet their God the Exalted is Id. The day that they meet their brothers who have preceded them is Id. The day they see the Heavens that God prepared for them, which contains things eyes have never seen before and ears have never heard before, is Id.

"Despite all that, the people of jihad are the most humble of all people. Despite all that, the people of jihad are the most merciful of all people towards this nation. They were separated from their families, countries, and money for the sake of this nation and its religion. Their necks are under the swords and they are butchered under the bombardments so that this nation can harvest the fruits of their work afterwards. Can you not see that a sect from this nation has abandoned supporting them? There are some who purposely let them down and go against them, but you see them like a palm tree. People throw rocks at them and they throw them dates, saying: 'We feed you for the sake of Allah alone. No reward do we desire from you, nor thanks. We only fear a day of distressful wrath from the side of our Lord' (Koranic verse, Al-Insan, 76:9-10).

"The people of jihad are the people with the most freedom. They are not restricted by their lusts or desires. Rather, they favored those loved by God over the rest of the beloved women. They are slaves for God the Exalted alone. They are not slaves to lusts, nor are they slaves to desires. They are the monotheists of God. The people of jihad are the dearest people, and God is with them. Those who have God with them are never afraid. 'Have no fear, for Allah is with us' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:40). Those who have God with them fear no one. The people of jihad are the most forgiving people. The

entire world belongs to them because they did not limit themselves to their countries. They do not acknowledge borders that were made up by the infidels in order to tear Muslims apart. Blessed are the people of jihad. This requires the people of jihad to thank God the Exalted, day and night, secretly and in the open, for this great blessing, which many people are deprived from. The people of jihad must thank God the Exalted so that He can give them more, make them more successful, and help them to defeat the infidels. 'And remember! Your Lord caused to be declared (publicly): If ye are grateful, I will add more (favours) unto you, but if ye show ingratitude, truly my punishment is terrible indeed" (Koranic verse, Ibrahim, 14:7). 'But if they had done what they were actually told, it would have been best for them, and would have gone farthest to strengthen their faith' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:66). We thank God the Exalted, day and night, secretly and in the open, for this great blessing. Be humble towards God the Exalted. Be wary of self-conceit, because it breaks backs and brings nothing but demise and disappointment.

"I would like to give good news to our blessed, dear, and honorable nation that the people of jihad are patient, steadfast, and dependent on their God. How can we not depend on God, knowing that He was the one who guided us? 'And those who strive in our cause, we will certainly guide them to our paths, for verily Allah is with those who do right' (Koranic verse, Al-Ankabut, 29:69). I would like to give good news to our blessed nation that the people of jihad are patient and steadfast, and that they are close to victory. Trouble only makes them stronger, more patient, and more believing in God the Exalted. If they experience trouble, they say: 'For us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:173). 'Hath a small force vanquished a big one? Allah is with those who steadfastly persevere' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:249).

"O nation of Islam, soon (God willing) the laws of God will be implemented on all the lands of Muslims and the entire world. Soon (God willing) the injustice against the oppressed will come to an end. Soon (God willing) the night will vanish and the day will replace it, the day of Islam. We ask God the Exalted to make us steadfast until we meet Him. 'Our Lord! Pour out constancy on us and make our steps firm. Help us against those that reject faith' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:250). 'Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and anything we may have done that transgressed our duty. Establish our feet firmly, and help us against those that resist faith' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:147). 'Our Lord! Bestow on us mercy from Thyself, and dispose of our affairs for us in the right way!' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Kahf, 18:10).

"O God, glorify Islam and Muslims. Humiliate non-belief and the infidels. 'For us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:173). Praise be to God. Peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God."

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