

... including all types of extremism in beliefs and actions". [Iqtidaa Siraatul-Mustaqeem (1/328)]

Abdullah ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet salla Allaahu alayhi wa salam said: **"Destroyed are those who are extreme (in religion). He said it three times"**. [Reported in Saheeh Muslim no. 2670]

Imam Nawawi (676 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, commented on the above-mentioned Hadith saying: **" [it is] those who go in depth; extremists. Those who exceed the boundaries in speech and actions"**. [Sharh Nawawi 'ala Saheeh Muslim (16/220)]

Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet salla Allaahu alayhi wa salam said: **"The religion is very easy and whoever overburdens himself in his religion will not be able to continue in that way. So you should not be extremists, but try to be near to perfection and receive the good tidings that you will be rewarded; and gain strength by worshipping in the mornings and the nights"**. [Saheeh al-Bukhari no. 39]

On the authority of Abu Umamah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet salla Allaahu alayhi wa salam said: **"Two groups of my nation will not receive my intercession: an oppressive, tyrannical ruler, and every extreme renegade"**.

[Graded Hasan by Al-Albani in Saheeh Targheeb no. 2218]

**What was the Prophet's Response salla Allaahu alayhi wa salam to Extremism ?**

Abdullah ibn Mas'ud ( may Allah be pleased with him) said: **"By the One who there is no God worthy of worship except him: I did not see anyone more severe against the extremists than the Messenger of Allah salla Allaahu alayhi wa salam. I did not see anyone more severe upon them after him than Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him). I think Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) was the most fearful to them of all the people in the world"**.

[Reported by Tabarani, Abu Ya'la, and Ibn Abi Shaybah. It was graded Saheeh by Al-Albani in his book Naseeha bi Tahtheer at-Takhreeb pg. 135]

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# WHAT DOES ISLAM SAY ABOUT EXTREMISM?

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## The Meaning of Extremism

Ibn Mandhooor (711 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: **"it means exceeding the bounds..."** . [Lisan ul-Arab (15/134)]

Shaikhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah ( (728 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: **"And extremism is exceeding the bounds by increasing something in its praise or blame above what it deserves and the likes of that"**. [Iqtidaa as-Siraatul -Mustaqeem li Mukhaalifah Ashaabul Jaheem (1/328)]

## What Does the Qur'an Say About Extremism ?

**"O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Do not exceed the limits in your religion, nor say of Allah aught but the truth"**. [4:171]

**"Say (O Muhammad): O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Exceed not the limits in your religion (by believing in something) other than the truth..."** [5:77]

**"So stand (ask Allah to make) you (Muhammad) firm and straight (on the religion of Islamic Monotheism) as you are commanded and those (your companions) who turn in repentance (unto Allah) with you,**

**and transgress not (Allah's legal limits) Verily, He is All-Seer of what you do"**.

[11:112]

**"O you who believe! Make not unlawful the Taiyibat (all that is good as regards foods, things, deeds, beliefs, persons, etc.) which Allah has made lawful to you, and transgress not. Verily, Allah does not like the transgressors"**. [5:87]

## What did the Prophet salla Allaahu alayhi wa salam say about Extremism?

"Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: **"On the morning of Al-Aqabah, while he was on his mount, the Messenger of Allah salla Allaahu alayhi wa salam said to me: "Pick up (some pebbles) for me." So I picked up some pebbles for him that were the size of date stones or fingertips, and when I placed them in his hand he said: "Like these. And beware of going to extremes in religious matters, for those who came before you were destroyed because of going to extremes in religious matters"**. [Reported in Nasaai and Ibn Majah. Graded Saheeh by Al-Albani in Saheeh Nasaai no. 3057]

Shaikhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah: **"And beware of going to extremes in religious matters is general..."**

Bismillah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem

All Praise is due to Allah and may Peace and Blessings be upon the Prophet, his Companions, and his followers until the Last Day.

As for what proceeds:

This is the third pamphlet in the *Introduction to Islam* series. These pamphlets are designed to introduce authentic Islam in a simple and clear manner. In this pamphlet, you will learn inshallah what Islam says about extremism. I ask Allah , our Lord, to guide us to the straight path. Verily, He is capable of all things.