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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ  
أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
قُلْ: آمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ، ثُمَّ اسْتَقِم.

## ĪMĀN AND STEADFASTNESS

Dear brothers and sisters, according to a *ḥadīth*, the Prophet ﷺ was asked: “**O Messenger of Allah! Tell me something about Islam, something about which I need not ask anyone else.**” Then the Messenger of Allah ﷺ replied: “**Say: ‘I believe in Allah’ and then be steadfast.**”<sup>1</sup> *Īmān* guides a person to the right and straight path. It teaches the true purpose of life and responsibilities of a person. *Īmān* gives identity and character. The essence of *īmān* is steadfastness. Steadfastness means living one's life according to the Qur'ān and the *sunna* of the Prophet ﷺ and placing the pleasure of Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ above everything. To be steadfast means to hold on to this path despite the temptations of our own desires and the deceptions of the satan. I end my sermon with the following verse in which Allah ﷻ promises joy to those who are steadfast in their faith: “**Verily, those who say, ‘our Lord is Allah,’ and then stand firm, for them there will be no fear, nor they will be sad.**”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Musnad Aḥmad, III, 413.

<sup>2</sup> Al-Aḥqāf, 46: 13.