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This will see you succeed and triumph.

(Imām Dhahabī رحمته الله, *Siyar A'lām an-Nubalā'*)



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Publisher's Foreword



IN THE NAME OF ALLĀH the Beneficent the Most Merciful. I bear witness that there is no god but Allāh, the Absolute, the One, to whom belongs all praise; and that Muḥammad ﷺ is the Seal of His messengers. May Allāh's peace and blessings descend forever on his family and companions.

This abridgement of Imām Nawawī's *Riyāḍ aṣ-Ṣāliḥīn* (*The Meadows of the Righteous*) is based on the format of *Mukhtaṣar Riyāḍ aṣ-Ṣāliḥīn*, by Shaykh Yūsuf ibn Ismā'īl an-Nabhānī. In addition, it incorporates the commentary on its ḥadīths found in *Nuzhat al-Muttaqīn: Sharḥ Riyāḍ aṣ-Ṣāliḥīn*, by Dr. Muṣṭafā Sa'īd al-Khin, Dr. Muṣṭafā al-Bughā, Muḥyī ad-Dīn Mistū, 'Alī ash-Shirbajī and Muḥammad Amīn Luṭfī.

The intended result is to provide an edition of this essential compilation which is at once self-explanatory in terms of the meaning of each ḥadīth for the lives of Muslims, comprehensive in the breadth of topics it includes and concise and accessible enough to constitute a regular source of reference to both students of the *Dīn* and lay believers.

There follows an extract from the Introduction to *Nuzhat al-Muttaqīn*, emphasising the importance of *Riyāḍ aṣ-Ṣāliḥīn* for the Muslim Ummah and the great need for a commentary on it which is practical and relevant to the lives of Muslims today. After this, an extract from the Introduction to *Mukhtaṣar Riyāḍ aṣ-Ṣāliḥīn* expands on Shaykh Nabhānī's methods of selection and compilation.

The role of the translator in the process of combining these two works was to reproduce the sacred knowledge and profound learning they contain in a format that lends itself to readability and ease of navigation for the reader. For this reason, the explanatory bullet points preferred in the original commentary have been incorporated into short passages following each hadith. Additional comments by both Imām Nawawī and Shaykh Nabhānī have also been included as and where they occur.

May Allāh Most High make this book a successful synthesis of these two invaluable works, and grant that their benefits reach and influence an even wider readership as a result of this endeavour.

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