
Calling to the truth is coupled with answering those who spread falsehood

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Questioner: We see many of the people who attribute themselves to the Salafee methodology constantly attacking the Salafee methodology and its representatives.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):¹ And its?

Questioner: And its representatives from the Imaams of the Salaf, like Ibn Taymeeyah, Ibn al-Qayyim and Ibn Abdul-Wahhaab.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Yes.

Questioner: Constant in this attack, not letting up. And along with this practice of theirs we do not hear an outcry or uproar about this aversive action. But when the issue comes to a head and such criticism reaches this dangerous level, objections [to what they say] arises [but then], for example, [you will hear people say], ‘So and so attacked you and so you defended yourselves by refuting him,’ and those people will reject your refutation and call out saying that there is no time to split the ranks [by answering those people who speak against the Salafee methodology], you have experienced this in Syria, they say, ‘This way of doing things is too harsh and you have to use wisdom and tact,’ and that, ‘The enemies of Islaam are the Communists and Ba’athists, and the Naseris ...’ and so on.

So we see that this group is constant and unrelenting [in its attack] in books, commentaries and in such and such, so what should we do? Is it from wisdom that we do not criticise their scholars at all? And that we try to clarify the truth without it?

Or as part of da’wah, when the situation reaches such a level, should we clarify the extremism and enmity and deviation [that is directed at the Salafee methodology and scholars], i.e., should we employ both means or give precedence to being silent and [just] continuing in our da’wah [without correcting them] ...?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): No, that is not enough. We have to combine both calling to the truth and answering those who spread falsehood, those who fight the truth and its callers, and this is something very clear from what I have said before. So [we must] make the truth known along with using wisdom and beautiful preaching.

Questioner: People now think that that isn’t wise.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): We’ve gone back to ‘the people’ again. What have we got to do with the people?

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

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We have to know the truth and get closer to Allaah the Mighty and Majestic by calling to it. All of us are familiar with His Statement, the Blessed and Most High, in Surah al-Asr, **“By time. Indeed, mankind is in loss. Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience.”**²

So we have to call to the truth and be patient in that, not becoming weary or fed up, no matter what the enemies plot against us, or refute us with, or attribute to us in terms of harshness and even khurooj and so on—it doesn’t trouble us since our Lord, the Mighty and Majestic, said to His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)³ **“Nothing is said to you (O Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)) except what was said to the Messengers before you.”**⁴

What are we—we who think that we are callers [to the truth]—what are we in comparison to our Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)?

Nothing whatsoever.

So if the disbelievers and those people who are misguided speak as a matter of course about the Prophets, and our Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is from them too, then we must prepare ourselves for the fact that we will hear many things from those who are astray, we have to prepare ourselves [for that], and be patient in our call so that we will be rewarded, as He, the Most High, said, **“Only those who are patient shall receive their rewards in full, without reckoning.”**⁵

And Allaah’s Aid is sought.

Questioner: Jazaakumullaahu khaira.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ): Wa iyaakum.

² Soorah al-Asr (the 103rd Soorah of the Noble Qur’aan)

³ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁴ Soorah Fussilat [41:43]

⁵ Soorah az-Zumar [39:10]