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## Patience of the Shaykh

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

As-Sadhaan said, “Shaykh Sameer az-Zuhairi who is from the students of the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup> said, ‘I met up with some of the students of knowledge in Jordan one day. As was the norm in such gatherings, the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) was mentioned and one of the people there started a sweeping attack on him due to the difference in methodology [between the two].

I saw no point in debating with this man due, firstly, to his lack of fairness, and secondly, his severe anger which took him beyond the limits of moderation. So I said to him, ‘If this is the image you have of the Shaykh—and he is not as you think him to be—then why don’t you give him some advice directly, because he is better than your backbiting and slander of him?’

He replied, ‘al-Albaanee does not accept advice.’

So I said, ‘Have you tried?’

‘I’ve never seen him, but this is unanimous about him,’ he said.

So I said to myself, ‘Subhaanallaah! This man has been affected to such an extent due to his Shaykhs without ever having searched for the truth himself or [without ever] having met the Shaykh even though they live in the same city and have been doing so for years!’

Later I organised a gathering of knowledge in the evening with the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) [held] in my house and I called a whole group of students of knowledge. [I also called] this person who had spoken against the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)—but I didn’t tell the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) anything about that [incident].

Most of the gathering was monopolised by that man who argued with the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ), raised his voice and was infuriated [at Shaykh Al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)], to such an extent that it became apparent that I was angry and embarrassed [on behalf of the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)]. When the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) saw that on my face he turned to me smiling and said, ‘Don’t worry about it/don’t take it upon yourself.’

By Allaah, that smile never left the Shaykh’s (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) face and he continued answering him with proofs from the Book and the Sunnah with great patience and an open heart, as was his habit, (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

At the end of the gathering the man stood up and said to the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ), ‘I thank Allaah (عزوجل)<sup>2</sup> that you had changed [already] and that I met you after this change!’

The Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said, ‘And have you ever met me before today?’

‘No,’ he replied.

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

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So the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) pointed to one of the brothers from Syria who had accompanied him in [his call to] the Salafee da'wah, and who was, at that time, a guest of the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) in Amman [Jordan], and said:

'I have not changed. And this brother has accompanied me for more than twenty years in da'wah, and he knows that about me. Either way, may Allaah reward you with good, and as for me, then I ask you to forgive me if I have wronged you in anything. And I ask Allaah, (عزوجل) to forgive me if I have wronged any one from the Muslims.'

Then he started crying, (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ).

And then that person [who had been angry at the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)] could do nothing except cry too, and he started to kiss the Shaykh's (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) hand and head.

And I never knew him after that to be anything except a Salafee, following [the proofs], who loved the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) and honoured him greatly.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *Al-Imaam al-Albaanee, Duroos, wa Mawaaqif, wa Ibar, of Abdul-Aziz ibn Muhammad Abdullaah as-Sadhaan, pp. 158-159.*