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Imaam Sa'eed b. Al-Musayyib (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup> once saw a man praying more than two rak'ah after sunrise, making many bows and prostrations, and so he forbade him. The man said, "O Aboo Muhammad, is Allaah going to punish me for praying?" Sa'eed said, "No, but He will punish you for contradicting the Sunnah."<sup>2</sup>

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) writes:

This is one of the superb answers given by Sa'eed b. Al-Musayyib (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ). It is a strong weapon against heretics (mubtadi'ah) who recommend many different types of religious innovation in the name of them being dhikr and prayer. They then criticise the followers of the Sunnah for criticising them, and accuse them of censoring dhikr and prayer, when in fact [Ahl Al-Sunnah] are only criticising the contravention of the Sunnah in matters such as dhikr and prayer.

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

<sup>2</sup> Al-Baihaqee, As-Sunan Al-Kubraa 2:466. graded Saheeh by Shaykh Al-Albaanee. See Irwaa Al-Ghaleel 2:236.

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