

Advice to the Students and Youth Following the Death of Major Scholars by Shaykh Rabīʿ bin Hādī (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)

Question:¹

“Esteemed Shaykh, what is your advice to the youth and students of knowledge after the death of Shaykh Ibn Bāz, al-Albānī and al-ʿUthaymīn (رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ) and after the spread of corrupt calls and claimants to knowledge?”

Shaykh Rabīʿ bin Hādī (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ):

“O brothers, when Allāh’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) died, the Companions were shaken severely, among them was ʿUmar. Because it was the greatest of messengers (عليهم الصلاة والسلام) how can they not be moved and shaken.

So Abū Bakr came with all thoughtfulness and composure while they were in a state of confusion. He walked to the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), uncovered his face and kissed it, and said: “May my father and mother (be sacrificed for you), may you be well in life and death. To proceed: Whoever among you used to worship Muḥammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), then Muḥammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) has died, and whoever among you used to worship Allāh, then verily Allāh is ever-living, He never dies.” And he recited the saying of Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى):

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ أَفَإِنْ مَاتَ
أَوْ قُتِلَ انْقَلَبْتُمْ عَلَى أَعْقَابِكُمْ

“And Muhammad is not but a messenger. (Other) messengers have passed on before him. So if he was to die or be killed, would you turn back on your heels (to unbelief)?” (3:144).²

¹ *Majmūʿ Rasāʾil* (15/14-16).

² *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī* (no. 3667).

The Prophet's Companions recovered from their state (of shock and confusion) and left for the streets reciting (the verse), as if it was the first time they were hearing it.

So Ibn Bāz died, al-Albānī died, and Ibn 'Uthaymīn died, and before them, the Companions, the Successors and the Imāms of Islām died, but Allāh's religion is preserved.

Nothing is (incumbent) upon us but to roll our sleeves up and become serious in acquiring knowledge so that Allāh plants (the seeds) in this ummah, and brings out from it those who have the levels of our shaykhs. So we do not despair of Allāh's mercy, we must roll up our sleeves and become serious. (That those scholars have died) will not diminish our number. For indeed, Allāh decreed appointed times for men, and they (the scholars who have passed) have fulfilled their obligation, and Allāh benefited the ummah through them. Now, the role is for those who succeed them, they must learn.

He who taught Muḥammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), Abū Bakr, 'Umar and the Companions, and the Successors and Imāms of Guidance, and who taught Ibn Bāz, al-Albānī and Ibn 'Uthaymīn, He (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) still lives, remains and protects His religion and He will prepare those who will succeed after them.

And all praise is due to Allāh, there remain scholars who perform their obligation, the Committee of Major Scholars are present in Riyāḍ and in other places, and in al-Madīnah al-Nabawiyyah, in the Islāmic University, there are noble, esteemed scholars, such as Shaykh al-'Abbād and other than him from the esteemed ones, may Allāh bless you.

There are those who revile Ahl al-Sunnah, among them are those who say: "To Hellfire O Ibn 'Uthaymīn, immortally abiding therein forever!" So what can be said about these types, for by Allāh, if Allāh wills, Ibn 'Uthaymīn will be succeeded by tens, hundreds and thousands³

³ From the fruits of the knowledge, efforts and striving of the senior scholars is that they have tens, hundreds or even thousands of successors, who are the fruits of their efforts, and thus, they are succeeded by many others who are their fruits and their legacy. The claim that a major scholar of great standing has just one successor to show

in this ummah, if Allāh wills, and, if Allāh wills, he will be in Paradise, whose width is as the width of the heavens and earth, prepared for the devout, this is what we hope from Allāh.

We ask Allāh for safety from the books of intellectual thought, O brothers. From the effects of the books of intellectual thought is revilement upon the scholars, and belittling them and belittling their knowledge through (the slogan) of “understanding current affairs”.

They claim that the intellectual thinkers comprehend current affairs, and they gave them this veneration because they comprehend current affairs, whereas the scholars are scholars of womens menses and post-partum bleeding, and they are spies and agents and so on.⁴

It is easy for the one who has been nurtured in these evil environments to say the likes of this speech.

So you must seek knowledge, be sincere to Allāh therein, respect the scholars of the Sunnah, benefit from their sciences, avoid the books of

for his decades of teaching is not the saying of any intelligent person and is a revilement. Indeed, the great scholars may have tens, hundreds or even thousands of shaykhs and students, of varying levels, that collectively are a testimony to their lengthy and tremendous efforts in da‘wah and teaching.

⁴ The People of Innovation and Misguidance, such as the Mu‘tazilah place reason over revelation, and hence, they find fault with the Prophetic Sunnah that does not conform to their reason, such as the ḥadīths of pre-decree (*qadar*), and various ḥadīths and reports from the Companions pertaining to *fiqh* rulings. So they reviled the scholars of ḥadīth and belittled them. Similar to them, from the contemporaries, are the Ḥarakiyyīn (Political Activists), those who work to snatch power from the current rulers in order to establish Ḥākimiyyah as they claim, and their tools are *takfīr* and *khurūj* (revolt) where possible, and if not, then civil strife of various types, and if not then participation in democracy. So they claim the scholars who prohibit from these affairs and who call people to stick to the Sunnah and the Prophetic methodology in rectification of the servant and the land are ignorant and do not know the affairs of the ummah, and the suffering and plight of Muslims in various lands, and that they are paid agents working for the interests of the rulers, to maintain the status quo, and what is similar. All of these are lies and slanders aimed at toppling the status of the major scholars, so that they can then justify revolting against the rulers.

the people of innovation, and from them are the books of intellectual though which are full of innovations, misguidance and deviant thoughts.

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[شريط بعنوان: جلسة في يوم الخميس]

* الجواب: يا إخواني، لما مات رسول الله -عليه الصلاة والسلام- اهتز الصحابة اهتزازاً شديداً ومنهم عمر؛ لأنه مات أعظم الرسل -عليهم الصلاة والسلام-، كيف لا يضطربون وكيف لا يهتزون.

فجاء أبو بكر بكل أناة وبكل هدوء وهم في حالة اضطراب، ومشى إلى الرسول -عليه الصلاة والسلام- وكشف عن وجهه وقبله وقال: بأبي أنت وأمي، طببت حياً وميتاً، أما بعد: فَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْكُمْ يَعْْبُدُ مُحَمَّدًا ﷺ فَإِنْ مُحَمَّدًا ﷺ قَدْ مَاتَ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يَعْْبُدُ اللَّهَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ، وتلا قول الله -تبارك وتعالى-: ﴿وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ أَفَإِنْ مَاتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ انْقَلَبْتُمْ عَلَى أَعْقَابِكُمْ﴾ فأفاق أصحاب النبي ﷺ وخرجوا للشوارع يقرءونها كأنهم لأول مرة يسمعونها، فمات ابن باز ومات الألباني ومات ابن عثيمين، ومات قبلهم الصحابة والتابعون وأئمة الإسلام، ودين الله محفوظ، ما علينا إلا أن نشمر عن ساعد الجد لتحصيل العلم، فيغرس الله في هذه الأمة ويستخرج منها من يلحق بمنازل شيوخنا،

فلا نياس من روح الله، علينا أن نشمر عن ساعد الجد، ولا يفت في عضدنا هذا.
فإن الله ﷻ قدّر آجال البشر وهم قد أدوا واجبهم ونفع الله بهم الأمة، والآن دور من يخلفهم، عليهم أن يتعلموا، فالذي علم محمدًا وأبا بكر وعمر والصحابة والتابعين وأئمة الهدى، وعلم ابن باز والألباني وابن عثيمين لا يزال حيًّا باقياً حافظاً لدينه -تبارك وتعالى-، فاطلبوا العلم واطلبوا منه الهداية والتوفيق، وسيهيئ الله من يخلف هؤلاء.

والحمد لله بقي من العلماء من يقوم بواجبهم، هيئة كبار العلماء الموجودون في الرياض وغيرها، وفي المدينة النبوية في الجامعة الإسلامية علماء نبلاء أفاضل مثل الشيخ العباد وغيره من الأفاضل، بارك الله فيكم.

فهناك من يشمت بأهل السنة ومنهم من قال: إلى الجحيم يا بن عثيمين خالداً مخلداً فيها!! فماذا يقال في هذه النوعيات، فوالله -إن شاء الله- يخلف ابن عثيمين عشرات ومئات وآلاف في هذه الأمة -إن شاء الله-، وإن شاء الله إلى جنة عرضها السموات والأرض أعدت للمتقين، وهذا نرجوه من الله.

وما نقطع لأحد بالجنة، ولا نقطع لأحد بالنار، كما جزم هذا المجرم، يعني (إلى الجحيم)! و(خالداً مخلداً فيها)!

فنسأل الله العافية هذه من الكتب الفكرية يا إخوان، من ثمار الكتب الفكرية الطعن في العلماء واحتقارهم واحتقار العلم الذي عندهم بفقهِ الواقع، يدعون أن الفكرين فقهاء واقع وعظموهم هذا التعظيم لأنهم فقهاء واقع، والعلماء علماء حيض ونفاس وجواسيس وعملاء... إلخ، فلهذا يسهل على هذا الذي نشأ في هذه البيئات السيئة أن يقول مثل هذا الكلام.

فعلَيْكُمْ بطلب العلم، والإخلاص فيه لله، واحترام علماء السنة والاستفادة
من علومهم، ومجانبة كتب أهل البدع، ومنها الكتب الفكرية المشحونة بالبدع
والضلالات والأفكار المنحرفة.