

A Brief Biography of Imaam Ibn 'Uthaymeen (Rahimahullaah)

His Name, Place and Date of Birth:

He is Al-'Allaamah Al-Faqeeh Abu Abdullaah Muhammad Ibn Saalih Ibn Muhammad Ibn Al-Uthaymeen At-Tameeme An-Najdee. He was **born** in the city of **Unayzah**, Qaseem Region, Saudi Arabia, on **27th Ramadhaan 1347H** in a famous religious family.

His Most Prominent Teachers:

He received his education from many prominent scholars like:

Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahmaan Ibn Naasir **As-Sa'dee** (1307H - 1376H), Shaykh Abdul-Azeez **Ibn Baaz** (1330H - 1420H), and Shaykh Muhammad Ameen **Ash-Shanqeetee** (1325H - 1393H), along with many others.

Teaching Style & Occupation

When he entered into teaching, a great number of students from inside and outside Saudi Arabia benefited from him. He had his own unique style of interpretation and explanation of religious points. He was from among those scholars who served Islaam without any type of religious prejudice and kept themselves away from the limitations of blind-following. He was distinguished in his great exertion of effort in religious matters and analogical deductions which clearly prove the religious understanding he possessed, and the correct usage of the principles of religion, he adopted.

In giving religious verdicts, like Imaam Ibn Baaz, the Fataawaa of Imaam Uthaymeen (i.e, rulings/verdicts) are based on the Manhaj of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah which is evidenced from Qur'aan and Sunnah.

He was a professor of Usool ad-Deen at the Sharee'ah Faculty of Imaam Muhammad Ibn Sa'ud Islamic University, Qaseem Branch. He was also a member of the Council of Senior Scholars of the Kingdom, and was the Imaam and Khateeb of the Grand Mosque of the city of Unayzah.

Among His Well-Known Translated Works:

In 'Aqeedah: Explanations of Kitaab At Tawheed, al-Usool ath-Thalaatha, Al 'Aqeedah Al Waasitiyyah, Lum'at Al-I'tiqaad, Kashf Ash Shubuhaat, along with Exemplary Foundations Concerning the Beautiful Names & Attributes of Allaah, Minhaaj Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, 'Aqeedah Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah & the Divine Decree.

In Tafseer: An Introduction to the Principles of Tafseer, Tafseer Ayaatul Kursi.

In Hadeeth: Explanation of Riyaad As Saaliheen. Explanation of Al Arba'een An Nawawiyyah.

In Fiqh/Fataawaa: Fataawa Arkaan Islaam. Description of the Prophet's Prayer. Sujood As Sahw. Gatherings in the Month of Ramadaan. 48 Questions on Fasting.

His Character:

Imaam Ibn Uthaymeen was famous for his *simplicity, modesty*, along with *exemplary manners* with everyone he encountered, as well as the *unique style of presenting topics* - free of dogmatic arguments. He is among the pre-eminent scholars of this century.

His Death: Imaam Ibn Uthaymeen passed away on Wednesday **15th Shawwaal, 1421H** / 10th January 2001 C.E. at the age of **74**. He was **buried** in **Makkah**. May Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) have Mercy upon his soul. Aameen!