

Al-Albaanee Crying at a Hadeeth About Repentance | “Did you Pray Salaah with Us?”

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Albaanee: I wanted to remind you of a hadeeth in connection to what you said but then my mind went to another one connected to what my friend here said ...

He ﷺ said, "... **if you did not sin, Allaah would replace you with people who would sin and they would seek forgiveness from Allaah and He would forgive them,**" what does this hadeeth mean?

Its meaning is that Allaah the Mighty and Majestic said in the Noble Qur'aan that He created mankind in the best form, He didn't make man like an infallible angel, "... **who disobey Him not and do whatever Allaah has commanded them,**" He made him a human being who has intellect, a soul, desires and volition, so he lives with these characteristics which Allaah gave him so that he can obey Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, not in an infallible manner, because there is no infallibility according to the hadeeth - ya'nee, our Lord doesn't intend for us to be infallible, and there is no-one who can repel His Decree and Will—but He wants them to repent when they sin, "... **if you did not sin, Allaah would replace you with people who would sin and they would seek forgiveness from Allaah and He would forgive them.**"

And naturally this hadeeth is not an encouragement to commit sins inasmuch as it is an encouragement to seek forgiveness when one does.

Questioner: Does this include all sins?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: What's that?

Questioner: Does this include all sins or just minor lapses?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Whatever sin it is, yes.

Questioner: Even the major sins, ya'nee?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Whatever sin it is, whatever sin it is. I've forgotten the hadeeth that had occurred to me about what you said, what did you say?

Questioner: Not praying and then committing ... [unclear] ... better that he prays ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Ah, the hadeeth that I was thinking about was when a man came to the Prophet ﷺ and said, "O Messenger of Allaah, I went in a garden," ya'nee an enclosed garden, "and found a woman there and did what a man would do with his wife except intercourse," so he ﷺ said:

"Did you pray Salaah with us?"

He replied, "Yes."

So he said, **"Verily good deeds wipe out the bad."**

For this reason when you say to a man [trying to encourage him] that, "You're drinking so pray Salaah along with it Yaa Akhi, good deeds wipe out the bad," this is a Legislated method of giving da'wah, and is not an innovated one as you indicated that some say [earlier].

In relation to this I'll mention that hadeeth of the young man who came to the Prophet ﷺ and said, "O Messenger of Allaah, give me permission to fornicate." So he ﷺ said, **"Would you like that for your mother?"** The man said, "No ..." He said, **"Neither would people like it for their mothers. Would you like that for your sister?"** The man said, "No," The Prophet ﷺ said, **"Neither would people like it for their sisters."** Then he ﷺ placed his hand on his chest and said, **"O Allaah guard his chastity and purify his heart."**

Questioner: Now, should a person supplicate to the Lord of the Worlds to totally protect him from mistakes and slip-ups, ya'nee, it's as though it's not recommended?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: He, ya'nee, the hadeeth in Bukhaaree, **"And the one who is truly protected is the one who is protected by Allaah,"** so he does ask [Allaah].

Questioner: This is recommended?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Yes

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Questioner: May Allaah reward you with good, by Allaah there's no doubt that what caused this spiritual state in you was the Mercy of the Lord of the Worlds in that how can this person who does such a huge thing ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Allaahu Akbar.

Questioner: [and then] one Salaah ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Allaahu Akbar.

Questioner: ... and that thing is gone, this is from the Lord of the World's Mercy on His Slaves, for if not people would despair ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Yes.

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