

Preceding the Imaam with saying Ameen

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

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹:

You will remember this speech of mine; when you go to any Masjid in which an audible prayer is prayed all of the people precede the Imaam in saying Ameen. The Imaam is nearly not able to finish saying:

وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

[Nor of those who went astray]²

And the Masjid is shaking with: Ameen! Hence, it is upon the followers to wait until they hear the Imaam begin (his statement): Ameen, and then they say Ameen; acting in accordance with his, (عليه السلام)³, statement:

إِذَا أَمَّنَ الْإِمَامُ فَأَمَّنُوا فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ وَافَقَ تَأْمِينُهُ تَأْمِينَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

“When the Imaam says Ameen then you say Ameen. For he who’s Ameen coincides with that of the angels then that which has preceded from his sins will be forgiven.”

This Hadeeth is agreed upon by the two Shaykhs.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² سورة الفاتحة - Soorah al-Faatihah [1:7]

³ (عليه السلام) (‘alaihi-salaam) Peace be upon him