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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Questioner: Nowadays, a non-Muslim from Europe, for example, who dies and was brought up in a corrupt environment, and Allaah's Refuge is sought, with no-one conveying the Islamic religion to him, and even if it had reached him, it did so in a form of disarray such that he did not want to enter it, so I don't know ... do such people come under the ruling of those whom the message did not reach [Ahlul-Fatrah] or is there a major difference [between them?]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: No [there is no difference], such people are like those of the Fatrah whom the call did not reach, they will go through a special process on the arasaat on the Day of Resurrection.

Questioner: What about these people? [The questioner hasn't understood clearly that the Shaikh was referring to the people the questioner asked about]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): Who am I speaking to you about? These people are like the Ahlul-Fatrah, they will go through a special process on the arasaat on the Day of Resurrection, so neither a ruling of them being in Paradise or the Fire is given to them here.

Questioner: Does arasaat mean pathways?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): The arasaat is the place where the people will be gathered.

Questioner: One of them who dies now, who will his right be upon, for example?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): Who will what?

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

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Questioner: His right will be upon whom, ya'nee, who will be responsible for him ... who will bear the burden of his mistakes and his sin? Is it the Muslims for example ... who didn't go to him and convey the religion to him?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Which type are you talking about, is it the type that you asked about first?

Questioner: It's the same question that we're in, a person who, for example, dies in France, America, Britain, Germany and so on, and he had no one who conveyed the religion to him?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): May Allaah guide you. At this very moment you have just judged that there is a sin on these people?

Questioner: How?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): At this very moment you have just judged that there is a sin on them?

Questioner: A sin, ya'nee, for example the people who never conveyed it to them is what I mean.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): I know what you mean, may Allaah guide you, did you understand from what I said that these people whom the da'wah did not reach and who died are sinful?

Questioner: No, I didn't understand it to mean that.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Okay, you understand that they are not sinful?

Questioner: Yes, I understand.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): So then how can you say, 'Who will bear the burden of their sin?'

Questioner: Ah yes, true.