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### We don't worship personalities: the other Tawheed—singling out the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>1</sup> as the only one who is followed

The Imaam (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>2</sup> said, “Every Muslim must be sincerely devoted in following his Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) just as he is sincerely devoted in worshipping his Lord, for that reason on an occasion such as this I say—and this is terminology which goes without saying, especially when what is intended by using it is to remind the people about what they are heedless of, so I say—there are two tawheeds ... terminology, just now you heard that the tawheed of Allaah is split into three categories, ruboobiyyah, al-'uboodiyyah and tawheed as-sifaat.

Now I say: there are two tawheeds, one of them is to do with Allaah [i.e., the three categories just mentioned above] and the other is to do with Allaah's Messenger, you know the detailed elaboration of the tawheed of Allaah (عزوجل)<sup>3</sup> —as for the tawheed of the Prophet, [then it is] singling him out to be followed such that no one but him is followed, you don't take anyone else along with the Messenger as someone who is followed, so there is no Prophet after the Prophet of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), emphasising this meaning he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said in a long hadeeth [and] the part from it which demonstrates [the point I'm making] is his saying, **'If Moses were alive, he would have no choice but to follow me,'** Moses is the one Allaah spoke to directly, if he were alive he would not add anything to what the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) did—so what is wrong with us Muslims today who don't care about singling the Prophet out as the only one who is followed?

We now follow our desires, our customs, our fathers and fore-fathers and so on ...”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

<sup>2</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>3</sup> (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

<sup>4</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 744.

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