

“Where is Allaah?” We Didn’t Innovate this Question.

albaanee.com

The Muhaddith of the Era

“Where is Allaah?” We Didn’t Innovate this Question. The Prophet ﷺ Established it for Us

Article taken and slightly adapted from: thealbaani.site

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Shaykh al-Albaanee: ... so as you saw with me the reality is that the entire hadeeth [we were talking about] is knowledge, from the start to the end, it is all fiqh, and this is what is meant by his ﷺ well-known saying, “**Whoever Allaah wishes to grant good, He gives him understanding of the religion.**” Understanding in the religion is understanding Allaah’s Book and His Messenger’s Sunnah ﷺ. So he ﷺ said to Mu’aaweeyah, “Bring her,” so when she came he ﷺ asked her, “**Where is Allaah?**”

Allaah’s Messenger ﷺ is the one who established this Sunnah for us to ask, “**Where is Allaah?**” We did not innovate this question of our own accord, we are following Allaah’s Messenger ﷺ when we ask someone, “**Where is Allaah?**”

“So the slave-girl replied, ‘Above the Heavens.’”

“**Where is Allaah?**” the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ is the questioner.

“**Where is Allaah?**” She replied, “Above the Heavens.” He ﷺ said to her, “**Who am I?**” She said, “You are Allaah’s Messenger.” So then he ﷺ said to her owner, “**Free her for she is a believer,**” “**Free her for she is a believer.**”

There ends the hadeeth of Mu’aaweeyah ibn al-Hakam as-Sulamee which the Imaams, the Imaams of hadeeth reported: Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh, Imaam Maalik in his Muwatta’, Imaam Ahmad in his Musnad, Imaam Aboo Daawood, his student, in his Sunan—count whichever books of the Sunnah you want, all of them reported this story, this authentic hadeeth, and Imaam ash-Shaafi’ee may Allaah be pleased with him used it as proof as did others and all the Ummah accepted it, some rulings were derived from it which we alluded to earlier when commenting on this authentic hadeeth ...

[Fataawaa ‘ibar al-Haatif was-Sayyaarah, no. 10.]