

## Al-Albaanee's Modesty | Crying when Praised

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

**Shaykh Al-Albaanee:** Who did you say is with you? I can hear him, tafaddal, ... [doing dhikr] Laa ilaaha illallaah, Laa ilaaha illallaah ...

**Questioner:** I was talking about how the problem in what a person is told is actually from the people telling him about it [a phrase taken from a line of poetry showing how people can relay things contrary to reality], so we'd heard about many scholars, many students of knowledge, but when we met them, and sat with them, they turned out to be less than what we'd heard—except for you, O Shaykh.

**Shaykh Al-Albaanee:** [trying to deny what he's saying] 'Afwan ...

**Questioner:** When we met you, and Allaah is a witness to what I am saying ...

**Shaykh Al-Albaanee:** Allaahu Akbar ...

**Questioner:** ... you turned out to be way above what we expected, and ...

**Shaykh Al-Albaanee:** O Allaah forgive what they don't know about me!

**Questioner:** ... and that is Allaah's Grace on you.

**Shaykh Al-Albaanee:** I swear an oath that you are mistaken!

**Questioner:** Allāhul-Musta'an. You taught us to say, O Shaykh, 'O Allaah make me ...

**Shaykh Al-Albaanee:** Yes

**Questioner:** ... better than what they think of me, and forgive what they don't know about me.'

**Shaykh Al-Albaanee:** ... and forgive what they don't know about me. That is what I always say. Laa ḥawla wa laa quwwata illaa billaah. You know some of the narrations from some of the Salaf, maybe you know them better than me, but maybe I can relate the meaning to you—if you knew what I was really like you wouldn't go along with me, Allaahul-Musta'an, Allaahul-Musta'an.