

The Ameerul-Mu'mineen in Hadeeth of this Era

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

Shaykh al-Ubailaan said, "... and this methodology which the scholars, may Allaah have mercy on them, have determined [concerning hadeeth] and [also] which the people of knowledge are upon concerning hadeeth is what the Ameerul-Mu'mineen in hadeeth of this age [i.e., al-Albaanee] is upon, for he is the reviver of [both] the Science of Hadeeth and the Sunnah in this time—as the scholars of this age have stated openly—yet he did not bring anything new [i.e., unfounded], additionally he didn't accept being a blind follower of anyone else in a field of knowledge to which he had devoted the majority of his life, and Allaah granted him things in that field which He didn't grant others, and his goal in it was to aid the Sunnah, he didn't busy himself with it in order to make a particular madhhab triumph, or to seek the dunyaa, in fact, he split with his father when his father gave him the choice to agree with him in something he was opposing the Sunnah in or to part ways, so he chose to part ways, saying to his father, 'Give me three days in which I can seek Allaah's Guidance in this matter [istikhaarah],'—and at that time he had no worldly possessions, Shaykh [al-Albaanee] told me this himself, may Allaah grant him a place in the highest Firdous and raise his rank among the rightly guided.

So the Shaykh spent his entire life in this struggle, he didn't seek knowledge in order to live in the lap of luxury, or to gain fame and the people's praise—rather his concern was to spread the Sunnah, whoever was pleased with that then so be it and whoever raged against it, then so be it.

And our Shaykh, the Abstemious, the 'Allaamah, the Haafidh, Abdullah ibn Muhammad ad-Daweesh, may Allaah have mercy on him, spoke the truth when he said about Shaykh al-Albaanee, 'For centuries no one has come forth in the Science of Hadeeth like Shaykh Naasir in the copiousness of his works, and his precision in checking.'

And no-one recognises the merit of the people of excellence apart from [other] people of excellence, yet despite that we do not claim that the Shaykh couldn't make a mistake when declaring something to be authentic or weak, this wasn't the case and nor will it be with others.

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At the same time we do not accept and nor are we pleased with his reputation being tarnished, for attacking him and others like him is to attack the Sunnah, and the claim that his methodology opposes that of the earlier hadeeth scholars is a disparagement of the Shaykh, no-one who can grasp the results of making such a statement on the Sunnah and its people in this time and after it would say such a thing.”

[Raddul-Jameel fidh-Dhabb ‘an Irwaa’ al-Ghaleel, pp. 67-68.]