
The conditions for an action to be correct – condition 1

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

With regards to the conditions for an action to be correct, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ states:

Firstly – that the action conform to the Sharee'ah in its basis. And that is such that the person does an act of worship whose basis has not been made a basis by Allaah, the Most High – for example, that he prays two rak'ahs whenever he enters his house and he takes this as a Sunnah - then this is rejected.

This is despite the foundation for the prayer being something legislated; however when he linked it (the prayer) with a basis that is not a legislated basis, it became something mardoodah (rejected).

Another example – if someone were to innovate an 'Eed to (celebrate) the victory of the Muslims at (the Battle of) Badr, then it would be rejected for him because attached it to a basis that Allaah and His Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² did not appoint as a basis.

(Sharh al Arba'een an Nawawee (p98 - 99) of Shaykh Muhammad
ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ))

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

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him