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## Don't be bigoted or fanatical towards me

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Shaykh Saalih as-Suhaimee (حفظه الله)<sup>1</sup>, said, “So it is not allowed to be bigoted for personalities nor to consecrate them—men are known by the truth, it is not the truth which is known by men.

And there is a situation that occurred which I will relate about our Shaykh, Shaykh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>2</sup>, when I visited him just before his death by about a month and a half.

After I gave him salaam some of the brothers introduced me to him, so he said, ‘You’re introducing him to me, the disputant concerning fasting on Saturday and praying more than one Jamaa’ah [in a mosque]?’

So I said to him, ‘O Shaykh of ours! I still hold that opinion, I hold it to be permissible to repeat the congregational prayer more than one time and I still hold the legitimacy of fasting on Saturday as long as a person doesn’t single it out alone as the day to be fasted on, in opposition to you—and you are the one who taught us this, O Shaykh of ours.

So he tightened his grip on my hand (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), and I have never forgotten the pull of his hand at that moment, and said, ‘This is how we want the students of knowledge to be—not being bigoted towards me nor others—so may Allaah reward you with good.’

And I attended a debate between him and our Shaykh, Shaykh ‘Abdul-Muhsin al-‘Abbaad al-Badr where each one of them revered the other, [the debate being] about cutting off more than a fistful of the beard which was the opinion Shaykh al-Albaanee held based upon the narration of ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar, so we enjoyed this debate for about two hours, with each of them, both our Shaykh, Shaykh ‘Abdul-Muhsin al-‘Abbaad al-Badr and our Shaykh, Shaykh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee, respecting each other [throughout].

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<sup>1</sup> (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

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

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And when Shaykh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee met our Shaykh, Shaykh Humood at-Tawayjaree (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), [prior to which] there had been strong rebuttals [between them] concerning the issue of the hijab, when they met they honoured one another and when a question was put forth each one of them would refer it to the other.

‘These are my forefathers so bring me their likes

When, O Jarir, the places of assembly bring us together.’

These are the peerless scholars who left, and a huge breach was created because of their departure.”