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## The incident that directed Shaykh al-Albaanee towards the Science of Hadeeth

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

“Imaam al-Albaanee grew up in Damascus, Syria. In his youth the state the Ummah had reached alarmed and greatly disturbed him: [its] ignorance, myths/superstitions, blind following, innovations, misguidance, in fact polytheism and idol worship, and he used to renounce it. A Shaykh heard him forbidding some wrong and so said to him, ‘Haven’t you heard the hadeeth of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)<sup>1</sup>, “**Leave the people in their heedlessness?**”

Al-Albaanee, still a youth, replied, “Who reported this hadeeth? And what is its grading?” The Shaykh was taken aback by this youth and was unable, naturally, to answer him.

So al-Albaanee went and started to delve deeply into books, checking, researching, scrutinising until Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, guided him to the hadeeth with its complete wording, “**Leave the people to their heedlessness, they are granted provision [by Allaah] one from another,**” and so he checked it and expounded upon the condition of its narrators and made known its grading.

So Shaykh al-Albaanee told me one time that this was the beginning of his work in this noble [field of] knowledge.”

Written by Muhammad ibn Badee’ Musa in Al-Isaalah magazine, 23/59.

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<sup>1</sup> (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him