

## Islaam began as something strange

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

**Question:** What is meant by the Hadeeth ["Islaam started as something strange and it will revert to how it began, as being strange. So blessed be the stranger."]?

**Shaykh bin Baaz** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup>: This Hadeeth means that Islaam started as something strange in Makkah and Al-Madeenah. Only a few people followed its teachings and acted accordingly. Then it spread and people in crowds entered into it, and it became superior to all religions. At the end of time, Islaam will revert to how it began. Only a few people will know and act according to the real meaning of its teachings. Those people are the "Ghuraba' (strangers)".

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>2</sup> said: ["So blessed be the stranger."]<sup>3</sup> In another narration not from Muslim: [It was said, "O Messenger of Allaah! Who are the strangers?" He replied, "Those who perform good deeds while others make mischief."] And, in other wordings: ["Those who fix what others have ruined of the Sunnah."].

I ask Allaah to make us and the rest of the Muslims among them, for He is the best One to be sought for help!

<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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

<sup>3</sup> Related by Muslim in his Saheeh (authentic) book of Hadeeth