

Justness of Ahlus-Sunnah in Jarh and Ta'deel

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ said, "Indeed in His Noble Book, Allaah (عزوجل)² says, ["O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allaah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allaah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allaah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted."]³

And He (سبحانه وتعالى)⁴ said, ["O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allaah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just—that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allaah, indeed, Allaah is Acquainted with what you do."]⁵

And He (سبحانه وتعالى) said, ["And do not let the hatred of a people for having obstructed you from al-Masjid al-Haram lead you to transgress. And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allaah, indeed, Allaah is severe in penalty."]⁶

And He (سبحانه وتعالى) said, ["Indeed, Allaah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded."]⁷

And He (سبحانه وتعالى) said, ["And when you speak [i.e., testify], be just, even if [it concerns] a near relative."]⁸

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

² (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

³ سورة النساء – Soorah an-Nisaa [4:135]

⁴ (سبحانه وتعالى) (Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) The Exalted, The Most High

⁵ سورة المائدة – Soorah Maa'idah [5:8]

⁶ سورة المائدة – Soorah Maa'idah [5:2]

⁷ سورة النحل – Soorah an-Nahl [16:90]

⁸ سورة الأنعام – Soorah al-An'aam [6:152]

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Ahlu-Sunnah are the ones who have the most right and the greatest share of these verses and those proofs similar to them, for if they write, they write what is for them and against them, and if they talk they mention what is for them and against them. They stick to justice whether dealing with those who are close to them or distant, whether an enemy or friend. And if you were to look at the books of Jarh and Ta'deel you will find that they are the epitome of justness: they will disparage a man if he deserves such Jarh even if he were one of the heads of the Sunnah, and they will praise a person of innovation with the good that he has if there is a need for that, contrary to the people of desires—for they will praise whoever agrees with their innovations even if he is worthless, and they vilify whoever opposes them even if he were one of the heads of the religion.”