

## Living as a minority in the lands of the disbelievers and dealing with abusive non-Muslims

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

**Question:** "We are living as a minority in the lands of the Kuffaar. Many incidents of verbal abuse occur here. For instance, you may be driving a vehicle and some of the Kuffaar use hand signals or yell out to you. Are you able to retaliate with the like of them, i.e., make hand signals back or stop the car to threaten them or should you have sabr (patience) so that you can also give them Da'wah to Islaam?"

**Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said:** "The answer is as the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

**"The Muslim is not one who curses others nor is he one who is a constant criticiser nor does he have a filthy mouth or filthy actions."**<sup>1</sup>

This type of filth that is done with hand signals and verbal threats/abuse is not to be retaliated with its like, because the Believer, as the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, is not filthy in his actions or statements. Allaah سبحانه وتعالى says when describing the servants of Ar-Rahmaan:

وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِاللَّعْنِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا

[...and if they pass by some evil play or evil talk, they pass by it with dignity.]<sup>2</sup>

Also, Allaah سبحانه وتعالى says:

وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ

[...and turn away from the foolish]<sup>3</sup>

However, if it is at all possible to give this person some advice or da'wah, then this should be done, if not, then one should walk by them, as the poet says: "And I may walk by a foolish person and he curses me and I keep on walking and I say that doesn't concern me." Meaning that you walk by these type of people and you deal with them like you didn't even see them do anything or hear them say anything."

<sup>1</sup> Reported by at-Tirmidhee. Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) says Saheeh in Jaami' Tirmidhee 4/350 (#1977) and Saheeh al-Jaami' (#5381).

<sup>2</sup> [Soorah al-Furqaan 25:72]

<sup>3</sup> [Soorah al-Araaf 7:199]