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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Likening people who attach loyalty and disownment to people to children playing on the street

Questioner: Your eminence, Shaykh, in this residence there are some youth, may Allaah guide them, who will pass by a person and not give him salaam because he follows a Shaykh he hates or follows a Jamaa'ah which differs from his manhaj, so what do you advise them, may Allaah reward you with good?

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: This question has been addressed before and the answer is that this is not from the way of the believers and nor from the way of the Salaf as-Saalih and that it is not permissible for a person to boycott his brother for more than three days, such that they meet and this one turns away and that one turns away. The better of the two is the one who initiates the salaam.

Thus it is obligatory on you, firstly, not to attach loyalty and disownment/love and hate [al-Walaa wal-Baraa] to people, because loyalty and disownment is connected to meanings.

As for someone who attaches it to people then he resembles the state of children playing in the street [when they say], "You're either with me or him ..." and this is wrong.

So it is obligatory on you to pay heed to your lessons and to not become busy with, "It was said ... he said .." and we ask Allaah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى)² to give our brothers who have made the mistakes they have, guidance and success in following the Truth, because a person is only human and needs help.³

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

² (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) (Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) Glory be to Him, The Most High

³ Wasaya wa Towjihat li-Tullaabil-Ilm, pp. 453-454.

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