

Ridiculing is from manners of hypocrites

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

Shaykh ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ said: Ridiculing is from the manners of the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Allaah (سبحانه)² said:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا كَانُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَضْحَكُونَ * وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِهِمْ يَتَغَامَزُونَ * وَإِذَا انْقَلَبُوا إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِمْ انْقَلَبُوا فَكِهِينَ * وَإِذَا رَأَوْهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ لَضَالُونَ

[Indeed, those who committed crimes used to laugh at those who believed. And whenever they passed by them, they used to wink one to another (in mockery); and when they returned to their own people, they would return jesting; and when they saw them, they said: Verily! These have indeed gone astray!]³

Allaah (سبحانه) explained in the first part of the Soorah the recompense of the criminals, and the reward of the believers; then He clarified that the criminals ridicule the believers, laugh at them with words of contempt and disrespect. ["And whenever they passed by them, they used to wink one to another (in mockery)."] All of this is due to the hatred in their hearts. And Allaah (سبحانه) said:

فَاتَّخَذْتُمُوهُمْ سِخْرِيًّا حَتَّىٰ أَنْسَوَكُم ذِكْرِي وَكُنْتُمْ مِنْهُمْ تَضْحَكُونَ * إِنِّي جَزَيْتُهُمُ الْيَوْمَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا أَنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْفَاقِرُونَ

[But you took them for a laughingstock, so much so that they made you forget My remembrance while you used to laugh at them! Verily! I have rewarded them this Day for their patience; they are indeed the ones that are successful.]⁴

Thus the disbelievers and people of misguidance ridicule the people of rectification and the Imaams of guidance, such that their ridicule distracted them from the remembrance of Allaah and pondering what will benefit them. Rather they busy themselves with ridicule, mockery, contempt, and disdain for the slaves of Allaah. And Allaah explained that it is from the characteristics of the hypocrites to ridicule the believers. Allaah (سبحانه) said:

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

² (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

³ سورة المطففين - Soorah al-Muthaffifeen [83:29-32]

⁴ سورة المؤمنون - Soorah al-Mu'minoon [23:110-111]

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وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ إِنَّمَا كُنَّا نَخُوضُ وَنَلْعَبُ قُلْ أَبِاللَّهِ وَآيَاتِهِ وَرَسُولِهِ كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَهْزِئُونَ

[If you ask them (about this), they declare: "We were only talking idly and joking." Say: "Was it at Allaah, and His Aayaat and His Messenger that you were mocking?"]⁵

⁵ سورة التوبة - Soorah at-Tawbah [9:65]