
Shaykh al-Albaanee and turning up on time

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Shaykh Aboo Islaam Saalih Taa Haa said, “Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹, used to teach us to be precise for appointments. An example of that is when I would invite him to visit me or if I accompanied him to an invite, he (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), would not turn up late or early for the set engagement.

One time I invited him over at 1 pm and he arrived in his car before the time by a quarter of an hour, and remained seated in it and did not get out until the time was due ... I was not aware of the Shaykh’s presence, it was the people who accompanied him who told me about that [later]. When I asked the Shaykh about that, he said, ‘Because before the [set] time you’re busy preparing for the guest’s arrival at [that] specified time ... if we were to come in before it, we’d divert you from your preparation for your guests.’

So may Allaah have mercy on our Shaykh, how precise his understanding was! And how keen he was to act upon the Sunnah of Allaah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)².

And when he (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), was invited to a place he would not take anyone with him unless the host had permitted him to. One time I invited him saying, ‘Our Shaykh! I invite you to lunch with me tomorrow,’ and by that I meant him and his wife, Umm al-Fadl. The next day he came alone so I said to him, ‘Where is Umm al-Fadl?’ So he replied, ‘You didn’t mention to me that I should bring Umm al-Fadl with me. And we stick to being precise in what is said.’”

Al-Aqeedah Awwalan Law Kanu Ya’lamun, pp. 17-18.

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

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him