

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) in an overturned car ...

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“Shaykh Alee Khashhaan (حفظه الله)¹, in a piece he wrote entitled, ‘The Aider of the Hadeeth and the Reviver of the Sunnah, Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee’, said, “So by Allaah! My eyes have never seen—as far as I know—anyone who cared more about the Sunnah and aided it with greater vigour or followed it more than al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)². One time between Jeddah and Madinah an-Nabawiyyah [he had an accident] and his car overturned and the people present rushed to him saying, “O Sattaar! O Sattaar! يا ستار! يا ستار! [i.e., O Concealer, meaning Allaah].” So the Aider of the Hadeeth, Shaykh al-Albaanee says to them while he is under the overturned car, “Say, ‘O Sitteer [يا ستير]’ and don’t say, ‘O Sattaar [يا ستار], because al-Sattaar is not one of His Names, the Most High!”

And in the hadeeth there occurs, “إن الله ستير يحب الستر” – **Allaah is characterised by modesty and concealment [sitteer] and loves that people conceal themselves.**³

Have you seen anyone who aids the Sunnah and the Hadeeth in a situation such as this in this time of ours?! Never! Except for what has been related from the likes of Umar ibn al-Khattaab (رضي الله عنه)⁴, Ahmad ibn Hanbal (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)⁵ and others from the Pious Predecessors of this nation.”⁵

¹ (hafidhahullaah) may Allaah preserve him

² (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

³ An authentic hadeeth reported by Aboo Daawood (4012), an-Nisaaee (1/70), al-Baihaqee (1/198), by way of Zuhair from Abdul-Maalik from Aboo Sulaymaan al-Azraamee from Ataa from Ya’laa, who said, “The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), saw a man taking a shower in the bazaar without his lower garment on. So the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), mounted the pulpit, praised Allaah and extolled him and then said, “Indeed Allaah is characterised by modesty and concealment, and He loves modesty and concealment. So when one of you takes a shower let him conceal himself.” See Irwaaul-Ghaleel, no. 2335.

⁴ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

⁵ Taken from *Juhoodul-Imaamil-Albaanee*, of Ahmad Saalih Hussain al-Jabbooree, pp. 7-8