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Was Ibn al-Qayyim a Wahaabee?

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Question: Someone asked me if Ibn al-Qayyim was a Wahaabee?

Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin al-'Abbaad (حفظه الله)[1]**:** This is strange. What is meant by Wahaabee, a connection to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahab? Ibn al-Qayyim passed away in the year 751 (H) while Imaam Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahab was born in the year 1115 (H)! He was born in the year 1115 and Ibn al-Qayyim died in the year 751.

This is the affair of the ignorant person; you will find that he considers anyone who is on the correct methodology and on the straight path to be a Wahaabee; even if they lived a long period of time before him (Imaam Muhammad Abdul Wahab).

And Wahaabeeya is not a new methodology, or new creed or new sect. Rather, Imaam Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahab (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)[2] did not come with anything new, and he did not come with a new methodology. He came with that which the predecessors of this Ummah were upon; reviving that which had been extinguished, and supporting the book and the Sunnah and that which the predecessors of this nation were upon.

Therefore the thing that he came with is following the Sunnah and treading upon the path of the predecessors of this nation, and it was not something new. Unlike these new methodologies that have been invented; and they have particular methodologies and particular paths. Rather it only revitalising the Sunnah, and manifesting the Sunnah and holding firm to the book and the Sunnah; therefore he did not come with anything new.

That which Shaykh Muhammad (Ibn Abdul Wahab) came with is that which Ibn al-Qayyim and Ibn Taymeeyyah came with, that which the four Imaams came with, which is what the Companions came with, like this.

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[1] (حفظه الله) **May Allaah the Most High preserve him**

[2] (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) **(rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him**

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