
What is meant by the Salafee Methodology?

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

Question: It is frequented on the tongues of some of the people, so and so is Salafee, so and so is not Salafee, so what is meant by the Salafee Methodology? And who are the most prominent amongst the Muslim Scholars who called to it? And is it possible that we can call them Ahlus Sunnah wa Jamah or the Saved Sect? And then, would this not be considered to be from one purifying himself?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: What is meant by the Salafee Methodology is that which the predecessors of this nation were upon, from the Companions (Sahaabah) and those that followed them, and the Esteemed Imaams, to include having correct 'Aqeedah (belief) and a sound Minhaj (methodology), and truthful 'Eemaan (faith), and to hold firm to the Islaamic 'Aqeedah, and Laws, and character, and manners. This is in opposition to what the innovators, deviants, and foolish are upon.

And from the most esteemed individuals that called to the Minhaj of the Salaf are the four Imaams, and Shaykh of Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah, and his students, and the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhaab and his students, and other than them from every rectifier and reformer. Such that there is not a place without someone standing up for Allaah's sake as an argument. And there is no problem with the naming of Ahlus Sunnah wa Jamah, so that one may differentiate between themselves and those with a deviant Minhaj. And it is not purifying oneself. It is only from differentiation the people of the truth from the people of falsehood.

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