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

Question: The questioner says: Noble Shaykh may Allaah give you success. We want from you to clarify for us the statement of Ibraaheem (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹, when he supplicated to his Lord to distance him from idol worship, despite the fact that he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), was infallible?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)²: He feared for himself. He did not laud himself. This shows that man should not admire himself, and he should fear misguidance and he should fear deviance. This is a great subtlety; that the person fears deviance, he fears misguidance. How many scholars have gone astray! How many worshippers have deviated and disbelieved! Thus the person fears for himself as long as he is alive. And he does not admire himself. When things increase; when things increase the person fears for himself. When the fitnah increases the person fear for himself that he will fall into and it will afflict him.

¹ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him