

Giving lessons before Friday sermon

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

Question: The activity of the Imaam of our mosque is limited to leading the five daily prayers and pronouncing the Friday sermon. He does not give weekly lessons. I asked his permission to give lessons in At-Tawheed (monotheism). He accepted on condition that I should do it on Friday before the Friday sermon, because at that moment there are many people. What do you advise me?

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee (*May Allaah preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

Besides the conditions that qualify one to lead the assemblies of knowledge and orientation, [one should know] that the religious knowledge is confined to the following expression, "Allaah says, the Messenger says". In fact, the Messenger (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*)

"Warned of holding circles of knowledge before the Friday's sermon."¹

So how one who preaches the Tawheed by his words can contradict the knowledge by his act? This is why following the Revelation and sticking to apply the religious texts are among the fruits of the Tawheed of Allaah and Islaamic faith. Allaah تعالى says:

(مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ)

[He who obeys the Messenger (Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)), has indeed obeyed Allaah]²

He also says:

(قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ)

[Say (O Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him))]: "Obey Allaah and the Messenger (Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him))."But if they turn away, then Allaah does not like the disbelievers]³

¹ Reported by Aboo Daawood, chapter of "Prayer", on the authority of `Abd Allaah Ibn `Amr (*May Allaah be pleased with him*). This hadeeth is judged authentic by Al-Albaanee in Saheeh al-Jaami` (hadeeth 6885).

² Soorah an-Nissaa' (The Women) [4:80]

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In another verse:

(اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُم مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِن دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ)

[Follow what has been sent down unto you from your Lord (the Qur'aan and Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah), and follow not any Auleeyaa' (protectors and helpers who order you to associate partners in worship with Allaah), besides Him (Allaah).]⁴

Therefore, there is no salvation except with two kinds of Tawheed: devoting sincerely one's worship to Allaah and following strictly the Messenger. One should not resort or admit any other source except these two.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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³ [Aal-e`Imraan (The Family of `Imraan) [3:32]

⁴ Soorah al-A`raaf (The Heights) [7:32]