

## Muslim lost groups

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

**Question:** Will all the lost groups be doomed eternally to fire, or they will be punished, then they enter paradise?

**Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee** (May Allaah the Most High 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.

If the error of the lost groups does not drive them out of Islam, they will be part of the nation of guidance. If they die on a state of perversity, they will enter hellfire and will not abide in it eternally, as they will come out of it thanks to the intercession of those who will intercede for them or thanks to Allaah, the Lord of the universe, Who will drive out of hellfire those who have a degree of faith even as little as a small ant as it is mentioned in the authentic hadeeths, in addition to the Messenger's (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) saying, "**Indeed, those who were before you among the People of the Book divided into seventy-two groups. This nation will divide into seventy-three groups, seventy-two of them will be in hellfire and one in paradise, which is the community.**"<sup>1</sup> So the Muslim groups which deviated from the way of the people of the Sunnah are threatened with perishment and hellfire. The ruling which applies to them is that applying on the people who are threatened with hellfire in general, except those who are disbelievers but hide their disbelief.

However, if their error brings them out of the circle of Islam and they apostatise after showing them the proof, then they will have the same ruling as the people of disbelief and they will be considered apostates. They will not be included by the verses concerning the will of Allaah, such as:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا﴾

The meaning of the verse:

<sup>1</sup> Reported by Aboo Daawood, chapter of "Sunnah" (hadeeth 4599) and Ahmad (hadeeth 17400) on the authority of Mu'aaweyyah (May Allaah be pleased with him). This hadeeth is judged authentic by Al-Albaanee in Saheeh Al-Jaami' (hadeeth 5641) and in As-Silsilah As-Saheehah (204).

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﴿Verily, Allaah forgives not that partners should be set up with him in worship, but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He pleases; and whoever sets up partners with Allaah in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin.﴾

[An-Nisaa' (The Women): 48]

In addition to other verses which threaten the disbelievers to be doomed eternally to hellfire.

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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