

Loving the Messenger

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No. 1095 – From Aboo Rashid al-Hubraanee who said: Aboo Umama al-Bahilee (رضي الله عنه)¹ took me by the hand and said: the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² took me by my hand and said to me: 'O Aboo Umama! Indeed from the believers are those who soften (with love) their hearts towards me.'³

Shaykh Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)⁴ said:

And the meaning of 'soften their hearts towards me' is that they are gentle and incline towards me with love and affection and Allaah knows best. And this cannot be achieved except with *Ikhlāas* (sincerity) and following the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) more than any other human being, because Allaah (تعالى)⁵ singled that out as an evidence to prove that a person really loves Allaah (عز وجل)⁶.

Allaah said: [Say (O Muhammad): 'If you (really) love Allaah then follow me, Allaah will love you and forgive you of your sins.']⁷

Is it not about time that those who claim to love the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) in their speech and their *an-Nasheed* (songs), that they return to adhere to the true love which will lead to the love of Allaah (تعالى), so that they will not be from those whom, the poet said:

تعصي الإلهَ وأنتَ تُظهرُ حُبَّهُ *** هذا لعمرك في القياسِ بديعُ
لو كانَ حُبُّكَ صادقاً لأطعتهُ *** إنَّ المحبَّ لمنْ يُحبُّ مطيعُ

You disobey your Lord and present your love *** I swear that this action is innovative
If your love was truthful you would have obeyed Him *** Indeed the one who loves is obedient to the one
whom he loves

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ Collected by Ahmad

⁴ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

⁵ (تعالى) Ta'aala (He, The Most High)

⁶ (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

⁷ Soorah Aal'Imraan [3:31]