
Perishing of the Fire

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Ibn Taymeeyah, Ibn al-Qayyim and the Perishing of the Fire

Questioner: In [his book] *Al-Waabil as-Sayyib*, Ibn al-Qayyim (rahimahullaah)¹ mentioned that the Fire will come to an end. What do you say [about that]?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (rahimahullaah): Ibn al-Qayyim (rahimahullaah) has two sayings. The one which it is fitting to adopt [or rely upon] is the elaboration which he mentioned in *Al-Waabil as-Sayyib*: [that] there are two Fires, one for the disbelievers and another in which the disobedient Muslim sinners [faasiqs] are punished.

The first fire will not cease to exist; it is the second one which will.

And that which is found in some of his books and some of the books of his Shaykh, Ibn Taymeeyah (rahimahullaah), the apparent meaning of which is that the fire will cease to exist totally—it is fitting that this is taken to mean the perishing of the fire which the disobedient sinners from the Muslims will enter. Because they will be saved one day, as he (عليه الصلاة والسلام)² said, “Whoever says, ‘*Laa ilaaha illallaah*,’³ it will help him one day ...”⁴

And I have written an introduction to this book [*Raf’ul Astar* of San’aanee], almost fifty pages long, confirming the view that as-San’aanee (rahimahullaah) held: that the saying that the fire of the disbelievers will cease is something which contradicts the Book and the Sunnah.

And the [high] regard we have of the Shaykh of Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah (rahimahullaah) and his student Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyyah (rahimahullaah) is that they would not fall into a contradiction as apparent as this one.

So it is fitting that the fire which he stated would cease be taken to mean that of the disobedient sinners from this Ummah and not the fire of the disbelievers.⁵

¹ (rahimahullaah) (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) May Allaah have mercy on him

² (عليه الصلاة والسلام) (alayhi as-Salaat wa Salaam) Upon him prayer and peace

³ ‘*Laa ilaaha illaallaah*’ (لا اله الا الله) There is no deity truly worthy of being worshiped except Allaah.

⁴ Compilers note: it will help him one day before Allaah.

⁵ *Fataawaa Jeddah*, 4