

Salafeeyoon ignore Tawaghit and Haakimiyyah but focus on 'Aqeedah and Tawheed

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

Question: They say that the call of Salafeeyah is based upon speech about the creed and Tawheed and (it) forgets, or ignores, theoretically or practically, governance (Haakimiyyah) and human Tawaagheet who constitute their own laws next to Allaah. What do you say about this?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: We agree with this to some extent. However, we do not agree with them on removing the Tawaagheet, as they call them, without first having removed the Tawaagheet of their souls.

This type of speech springs from the methodology of this group. They accuse us with this accusation. We deem that it is not time for this action (i.e. to overthrow rulers). We do not deny that it is obligatory to condemn each and every one who rules by something other than that which Allaah revealed. Is there some Islaamic group today that is ready to confront the rulers who do not rule by that which Allaah revealed without having prepared with the preparation we always speak about, namely spiritual and material preparation? They are in a hurry. They think that raising the voice against these rulers is enough in order to support Islaam. However, true victory is to make them understand true Islaam and practice it as good as they can.

I consider that history repeats itself. The first Muslims only cared about understanding the call of Islaam from its source, namely Allaah's messenger (sallaa Allaahu 'alayhi wa sallam). They didn't care about confronting the disbelievers and polytheists. The only exception is perhaps occasional, individual cases. But collectively, it first took place after the emigration of the prophet (sallaa Allaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) from Makkah to al-Madeenah. This type of speech is thusly known to us from far back. We have experienced this in several Islaamic countries when they declared war against the disbelieving leader who does not rule by that which Allaah revealed. This was done without the spiritual and material preparation. It only ended with setbacks in the Islaamic call in several Islaamic countries.