

## Wishy Washy Daa'ees—What to Call to First

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[Al-Huda wan-Noor, 93.]

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

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رحمه الله) said, "The best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad ﷺ.

The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ did not call his people to Islaam by appeasing them with some of the traditions that they had become accustomed to. Rather, he called them directly to Tawheed. It is a very grave error for a da'ee to begin with trivial matters, or even recommended matters—or even with obligatory ones—while knowing that these people he is giving da'wah to are as far as they can be from understanding the Aayah, "**So know that there is no god worthy of worship but Allaah.**"<sup>1</sup>

We believe or claim that the Prophet ﷺ is our example and our model in everything. Therefore, one should emulate him ﷺ [both] in what he called to and his method in da'wah. We should not come up with a method of our own to please the people around us. For example, in the beginning of his call the Messenger ﷺ did not call upon the wealthy to give from their wealth to help the poor and needy, even though they were tyrannical and wasteful with their wealth.

So there were poor and needy around but the Prophet ﷺ did not concern himself with bringing the hearts of the people together: the poor and the needy, who are usually the majority, [he didn't set out to] attract people's hearts to him—rather, he called all of them, both poor and rich—to worship Allaah and to avoid the Taghoot (false deities).

This [other] method that I have pointed out and such is not the method of the Prophets and Messengers. We all know that the first statement that came from all the Messengers to their people was, "**Indeed, you and what you worship other than Allaah are the fuel of Hell. You are all bound to enter it.**"<sup>2</sup> (and) "**Worship Allaah and avoid Taghoot**"<sup>3</sup>, and so on.

The Muslim youth today abandon the method of the Prophets and Messengers in da'wah and [instead] invent a method of their own, and this is not befitting for a da'ee at all."

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<sup>1</sup> [Soorah Muhammad 47:19]

<sup>2</sup> [Soorah al-Ambeeyaa 21:98]

<sup>3</sup> [Soorah an-Nahl 16:36]