



Shaykh Salih al-Fawzaan on the Khawaarij, the Bombings (in Riyaadh) and the Sanctioning of the Hypocrites

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Alhamdulillah was Salaatu was Salaamu `alaa Rasoolillaah, wa ba`ad: This is an excellent statement from Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan in which he exposes the ideology of the Khawaarij and its effects upon the society and the land, and also the Hypocrites who lurk in the midst and who only reveal their true colors following certain events and incidents, and who desire evil for Islaam and its adherents. And both of these groups, the Khawaarij and the Munaafiqeen, along with a third group which are those who flee the lands of the Muslims and seek the protection of the Mushriks in their lands, such as the likes of al-Mis'aree an Sa'd al-Faqeeh, and who then plot against the Muslim lands, then they are all harmful to the Ummah, and they need to be exposed and warned against. Collectively, they constitute the animal that the Kuffar ride upon in order to harm Islaam and the Muslims...

Here are the words of the Shaykh, published a few days ago.

AT-TAFJEERAAT WA TAHLEELAAT AL-MUNAAFIQEEN¹

All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of all the Worlds, and salaam and salaam be upon the trustworthy Prophet, our Prophet Muhammad, upon his family, his companions and [all] those following them in goodness, until the Day of Judgement. To proceed:

Verily, when the shocking event occurred, the event of the bombings in the city of Riyaadh undertaken by the violent and barbarious (savage) hands, in the capital (city) of the land of Tawheed, they turned upon the religion, and upon humanity (by way of this act of theirs), and the Kuffar have taken them as riding animal in order to attack Islaam and the Muslims. And this action of their's was a result of their ignorance, of their being deceived, their evil

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nurturing, their breaking off from the society and their turning away from learning the beneficial knowledge, and taking it from those who (truly) possess it, as well as their restricting themselves to their own faulty understandings and their stagnant views.

And their affair in this matter, is the affair of the Khawaarij Renegades, those who killed the two Rightly Guided Caliphs, `Uthmaan and Alee (radiallaahu `anhumaa), and also their concern with killing Mu`aawiyah and `Amr bin al-Aas (radiallaahu `anhumaa), and killing others from the leaders of the Muslims.

I say that when this repugnant action occurred in these days of ours, the Hypocrites took a deep breath and made a sigh, and they carried the responsibility of this action upon the religion, and that it (i.e. Islaam) was the reason for their transgression (i.e. that of the Khawaarij), upon the Muslims and upon humanity as a whole. And they said, may Allaah make them ugly, that this action of theirs (i.e. of those Khawaarij) was due to their embracement of the views of Shaykh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah and Shaykh ul-Islaam Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhaab, and other than them both from the Scholars of Islaam.

This is how they lie in wait with pessimism and ascription of evil to Islaam and for the Scholars of Islaam, just like Aal Fir`awn, those about whom Allaah said, **“And if evil afflicted them, they ascribed it to evil omens connected with Mûsa (Moses) and those with him”** (Al-A'raf 7:131). And just like the Mushriks, they also ascribed the occurrence of evil to Muhammad (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam), just as Allaah said about them, **“...But if some evil befalls them, they say, “This is from you”.**” (An-Nisa 4:78), and just as the Hypocrites said in the expedition of the confederates (al-ahzaab), when the Muslims were afflicted with whatever afflicted them of hardship and severity, just as Allaah said about them, **“And when the hypocrites and those in whose hearts is a disease (of doubts) said: “Allâh and His Messenger promised us nothing but delusions!”** (Al-Ahzab 33:12), and just as they said on the day of (the battle of) al-Badr, concerning the Muslims, **“These people (Muslims) are deceived by their religion.”** (Al-Anfal 8:49), and they also said, on the day of Uhud, **“If we had anything to do with the affair, none of us would have been killed here.”** (Aali Imran 3:154). So the saying of these Hypocrites (in our times) concerning these events is nothing but the statement of their predecessors in the events that occurred previously, and every nation has an inheritor.

Certainly, the religion of Islaam prohibits transgression in all of its types and manifestations, Allaah, the Most High said, “**And transgress not. Verily, Allâh does not like the transgressor**” (Al-Ma'idah 5:87), and He said, “**And let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety, and fear Allâh**” (Al-Ma'idah 5:8).

And those subverters, vandals, they took their destructive ideology from the ideology of the Khawaarij Renegades before them who unleashed it upon Islaam, and they took it from the callers of misguidance, those whom the Messenger (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) described as “Callers at the gates of Hellfire, whoever obeys them, they will throw him into it”, so it is was said, “Describe them to us O Messenger of Allaah”, he said, “They are a people of our skin (i.e. lineage) and they will speak with our tongue...”.

And these Hypocrites have requested the abolition of the necessary allegiance (al-walaa) and enmity, disavowal (al-baraa), both of which are from the strongest handholds of Islaam, and they requested the abolition of the commandment to good and forbiddence of evil, both of which comprise the guarantee of the continuance of the Islamic society, and they also requested the abolition of Jihaad in the path of Allaah, which is the peak of the matter of Islaam, and they also requested that the methodologies (of Islaam) be purified from any semblances of loving that is necessitated by the Sharee'ah, and they called to allegiance (i.e. loving) of the Disbelievers and the Pagans, and to the absence of differentiating between them and the Muslims. So what means of deliverance then have they left for the Muslims?

Indeed, they did not say these repugnant sayings except because they are restricted and confined by Islaam and its people, and when the chance became available to them, they began to reveal the enmity and jealousy they had towards Islaam and the Muslims, just as Allaah said concerning them, “**But surely, you will know them by the tone of their speech! And Allâh knows all your deeds.**” (Muhammad 47:30). However, their affair will be just like the affair of their predecessors, that of humiliation, lowliness, and they do not harm except themselves, “**Say: “perish in your rage. Certainly, Allâh knows what is in the breasts (all the secrets)”**.” (Aali Imran 3:119).

And certainly, the severe hardships and afflictions do not increase the Muslims except in steadfastness in their religion, and following their Prophet and their Scholars, the Imaams of Guidance, and the Illuminators of the darkness, such as Shaykh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah and Shaykh ul-Islaam Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhaab, both whom those Hypocrites have made as examples of

extremism and exaggeration. And in such a way, because of their blindness, they considered the sources of good and guidance to be sources of evil and beguilement, just like their predecessors were pessimistic towards the Prophets (ascribing evil outcomes to them), and to their followers.

*And say to [those of] sore eyes, the sun has eyes also,
you see them when it disappears and when it rises
And pardon those eyes whose light Allah has taken away
So they do not contract and they do not comprehend...*

And indeed, it is from the blindness of insight (i.e. intellect and understanding) that a person believes falsehood to be truth and truth to be falsehood, and we invite these people to repent and return to their guidance and to withhold their tongues, otherwise they will not be harming except themselves, and Islaam has a Lord that will protect it and the Scholars have a Lord that will aid them, **“They had nothing against them, except that they believed in Allâh, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise! Who, to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth! And Allâh is Witness over everything”** (Al-Buruj 85:8-9).

And it is not a departure – O noble reader – that there should be found some coarseness in my speech, for verily the speech of those people is more coarse, and the author (of those words) is more unjust, and Allaah is sufficient for us, and how excellent a one is He to place trust in.

And indeed from that which expands the chest and gives satisfaction and rest to the heart is the answer given by the esteemed Minister of the Interior (may Allaah protect him) to one of these people, when this person suggested that the Committee for the enjoinder of good and forbiddance of evil be abolished, so he (may Allaah protect him) replied that commanding of the good and forbiddance of the evil shall remain in this land as long as Islaam remains, and he (may Allaah protect him) gave an upright, straight answer and was correct and successful in this definitive answer. For verily this state was built upon Islaam and its foundations, and amongst them is the commanding of good and forbiddance of evil, and there is no continuance for this state except with the continuance of its foundations that it is built upon.

O Allaah protect for us our religion and our security, and our firm establishment in our lands, and do not empower over us due to our sins those who do not fear you and who will not show mercy to us, and save us from the evil of the tribulations, those which are apparent and those that are hidden,

and protect those in authority over us, and grant them success in that in which their rectitude lies, and the rectitude of Islaam and the Muslims. O Allaah, whoever intends evil for us, and for Islaam and for the Muslims, then occupy him with his own self and throw his plot back at him, indeed you are powerful over everything, and salaam and salaam be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions.

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