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

Explanation of Allaah's Saying:

"Verily, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depth (grade) of the Fire"

Question: Allaah (Exalted be He) says in His Noble Book (what means): **"Verily, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depth (grade) of the Fire"**. What is meant by hypocrisy and hypocrites in this Ayah (Qur'aanic verse)? Please clarify their meaning.

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ)¹: The hypocrites are those who make a false pretense of Islam, when they are professing otherwise. They claim to be Muslims, although deep down they disbelieve in Allaah and belie the Messenger (peace be upon him). These are the hypocrites who are so called because they show Islam, while hiding Kufr (disbelief).

Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) says:

"And of mankind, there are some (hypocrites) who say: "We believe in Allaah and the Last Day" while in fact they believe not. They (think to) deceive Allaah and those who believe, while they only deceive themselves, and perceive (it) not! In their hearts is a disease (of doubt and hypocrisy) (namely doubt and suspicion) and Allaah has increased their disease. A painful torment is theirs because they used to tell lies."

This theme is continued in the Ayahs following them in Soorah Al-Baqarah.

These are the hypocrites who disbelieve in Allaah and belie His Messengers (peace be upon them). Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) says:

"Verily, the hypocrites seek to deceive Allaah, but it is He Who deceives them. And when they stand up for As-Salaat (the prayer), they stand with laziness and to be seen of men, and they do not remember Allaah but little. (They are) swaying between this and that, belonging neither to these nor to those."

This means that they vacillate between the Kaafirs (disbelievers) and the Muslims; at times they support the Kaafirs when they prevail and achieve victory and at other times they support the believers when they prevail and achieve victory. They are not steadfast; their

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Deen (religion) is not constant, and their 'Eemaan (Faith) is not solid. They waver between the state of Kufr and the state of 'Eemaan, and between the Kaafirs and the Muslims.

Allaah (Exalted be He) has disclosed their Kufr in His Saying:

“And nothing prevents their contributions from being accepted from them except that they disbelieved in Allaah and in His Messenger (Muhammad sallallaahu alaihi wasallam), and that they came not to As-Salaat (the prayer) except in a lazy state, and that they offer not contributions but unwillingly. So let not their wealth nor their children amaze you (o Muhammad sallallaahu alaihi wasallam); in reality Allaah's Plan is to punish them with these things in the life of this world, and that their souls shall depart (die) while they are disbelievers.”

These are the hypocrites. We ask Allaah to grant us safety and protection.

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