

Allaah has cursed those who accommodate innovators

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بِ هَلَالِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Explained by Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحْمَهُ اللهُ)¹

Translator's note: The word (مُحْتَبًا) with the Kasra on the letter Daal refers to the criminal and the word (مُحْتَبًا) with the Fatah on the letter Daal refers to the innovator. Below is the text of the entire Hadeeth.

عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ، قَالَ : لَعَنَ اللَّهُ مَنْ بَدَّلَ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ وَعَنْ
اللَّهُ مَنْ آوَى مُحْتَبًا يُعْنَى اللَّهُ مَنْ لَعَنَ وَاللَّيْثِيَّةَ يُعْنَى اللَّهُ مَنْ عَجَرَ لَهَا آوَارَ

[رواه الإمام مسلم في صحيحه]

Narrated by Alee ibn Abee Taalib, from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)²: Allaah cursed the person who sacrificed for anyone besides Allaah; and Allaah has cursed him who accommodated a criminal (or innovator); and Allaah cursed him who cursed his parents and Allaah cursed him who changed the boundary lines.³

Allaah has cursed the one who accommodates an innovator (criminal). This statement is vast. (It includes) the one who innovates in the religion, and the one who violates the people, it includes everything. What is apparent is the Hadeeth is general.

For example, the innovator; a person accommodates him, and begins to assist him, and defends him, and if his affair reaches the ruler he goes and intercedes on his behalf; and the like. Or if the innovator hides, he takes him in and accommodates him. As for this person, we say verily he is cursed. We ask Allaah for safety and security.

Likewise the person who violates the people by highway robbery then takes shelter with an individual, verily he is cursed.

¹ (رَحْمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Collected by Muslim no.1978