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بِ هَلْ الدَّرَجِ مِنْ لِحْيَمِ

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

Question: Some of the writers and callers to Islaam have innovations in their 'Aqeedah, thus some people began to warn against this; but others hindered them from this and said: Verily this (warning against innovation) is a cause for the weakness of Islaam and the weakness of the Muslims uniting against the disbelievers. Thus it is better to abandon speaking against this innovation because it does not affect the strength of the disbelievers.

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: This speech is false. The Da'ee himself must be upright, and an example. He should be a good example himself. As for him calling to Allaah while he is not an example, and he has with him bid'ah and newly invented matters, this is not permissible. It is necessary that he is the first to comply. Allaah (سُبْحٰنُهٗ) says:

[O you who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do?]³

He will warn against bid'ah or he is not a Da'ee. If he is silent about bid'ah and he does not warn against it, then he is not a Da'ee.

And he is not going to warn against it while he is doing it. It is a must that he distance himself from it first; for the sake of Allaah (سُبْحٰنُهٗ) Then he calls to Allaah.

¹ حَفِظْهُ اللهُ May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² سُبْحٰنُهٗ (Subhanahu) The Exalted

³ سُورَةُ السَّافِرِ Soorah as Saff [61:2]