

THE DISASTROUS DEVIATION OF IBN TAIMIYYAH

A Brother Commenting on one of our articles on Ibn Taimiyyah, wrote:

I have come across your article regarding ibn thaymiyyahs view on insulting the sahabah

This view stemmed from the fact that he himself did so and negated sahabahs view in many aspects like talaq etc just like a shia

Hence Al bani and other salafies who make taqleed to him to the same with regards to tarawee ,tawassul and other matters which can be proven from sahabah

I came across an interesting quote

It seems ibn thaymiyyah just negated anyone who stood in his way even sahabah or at times to win a debate will shoot down anyone

Shaykh al-Islam ibn Hajar al-'Asqalani (D. 852) has recorded in Lisan al-Mizan (6/319, Hyderabad edn.):

“Ibn Taymiyya was a servant whom Allah abandoned, misguided, blinded, deafened, and humiliated. This has been frankly expressed by the Imams who explained the corruptness of how he was, and the mendacity of what he said. Whoever wants to check this should read the words of the Mujtahid Imam, whose Imamate, greatness, and having reached the rank of Ijtihad are universally acknowledged, Abul Hasan (Taqi al-Din) al-Subki; together with his son Taj (al-Din as-Subki), the Shaykh and Imam al-‘Izz Ibn Jama’a, the scholars of their time, and other Shafi’i, Maliki and Hanafi scholars. Nor did he confine his criticism to later Sufi’s; but censured the likes of Umar ibn al-Khattab and Ali (may Allah be pleased with them), the outcome of which is that his words are devoid of any worth or consideration, to be scattered across the wilds and wastelands, while the man himself is considered an initiator of bid’ah (reprehensible innovations), misled, misleading, ignorant and spiteful. May Allah give him what he deserves, may Allah preserve us from the likes of his way and his beliefs and works, Ameen.”

It is for this reason Anwar Shah al-Kashmiri rahmatullahi alay mentioned once during a lesson:

“ibn Taymiyya thought that the Deen of Allah was revealed according to his understanding, which is why he was so bold”.

[Malfudhat Muhaddith Kashmiri, pg. 204]

And when these are mentioned salafies usually become conspiracy theorists

Imam Muhammad Zahid al-Kawthari (d.1371AH) says regarding some conspiracy theorists that exists:

“Whoever thinks that all the scholars of his time joined in a single conspiracy against him from personal envy should rather impugn their own intelligence and understanding, after studying the repugnance of his deviations in belief and works, for which he was asked to repent time after time and moved from prison to prison until he passed on to what he’d sent ahead.”

[al-Sayf al-Saqil, pg.6, Reprint. Cairo, Maktaba Zahran; quoted by Shaykh Nuh Keller in Reliance of the Traveller, x178, pg.1060]

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