

BENEFITS RELATED TO DETERMINING IF AN INDIVIDUAL IS ON THE METHODOLOGY OF THE SALAF OR NOT

Notes Taken from Sheikh Abdul Qadir al Junaid's explanation
of Ibaana as Sughra from ibn Battah under the narrations:

- 171 The Prophet ﷺ said: *"An individual is upon the religion of his close friend, therefore let each of you look to whom he befriends."* Sulaiman Ibn Dawud said: *"do not judge person to be upon anything until you (first) look to who he takes as a close friend."*
- 172 Allaah revealed to Musa, *"O Musa be aware and seek/choose brothers for yourself. (Know that) Every companion that is not in agreement with you in that which will bring you happiness then beware of him for certainly he is an enemy to you and I am free from him."*
- 173 Al- Awwaai' said: *"Whoever bidah is hidden from us, those he associates with are not."*

Benefits from the Narrations

- 1) The severity of the dangerous effects companionship can have on an individual and how it can change what a person who adheres to and gives due attention to the sunnah, is upon.
- 2) The encouragement to have as companions those who adhere to the Shariah of Allah and His upright religion.
- 3) The explanation of how to know what is good companionship (from the narration of Musa).
- 4) From the ways of knowing what one whose bidah is hidden is upon is looking at his companions and whom he sits with (from the narration of الأوزاعي)
- 5) Judging individuals upon whom they take as companions and associate with (from narration of Sulaiman)
- 6) An encouragement to be aware of a give due attention to whom one takes as a companion.
- 7) The need for one to have companions in his life.

Benefits from Narration 172 specifically:

●The people of bid'ah with regards to their bidah are of two types:

- 1) The one who openly displays his bidah and spreads it amongst the people and this may be done at specific times, by affirming it



in his books or an article or inviting the people to believe in it or doing so using all the latest communication methods available.

2) The second category is the one who hides his bidah and doesn't openly exhibit it amongst the people and he may continue to hide it forever. His concealing it has its reasons for example: fear of being refuted, or punished, or his hiding it may be due to some sort of worldly benefit or due to a period of time which dictates that the dawah related benefit for him is to keep it hidden.

- The manner of knowing this category was made known by our Salaf: Upon which methodology does the individual traverse, salafi or something else?

This way of discovering is in the narration of al Awzaa'i:

(Whoever's bidah is hidden from us; those he associates with are not.) So this is by looking at who he associates and mixes with.

- The sheikh also mentioned: the method of the salaf with regards to whom a person associates and keeps company with suffices one from asking about individuals. It is authentic from Ibn Masood that he said: *'consider the people by their companions and a person is a companion of the one whose way pleases him.'*

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