
How careful scholars are before making takfeer

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Questioner: O Shaykh, for example, a person who declares the Companions to be disbelievers, for example, he says that Yazeed ibn Mu'aawiyah is a faasiq or a faajir and likewise his father, ya'nee, is such a person a disbeliever [due to what he said] or a faajir or a faasiq?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: It differs, Yaa akhee, according to the person: is he ignorant, is he a scholar, has the proof been established against him from the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of Allaah's Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)², is he someone who is obstinate [in his opinion], is he someone who has misinterpreted [the texts]? All of these things prevent the people of knowledge from [both] rushing to call him a disbeliever or from rushing to state that he is not a disbeliever. All of these checks have to be implemented so that after them we will have the ability to state whether he is a disbeliever or not.³

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

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

³ Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 342.