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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

**Question:** Shaykh; may Allaah bless you. In our country some of our brothers who are (Dua'at) callers to Allaah the Exalted, see it as a benefit and to be of good interest that they have an agreement with the Soofees that they will not speak—during lectures or Friday sermons—about the ascension (of Allaah) for example or about seeking aid (from other than Allaah) and another acts of worship as well. And they use as a proof the agreement the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>1</sup> had with the Jews. Therefore is this proof correct, O Shaykh? What is your advice?

**Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ):** No, using this as a proof is not correct; because that which you mentioned can be found in the statement of the Exalted:

وَدُّوا لَوْ تُدْهِنُ فَيُدْهِنُونَ

**[They wish that you should compromise (in religion out of courtesy) with them, so they (too) would compromise with you.]<sup>2</sup>**

Flattery (comprising out of courtesy) in the religion is not permissible. The Messenger (عليه الصلاة والسلام)<sup>3</sup> only made a pact with the Jews that no one would exceed the bounds over another; not that we would be pleased with their religion; never! It is not possible that the Messenger would be pleased with their religion; never. And that which you mentioned is to be pleased with the falsehood they are upon. A pact like this is in reality, flattery (comprising out of courtesy). It is not permissible for anyone to flatter (comprising out of courtesy) anyone in the religion of Allaah, rather it is obligatory to clarify the truth whatever it may be.

But it is possible—if they see it as a benefit—that they do not begin with criticism as the very first thing and they can begin with the correct explanation. For example if you speak about the ascension—as you mentioned—and you explain the meaning and clarify its reality without saying 'there people who explain it like this' until after it has become firm in the people and they know the truth and it will be easy upon them to move from the falsehood to the truth.

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<sup>1</sup> (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

<sup>2</sup> سورة القلم – Soorah al-Qalam [68:9]

<sup>3</sup> (عليه الصلاة والسلام) (alayhi as-Salaat wa Salaam) Upon him prayer and peace

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