

## Not over-praising the Prophet

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

**Shaykh Muqbil bin Hadi al-Waadi'ee -Rahimuhallaah- said:**

'1- From Umar -Radi Allaahu anhu- who said: I heard the Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- saying:

**'Do not over praise me, like the Christians over praised the son of Maryam. Indeed I am a slave of Allaah and His Messenger.'**<sup>1</sup>

2 – From Ibn Abbas -Radi Allaahu anhu- who said: The Messenger of Allaah -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- said early in the morning on the day of 'Aqabah while he was on his she-camel:

**'Find me some stones.'**

So I looked for seven stones for the Prophet, the stones were like stones for throwing, and he began to shake them in his hand, then he said: **'Throw stones like these.'** After that he said:

**'O you people beware of extremism, in the Deen, since extremism is what destroyed those before you.'**<sup>2</sup>

If this is the situation regarding stones, what about other than that, from those who seek assistance from the Messenger of Allaah and other religious people. They also perform worship of the Messenger of Allaah of that which is not permissible except for Allaah.

<sup>1</sup> Collected by Bukhaaree (5/300) and Ahmad (1/23, 24, 47, 55)

<sup>2</sup> Collected by an-Nasaa'ee (5/218), Ibn Maajah and this is his wording (2/1008), Ahmad (1/215), Ibn Hibbaan as it is mentioned in 'Muwwarid athaaman' (249) and Hakim (1/466), and he said this hadeeth is authentic according to the conditions of Bukhaaree and Muslim, but they did not narrate it and Dhahabee affirmed the hadeeth.

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**3** – From Muttaruf who said: that my father said: I went with the delegation of Bani ‘Aamir to the Messenger of Allaah -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- and we said to him: ‘You are our Sayyid (master).’

He said:

**‘The Master is Allaah.’**

We said: ‘You’re the best of us in excellence and the greatest of us in excellence.

So he said:

**‘Say what you have to say, or some of what you have to say, and don’t let Shaytaan drag you along.’<sup>3</sup>**

**4** – From Anas bin Maalik -Radi Allaahu anhu- that a man said: O Muhammad, the best of us, the son of the best of us, our master and the son of our master.

The Messenger of Allaah said:

**‘Say what you have to say, do not let the Shaytaan pull you along, (or Shayyateen– plural, or he said one of these two). I am Muhammad the son of Abdullaah, I am Muhammad the slave of Allaah and His Messenger.**

**I hate that you raise me above the status, which Allaah -Azza wa Jal- has placed me in.’<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup> Collected by Aboo Dawood, Aboo al-Teeb said in ‘Awnal Mabood’ (4/402): the chain of the hadeeth of Abdullaah bin Shakhheer is authentic.’ It is also collected by Ahmad. I say it is in ‘al-Musnad’(4/25).

<sup>4</sup> Collected by Ahmad (3/249). The narrators of this hadeeth are the narrators in the Saheeh of al-Bukhaaree.[13]