

Oppressive police officers foretold by Prophet Muhammad

(صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Question: O noble Shaykh we would like for you to explain this narration, may Allaah reward you with good.

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " صِنْفَانِ مِنْ أَهْلِ النَّارِ لَمْ أَرَهُمَا قَوْمٌ مَعَهُمْ سِيَاطٌ كَأَذْنَابِ الْبَقَرِ يَضْرِبُونَ بِهَا النَّاسَ وَنِسَاءٌ كَاسِيَاتٌ عَارِيَّاتٌ مُمِيلَاتٌ مَائِلَاتٌ رُءُوسُهُنَّ كَأَسْنِمَةِ الْبُخْتِ الْمَائِلَةِ لَا يَدْخُلْنَ الْجَنَّةَ وَلَا يَجِدْنَ رِيحَهَا وَإِنَّ رِيحَهَا لَتُوجَدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةِ كَذَا وَكَذَا

Narrated by Aboo Hurairah, he said the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹ said:

"There are two types of the people from the inhabitants of the fire that I have not seen yet: men with whips like the tails of cattle, with which they strike the people, and women who are clothed yet naked, walking with an enticing gait, with something on their heads that looks like the humps of camels, leaning to one side. They will never enter Paradise or even smell its fragrance, although its fragrance can be detected from such and such a distance."²

The question; explain to us this narration.

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)³: The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) informed us that there will be two types of people which the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) did not see. The first type involves oppressing the people without just cause; using their whips to transgress upon them. They are a people who have with them whips like the tails of cattle which they use to beat the people; meaning they do so without just cause. The scholars have said these are the police officers, the oppressive police officers, those who beat the people without just cause. Consequently they are from the inhabitants of the fire. This is because whoever aids an oppressor then he shall receive the portion of his sin which he deserves.

¹ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² Narrated by Ahmad and by Muslim in al-Saheeh

³ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him