
The praise of Shaykh Rabia' (حفظه الله) al-Madkhalee for the Muhaddith, the 'Allaama, Shaykh of Hadeeth Muhammad Nasr ud-Deen al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ)

Translated by Abbas Abu Yahya

Article taken and slightly adapted from: followingthesunnah.wordpress.com

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Questioner: Is Shaykh al-Albaanee at the head of the ahl-ul-Hadeeth of this time?

The Answer of the 'Allaama al-Muhadith Rabia' bin Hadi 'Umair al-Madkhalee (حفظه الله)¹, and May Allaah raise his grade in both worlds, was:

'I swear by Allaah that this is what Shaykh Ibn Baaz and Ibn 'Uthaymeen submit to, as do the other scholars who have spent time in his company. They submit to the fact that there is none that can be compared with him in hadeeth, never can anyone be compared with him, actually, for many centuries no one has reached to where Shaykh al-Albaanee has reached.

I hold the opinion, that in study of books, neither Ibn Taymeeyah (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ), nor Ibn Hajr (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) reached him in the study of books. As for memorization, then they memorized more than him, but as for study and research and working extremely hard in research then there is none in comparison to him.

He has offered a library for Islaam. The Islaamic Countries and their institutions fall short in offering this amount. Anyone who now writes about hadeeth has to refer back to this man.

This man was oppressed, and the Arabs never knew his reality. Allaah took this man from the heart of Europe and placed him in the Dhahireeyah library, the best library in the east, where he spent sixty years, and he put forward this great work. What did he get in return from us?

With sadness, the virtue of a people is only known by those who posses it. As for the scholars, they knew his virtue and they acknowledged that, such as the likes of Ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ), Ibn 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ), and the scholars of Islaam other than them. The scholars of India and Pakistan and the Western Arab Regions and of other places knew the status of this man, from what he placed forward for this Ummah, in 'Aqeedah, Manhaj and the service to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah (عليه) (الصلاة والسلام)², (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ)³ and reward him with goodness for the Deen of Allaah and the Sunnah of His Prophet (عليه الصلاة والسلام), the reward for those who do good actions, and for those who gave a service to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah and His Deen. Naaam!^{4 5}

¹ (حفظه الله) (hafidhahullaah) may Allaah preserve him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

⁴ Taken from a gathering in the blessed city of Madeenah an-Nabaweeyah on the 26/01/1426 A.H.

⁵ www.sahab.net