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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Question: What is your advice for the one who insults the scholars who are upon the minhaj of the Salaf and they justify not taking from them by saying: 'They are not infallible.'?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: Yes the scholars are not infallible but we take knowledge from them because they say, 'Allaah said', 'His Messenger said'. They do not bring anything from themselves. They bring (the knowledge) from the one who is infallible (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)². They teach us the Qur'aan and they teach us the Sunnah, and both of these are free from error. The Qur'aan and the Sunnah are free from error.

As for jurisprudence and the statements of the scholars, then this is weighed against the proof. That which agrees with the proof is taken and that which contradicts the proof is abandoned.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

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