

Beneficial books in the field of *da'wah*

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Sheikh 'Abdul-'Azeez Bin Baaz was asked:

'Are there any specific books which the eminent Sheikh advises with to all those who wish to work in the field of calling (*da'wah*) to Allah?'

So he replied:

'The greatest book and the most noble book which I advise with is the Book of Allah, that which no falsehood can come in front of it and nor from behind it. So, I advise every caller to Allah and every enjoiner of the good and prohibiter of evil, and instructor, teacher and guide, be they male or female, to devote attention to the Book of Allah and to reflect upon it and to increase in its recitation. Thus, it is the origin of every good. And it is the teacher and it is the guide to goodness, as He, The Mighty and The Majestic says:

"Indeed this Qur'an guides to that which is the most upright." ²

And it guides with the guidance of Allah to the path which is most upright, to the path of righteousness. So, it is obligatory upon the callers and those who enjoin the good and the teachers, to strive hard in reciting it and contemplating its meanings, for indeed with that they benefit with a great benefit and with that they become suitable for calling (to Allah) and teaching with the success granted by Allah, The Mighty and The Majestic.

Then I advise with the Sunnah and what has come in it from knowledge and guidance, and that the caller to Allah and the enjoiner of good and the prohibiter of evil and the teacher, male or female, goes over the books of hadeeth and what the people have authored about this until he benefits from that. And the most important books of hadeeth and the most authentic of them are *Saheeh-ul-Bukhaaree* and *Saheeh Muslim*. So, he should increase in going over them and benefiting from them and the rest of the books of hadeeth like the four Sunan, the *Musnad* of Imaam Ahmed, the *Muwatta* of Imaam Maalik, the Sunan of *Ad-Daarimee* and other than them from the well known books of hadeeth.

¹ Translator's note: Daar-ul-Muayyid, Riyadh, 1st Edition, 1421/2000, compiled by Muhammad Bin Sa'd Ash-Shuwway'ir

² Surah Al-Israa, 19

Likewise I advise with going over the beneficial books of the people of knowledge such as *Al-Muntaqa* of Majd Ibn Taymeeyah, *Riyaadh-us-Saaliheen*, *Buloogh-ul-Maraam*, *'Umdatul-Ahkaam*, *Jaami'-ul-'Ilm Wa Fadlihi* of Ibn 'Abdul-Barr, *Jaami-ul-'Uloom Wal-Hikam* of Al-Haafidh Ibn Rajab, *Zaad-ul-Ma'ad Fee Haadee Khair-ul-'Ebaad* of Al-'Alaamah Ibn-ul-Qayyum and *A'laam-ul-Muwaqi'een*, *Tareeq-ul-Hijratayn* and *Turuq-ul-Hikmah*, all of them (which) are also by him. And indeed he (Ibn-ul-Qayyum), may Allah have mercy on him, mentioned many a thing in these books regarding calling (to Allah) and regarding enjoining the good and forbidding the evil.

So, it is imperative for the Muslim to benefit from them (all these books) because they are great books from the scholars. And the scholars have had a major impact in this path (of *da'wah*) alongside having a good *'aqeedah* and a lot of experience.

And likewise (I advise with) what Abul-'Abbaas Sheikh-ul-Islam Ibn Taymeeyah has written in *As-Siyaasat-ush-Shar'eeyah*, *Al-Hisbah* in *Al-Fataawa* and *Minhaaj-us-Sunnah*, for he is from amongst the great scholars who experienced this affair (of *da'wah*) and excelled in it and by whom Allah benefited the (Muslim) nation and by whom He aided the truth with and humiliated innovations and their people with. So, may Allah reward him and his brothers from the scholars for their patience and their struggle with the best of what He rewards the good-doers with, indeed He is The Most Magnanimous, The Most Generous.

So, I advise every Muslim and every teacher and guide that he devote attention to these beneficial books after devoting attention to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (*sallallahu alaihi wa sallam*). Likewise, I advise with the books which have been authored in this field from the scholars of knowledge and guidance from the three schools of thought, the Maalikees, the Shaafiees and the Hanafees, and other than that from the books of the Hanbalees who are well known for knowledge and guidance and good *'aqeedah*.

And the intent (behind all this) is that the caller seek assistance with the books of the people of knowledge which have been authored in this field because they guide him to that which he was ignorant of and lead him to an abundance of knowledge. Allah The Most High says:

“...and take a provision for the journey, for indeed the best provision is *taqwa* (piety).”³

And without doubt, learning and reflection is from *taqwa* (piety).'

³ Surah Al-Baqarah, 197