Salafī Imām Harb bin Ismāʿīl al-Kirmānī (280H) on the Khārijites

The Salafī Imām, Harb bin Ismāʿīl al-Kirmānī (280H), from the associates and students of Imām Ahmad, stated:

"As for the Khārijites, they passed through the religion and separated from it. They broke loose from Islām and isolated themselves from the jamā'ah. They strayed away from the path of guidance, revolted against the ruler and the leaders, raised the sword against the ummah and made lawful [the spilling] of their blood. They imputed disbelief to whoever opposed them, save those who spoke with their saying, was upon a saying and opinion like theirs and resided alongside them in the abode of their misguidance...They do not hold prayer in congregation except behind their own imam and they also hold the prayer can be delayed beyond its time. They also hold that marriage can be conducted without a guardian or without a ruler [in the absence of a guardian] and they hold temporary marriage (mut ah) in their religion... They do not hold obedience is due to the ruler or that the Quraysh have the [right of] khilafah over them and many other things in which they oppose Islām and its people. So sufficient is misguidance for these people that this should be their opinion, doctrine and religion. They are not from Islām in anything and they are renegades... all of them are Khārijites, sinners, opposers to the Sunnah, renegades from the religion, people of innovation and misguidance. And they are thieves, highway-robbers, we have known them with [such practice]... And as for the Khārijites, they call Ahl al-Sunnah "Murji'ah". The Khārijites have lied in their saying. On the contrary, they are Murji'ah, they claim that they (alone) are upon faith and truth exclusive to the people and that whoever opposes them are disbelievers."

Ijmāʿ al-Salaf Fil-Iʿtiqād Kamā Hakāhu ʿanhum Ḥarb bin Ismāʿil al-Kirmānī (1432/2011), Dār al-Imām Aḥmad, pp. 86-97. Translated by Abu ʿIyaad Amjad Rafīq + khariijtes.com 2 Muharram 1438 / 3 October 2016