

Salafī Imām Abū Bakr al-Ājurī (360H) on the Khārijite Renegades

The Salafī scholar, Abu Bakr Muḥammad bin al-Ḥusayn al-Ājurī (360H) said: “The scholars have not differed that the Khārijite (extremists) are an evil people, disobedient to God and His Messenger, even if they pray, fast and strive hard in worship. None of that will be beneficial to them. They proclaim the commanding of good and prohibiting of evil but that will not benefit them because they distort the Qur’ān upon their desires and deceive the Muslims. Allāh (ﷻ) warned us against them. The Prophet (ﷺ) warned us against them. The rightly-guided caliphs warned us against them. The Prophet’s companions (رضي الله عنهم) and whoever followed them in goodness warned us against them. They are followers of desires, filthy despicable people. Those who are upon their doctrine amidst all the Khārijites inherit this doctrine from each other in both past and contemporary [times], they revolt against the rulers and leaders and declare the killing of Muslims lawful.

Their first appearance was during the era of the Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) and it was a man who reviled the Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) whilst he was dividing the war spoils. He said: ‘Be just O Muḥammad for I do not consider that you have been just.’ He (ﷺ) replied: ‘Woe be to you. Who will abide by justice if I am not just?’ ‘Umar desired to kill him but the Prophet (ﷺ) forbade him and informed: ‘This man has associates, you will belittle your own prayer compared to theirs and your fasting compared to theirs, they will depart from the religion.’ He also ordered in more than one ḥadīth to fight them and explained the excellence of the one who killed them or who was killed by them.

Thereafter they emerged from many different lands, gathered together and proclaimed the enjoining of good and prohibiting of evil, until they approached Madīnah. They killed ‘Uthmān bin ‘Affān (رضي الله عنه). The Companions of Allāh’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) who were present in Madīnah tried to prevent ‘Uthmān from being killed, but they were unable to do so (رضي الله عنه). Then they came out against the Chief of the Believers, ‘Alī bin Abī Ṭālib (رضي الله عنه) and were not pleased with his rule. They manifested their statement and said: ‘Judgment belongs to none but Allāh.’ ‘Alī (رضي الله عنه) said, ‘A word of truth by which they intend falsehood.’ Thereafter, ‘Alī (رضي الله عنه) fought them and Allāh honoured him through his killing of them. And he informed from the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) of the excellence of the one who killed them or who was killed by them. The Companions fought with him and thus, the sword of ‘Alī (رضي الله عنه) upon the Khārijites became the sword of truth [against them] until the Hour is established.”

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