



Scholars of The People of Innovation

A Few Narrations showing the Position of the Salaf-as Saalih towards the Innovators

The Messenger (sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallam) said:

“There was not a prophet sent by Allaah to the nations before me except that he had helpers and companions, who held fast unto his sunnah and followed his commands. Then, there came after them a generation who said that which they did not do and did that which they were not commanded. So whoever strives against them with his hand is a believer; and whoever strives against them with his tongue is a believer; and whoever strives against them with his heart is a believer; and there is not a mustard seed of Imaan beyond that.”¹

Imaam Maalik (rahimahullaah) stated: “Knowledge is not acquired from a person of bidah, who calls to it.”²

Imaam Ad-Daarimee and Ibn Battah (rahimahumallaah) narrated from Hassan Al-Basri (rahimahullaah) that he used to say: “Do not sit with the Ahlul Ahwaa (the people of desires); do not debate with them and do not listen to them”³

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¹ Reported by Muslim

² Siyar 8/61

³ Quoted in ‘Kun Salafiyyan Alaa Daada’ti’ page:71