

**THE CATAclysmic TRAGEDY OF SADDAM HUSAYN**  
From the *fatawaa* of Shaykhul-Islam 'Abdul-'Azeez Ibn Baaz  
and al-'Allamah Muqbil Ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee  
(*rahimahumullaah*)

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**THE FATWAA OF SHAYKHUL-ISLAM 'ABDUL-'AZEEZ IBN BAAZ:<sup>1</sup>**

[Q]: Is it permissible to curse the ruler of al-'Iraq, because some people say that as long as he has uttered the *shahaadatayn* (two testimonies) we withhold from cursing him? And is it confirmed that he is a disbeliever? What is the opinion of his eminence with regards to those who say that he is a disbeliever?

[A]: He is a disbeliever, even if he says *Laa ilaaha illallaah*, fasts and prays. As long as he does not free himself from the heretical ideology of the *Ba'thiyyah* (socialism, communism) and openly proclaims his repentance to Allaah from it and whatever else he used to call to. *Ba'thiyyah* is disbelief and misguidance. So as long as he does not openly proclaim his repentance, he is a disbeliever. Likewise, 'Abdullaah Ibn 'Ubayy was a disbeliever whilst he used to pray with the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*). And he used to say, '*Laa ilaaha illallaah*,' and he would testify that Muhammad was the Messenger of Allaah, yet he was from the most disbelieving of people. So all of that did not benefit him, due to his disbelief and hypocrisy. So those who say '*Laa ilaaha illallaah*' from amongst the people of disbelieving creeds (*al-mu'taqadaatul-kufriyyah*), such as the *Ba'thiyyeen*, the Communists and other than them. So they pray for worldly purposes, so this does not free them from their disbelief.

That is because this is hypocrisy from them. And the severe torment of the hypocrites is well known, as occurs in the Book of Allaah,

**"Indeed, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Hellfire."** [Sooratun-Nisaa' 4:145]

So Saddam - along with his claim of Islaam and his claim of *Jihaad*, or his statement, 'I am a Believer' - all of that does not benefit him anything, nor does it take him out of hypocrisy. In order for the one who claims Islaam to be a true Believer, then it is inevitable that he must make a clear *tawbah* (repentance) from that which he previously used to

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<sup>1</sup> This *fatawaa* is taken from *Majmoo'ul-Fataawaa wa Maqaalaatul-Mutanwwi'ah* (6/155-156).

believe. Then he must strengthen this with action, due to the statement of Allaah the Exalted,

**“Except for those who repent, seek rectification and openly proclaim that.”** [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:160]

So the *tawbah* (repentance) is related to speech and seeking rectification is related to action. And this must also include an open proclamation. And if he does not do this, then the claimant is not being truthful. So if he is in fact truthful with regards to the *tawbah*, then let him free himself from the *Ba’thiyyah* and let him leave from Kuwait and stop the oppression upon its people. And let him openly proclaim his repentance from the *Ba’thiyyah* and let him proclaim that it is an ideology of disbelief and misguidance. So it is upon the *Ba’thiyyeen* to return back to Allaah, to repent to Him, embrace Islaam and hold firmly to it with its creed; in statement and action, openly and in secret. They must be upright upon the Religion of Allaah, believe in Allaah and His Messenger (*sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) and believe in the Hereafter if they are truthful.

As for the counterfeit and hypocrisy, then it is not considered sound by Allaah, nor amongst the Believers. Allaah the Glorified and Exalted says,

**“Indeed, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Hellfire.”** [Sooratun-Nisaa‘ 4:145]

And Allaah the Sublime and Exalted says,

**“They think to deceive Allaah and those who believe, whilst they only deceive themselves, and perceive it not! In their hearts is a disease (of doubt and hypocrisy) and Allaah has increased their disease. A painful torment is theirs because they used to tell lies. And when it is said to them, “Make not mischief on the earth,” they say, “We are only peacemakers.” Verily! They are the ones who make mischief, but they perceive not. And when it is said to them (hypocrites), “Believe as the people have believed,” they say, “Shall we believe as the fools have believed?” Verily, they are the fools, but they know not.”** [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:9-13]

This is the condition of Saddaam and his likes from amongst those who openly profess Islaam, yet they secretly conceal hypocrisy and deception. And he brings to the Muslims various types of suffering and transgression. And he is firmly established upon his creed of heretical *Ba’thiyyah*.

## THE STATEMENT OF AL-MUHADDITH MUQBIL IBN HAADEE AL-WAADI'EE:

Stated al'Allamah Muqbil Ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee - *rahimahullaahu ta'aalaa*, "May Allaah destroy him with a calamity. Indeed, he believes in *al-Jibt* and *at-Taaghoot* (deities other than Allaah). He is a transgressing *Ba'thee*."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Taken from his book *Tuhfatul-Mujeeb* (p. 52, 93)