

# The Scholar's Praise of Al-Albaani

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## What They Said

“**The Allaamah, the Shaikh, the Faqih, Abdul-Aziz ibn Baaz**, may Allaah the Most High have mercy on him, said about Shaikh al-Albaani, ‘I have not seen under the surface of the sky a scholar of *hadith* in this time of ours like the *Allaamah*, Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani.’

And his eminence was asked about the saying of the Prophet, صلى الله عليه وسلم, “*Indeed, for this nation, at the beginning of every one hundred years, Allaah sends someone who will renew its religion for it.*” [Abu Dawud, Shaikh Al-Abaani declared it to be authentic]. So he asked, “Who is the reviver [*mujaddid*] of this century?” So he, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said, “Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, he is the reviver of this time in my opinion, and Allaah knows best.”

And he said in his *Fatwas* (25/71), “Shaikh Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani is from our very special and trustworthy brothers, well-known for his knowledge, excellence, and his care in checking the noble *hadiths* to see which are authentic and weak.”

And he said, “Shaikh Al-Albaani is well-known as being from the *Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah* and from the helpers of the *Sunnah*, and from the callers to the *Sunnah*, and from those who strive greatly [*mujaahids*] in the path of preserving the *Sunnah*.”

And he said about him in a letter which he wrote and sent on 2/5/1377ah [24/11/1957ce] to Shaikh Abdul-Fattaah al-Imaam, “I’d like that you pass on my greeting of *salaam* to those

around you from the eminent Shaikhs and brothers, and I specifically mention from them our noble brother, and the one we love for the sake of Allaah, the Shaikh, the *Allaamah*, Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani.”

And he said, “The Shaikh is well-known with us for having sound creed [*aqidah*] and [a sound] biography, and for his continuation in calling to Allaah, the One free of all defects, along with the commendable efforts which he expends in [giving] care and attention to the noble *hadiths*, clarifying the authentic from the weak and fabricated, and all that he has written concerning that in his wide ranging works; [all of this] is work which is laudable and beneficial to the Muslims. We ask Allaah that He multiples his reward and aids him to continue progressing on this path, and that he couples his efforts with success from Him and prosperity.”

And he said, “And Shaikh al-Albaani, may Allaah grant him success, is well-known with us for having a sound creed and good biography, and aiding the *madhhab* of the Pious Predecessors and embracing it.”

And he said, “From our trustworthy, well-known brothers, from our good brothers, our companion and our brother, the *Allaamah*, the Shaikh, Muhammad Naasirud-Deen—and he is from the revivers [*mujaddideen*].”

**And Shaikh Ibn Baaz along with his brothers, the Shaikhs from the The Standing Committee for Scholarly Research and Issuing Religious Verdicts**, and they are the eminent shaikhs: Abdullaah ibn Qu’ood, Abdullaah ibn Ghudayaan, Abdur-Razzaaq al-Afeefi, said, “The man is well-known with us for knowledge, excellence, venerating the *Sunnah* and serving it, aiding the *madhhab* of *Ahlu-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah*in warning against bigotry and blind following, and his books are beneficial.” This occurs in the 12<sup>th</sup> volume from

the Fatwas of The Standing Committee for Scholarly Research and Issuing Religious Verdicts, p. 224.

The Standing Committee for Scholarly Research and Issuing Religious Verdicts said, “As for the book *Silsilah al-Ahadith ad-Da’eefah wal-Mawdoo’ah*, then its author [i.e., Shaikh Albaani] is well-versed/read in *hadith*, strong in its critique and in passing judgement concerning its authenticity or weakness, and at times he has mistakes.”

And in one of Shaikh Ibn Baaz’s lessons, Shaikh al-Albaani’s checking of *ahadith* from his book *Irwaa ul-Ghaleel* was read to him, so when the person who was reading it out aloud finished, Shaikh Ibn Baaz, may Allaah have mercy on him, said, “If *hadith* checking [*takhrij*] is not like this, then there is none.”

**The Allaamah, the one having expansive and abundant knowledge [al-bahr], the Shaikh, Muhammad al-Ameen ash-Shanqeetee**, may Allaah have mercy upon him, the one who had no comparison in his time in the field of *tafseer* and language—used to honour and revere Shaikh al-Albaani to a very great extent such that as soon as he would see Shaikh al-Albaani passing by while he was giving his lesson in the Prophet’s Mosque in Medinah, Shaikh ash-Shanqeetee would cut off his lesson and get up and give *salaam* to the Shaikh, out of respect for him.

**The Allaamah, the Shaikh, Muhibbud-Deen al-Khateeb**, may Allaah have mercy on him, said about Shaikh al-Albaani, “From the callers to the *Sunnah* and those who gave their life working to revive it, and he is our distant brother, the Shaikh, Abu Abdur-Rahmaan Muhammad Naasirud-Deen Nooh Najaati al-Albaani.”

**The Allaamah, the Shaikh, Muhammad Ibn Ibrahim Aal ash-Shaikh**[the Mufti of Saudi Arabia before Shaikh Ibn Baaz]

may Allaah have mercy on him, said, “And he is a companion of the *Sunnah*, an advocate for the truth, battling against the people of falsehood.”

**The *Allaamah*, the *Faqeeh*, the Shaikh, Muhammad Ibn Saalih al-Uthaymeen**, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said, “That which I know about the Shaikh through the times I met him, and they were few, is that he was extremely eager to act upon the *Sunnah*, and to fight innovations, whether they were in matters of creed or action.”

He also said, “I came to know this about him through what I read from his works, and that he has a copious amount of knowledge in *hadith*, their chains of narrations and the understanding taken from them, and that Allaah has benefitted many people through what he has written, as regards knowledge, methodology and turning to the science of *hadith*, and this is a great benefit for the Muslims, and all praise is due to Allaah.”

And he said, “As for verifying and checking, then how excellent he is [for you to recourse to].”

And one time he saw a cassette on which was written, “By the *Muhaddithof* Syria Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani.”

So he said, “Rather the *muhaddith* of this age.”

**And Shaikh Abdus-Samad Sharafud-Deen, one of the major scholars of India and the Shaikh of the *Ahlul-Hadith* there**, may Allaah the Most High have mercy on him, said in a letter he wrote to him, “... and an inquiry has reached Shaikh Ubaidullaah ar-Rahmaani, the Shaikh of the Islamic University, i.e., the Salafi University in Banaras [India], from the Scientific Research and Religious Edicts committee [*Daar Al-Iftaa*] in Riyaad from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, about a *hadith* unusual in its wording and meaning, having a close connection to this age of ours—so the opinion of those present

here from the scholars was united that the greatest scholar of the prophetic sayings in this time be referred to, and indeed that is Shaikh al-Albaani, the learned scholar [*rabbaani*, i.e., pious scholars who practice what they preach].”

**The *Allaamah*, the *Muhaddith*, Hammaad al-Ansaaree**, may Allaah the Most High have mercy on him described him as, “... possessing expansive knowledge in the science of *hadith*.” And in the year 1400ah [1979ce] the King Faisal Foundation wrote to Hammaad al-Ansaaree asking him who he nominates for the King Faisal Award for the Science of *Hadith* and its fields. So Shaikh Hammaad wrote to them saying that he nominates the Shaikh, the *Allaamah*, Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani. His son, Abdul-Awwal, mentioned this in *Al-Majmoo fee tarjumah Waalidihi* (2/598), and in it there also occurs, “My father said, ‘Al-Albaani used to be a *hanafi*, then he entered in to the [study of] the science of *hadith* until he reached its peak ...”

And he said, “Shaikh al-Albaani studied knowledge fully.”

**The *Allaamah*, the Shaikh, the Specialist [in many fields], Bakr Abu Zaid**, may Allaah the Most High have mercy on him said in *At-Tahdheer min Mukhtasaraat as-Saabooni fit-Tafsir*, p. 41, “The manifestation of the knowledge of al-Albaani in the eyes of the people of knowledge, his aiding the *Sunnah* and the creed of the Pious Predecessors is an affair which none except an ignorant enemy disputes.”

And one time Shaikh Ahmad Shaakir and Shaikh al-Albaani were mentioned so he said about them, “The two venerable Shaikhs.”

**And Shaikh Zaid ibn Abdul-Aziz al-Fayyaad**, may Allaah have mercy on him, said, “Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani is from the distinguished, eminent authorities of this time, who devoted his attention to the sayings of the Prophet,

صلى الله عليه وسلم [hadith], and their paths of narration and narrators, and their grading in terms of authenticity or weakness—and this is lofty work, from the best of what hours are spent on and effort expended for. And he is like the other scholars in that they are correct and [also] make mistakes, but it is befitting that his excellence be known due to his devotion to this great [branch of] knowledge, and that he be thanked for his concern and care for it, and I ask Allaah to grant us and him success, and [to also grant it] to the scholars of the Muslims and [all the] Muslims in general.”

**The Allaamah, the Muhaddith, our Shaikh Abdul-Muhsin al-Abbaad**, may Allaah, the Most High, protect him and allow us to enjoy his company [his knowledge etc., by giving him a long life], said, “And al-Albaani is a magnificent scholar who served the *Sunnah*, and his creed [*aqidah*] is good and defaming him is not allowed.”

And he said, “Indeed he is the one all will miss, the great, famous scholar, the Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, may Allaah have mercy on him and forgive him. He has colossal efforts in serving the *Sunnah*, and in giving attention to the sayings of the Prophet of Allaah, صلى الله عليه وسلم, clarifying the sources of those sayings and the books they are mentioned in, [also] clarifying their grade as to whether they are authentic or weak. His service to the *Sunnah* is well-known and he defended the creed of the Pious Predecessors and their methodology vigorously, no student of knowledge can suffice himself without referring back to his books and written works, for indeed they contain ample good, and in them is abundant knowledge, his written works are numerous and great, and most libraries will not be devoid of his books, or will at least have some of them, and he paid great attention to researching, writing, and referring back

to the speech of the scholars and benefitting from them, and the passing away of scholars such as this is, in all reality, [the cause of] a great deficiency in the Muslims, and a calamity and a breach in the [affairs of the] religion.”

And he said, “Indeed these two scholars, i.e., Ibn Baaz and al-Albaani, are from the great scholars, [both] experts and verifiers, who paid exceptional care [to the affairs of religion] and who had very high aims. Each one of them had major efforts in *aqidah*, great good came about at their hands, and great benefit came to Islaam and the Muslims because of them, so may Allaah reward them with the best of rewards, and forgive them both, and overlook their faults.”

And he said, “So indeed he, in truth, is from the unrivalled scholars of this time, and [is from those] who expended great efforts in serving the *Sunnah* of al-Mustafaa, صلى الله عليه وسلم.”

**And the Shaikh, the Allaamah, the Aider of the Sunnah, Humood ibn Abdullaah at-Tuwaijiri**, may Allaah the Most High have mercy on him, said, “Al-Albaani now is an eminent authority on the *Sunnah*, slandering him is helping to slander the *Sunnah*.”

And when the King Faisal Award for Service to Islaam was mentioned to Shaikh Humood, he said, “Indeed Shaikh Naasir is the most deserving of those who receive it, due to his service for the *Sunnah*.”

**And the Shaikh, the Allaamah, Abdul-Aziz Aal ash-Shaikh, the Mufti of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, may Allaah protect him, described him saying, “He aided the *Sunnah* in this age.” Shaikh Saalih ibn Fawzaan al-Fawzaan described him in the same way.

**And the noble Shaikh, the Allaamah, Saalih ibn Abdul-Aziz Aal ash-Shaikh**, may Allaah protect him said, “There is no doubt that the loss of the *Allaamah* Muhammad Naasirud-

Deen al-Albaani is a calamity, for he was one of the eminent authorities of the *Ummah*, and one of its *hadith* scholars [*muhaddith*], and through them, Allaah, the Majestic and Most High, protects this religion and spreads the *Sunnah*.”

And he also said, “Indeed the late Shaikh has huge achievements in aiding the *Salafi* creed and the methodology of the people of *hadith*, along with major, numerous works in serving the *Sunnah*, distinguishing the authentic sayings of the Prophet from the weak, صلى الله عليه وسلم. And his effect on the Islamic world has been enormous and he is regarded as one of the scholars of the *Ummah* due to his great and illustrious achievements.”

**The Allaamah, the Muhaddith, the Shaikh, Ahmad Mu’abbad Abdul-Kareem**, may Allaah the Most High protect him: I [i.e., Shaikh Mashhoor] heard him saying in the house of Shaikh Faalih as-Sagheer in Riyadh after midday prayer on Monday 13/11/1327 which corresponds to 4/12/2007, “When I was in secondary school in 1958 I used to follow what the Shaikh, the *Allaamah*, al-Albaani would say about weak *hadith* in *Al-Wa’ee al-Islaami al-Kuwaytiyyah*. And at that time no one else had raised their head with this knowledge except for al-Albaani and Ahmad Shaakir.” And on the same day but in another sitting he said, “When I went to Jordan with Shaikh Mahmood al-Meerah we wanted to meet [Shaikh al-Albaani], in fact we requested that we visit Shaikh al-Albaani, but we were prevented from doing so.” And he said, “I was waiting for Shaikh al-Albaani to come to Riyadh to get some treatment. So that I would get to meet the Shaikh, I was in constant contact with Shaikh Waleed ar-Rashoodee, the one who obtained the order for Shaikh al-Albaani to be allowed to receive treatment. But [in the end] the Shaikh never came!”



**And the noble Shaikh Abdullaah ibn Abdur-Rahmaan al-Bassaam**, a teacher at the *Haram* Mosque in Makkah and a member of the Committee of Major Scholars, may Allaah have mercy on him, said, “Today he is from the Imaams of this time. He exerted himself, his efforts and [spent] his wealth in service of the *Sunnah*.”

**And the Shaikh of the Hanbalees, the Allaamah, Abdullaah ibn Abdul-Aziz ibn Aqeelsaid** in *Fathul-Jaleel*, pp. 155-156, about Shaikh al-Albaani, “Al-Albaani is our Shaikh and teacher ...”

And he was asked which books of today’s scholars should be read, so he mentioned a group of them and said, “And the books of Shaikh al-Albaani, and we hold that he is from the Imaams of the *Sunnah*, and from the major scholars of *hadith* [*muhaddith*], and he served *hadith* in a major way through his [written] works.” And then he was asked, “Some of them say, ‘*Hadith* can be taken from him but not *fiqh*.’” So he said, “It does not harm Shaikh al-Albaani if they say this, [it does not harm him if] one, two, ten or a hundred [people say this]. Shaikh al-Albaani is a scholar and his legacy is present and printed, mistakes do not harm him, is there anyone who doesn’t make a mistake? Is there anyone who doesn’t have mistakes and faults or errors? Perfection is for Allaah, the Blessed and Most High, and the just one is he who takes the good deeds of a person and the bad into consideration. How many books did he author? They come to a hundred.”

And when I [i.e., Shaikh Mashhoor] met Shaikh Ibn Aqeel in Ramadaan in 1428ah [September 2007ce] in Makkah al-Mukarramah I asked him about those who accuse Shaikh al-Albaani of having *Irjaa*, so he emphatically rejected that and said, “These people have no source and nothing to rely upon for what they say.” And in another sitting he said, “What is

wrong with them that they accuse Shaikh al-Albaani of having *Irjaa*, here he is openly declaring that actions are part of *eemaan!*”

**And Shaikh Andullaah ibn Sulaimaan al-Manee, the head of the Court of Cassation in Makkah and a member of the Committee of Major Scholars said,** “The Muslims have been stricken with the loss of a great scholar from the *Salafees*, who played a strong role fighting innovations and misguidance and refuting its people with the Book of Allaah and the *Sunnah* of His Messenger. Let alone the prudent checkings and verifications his excellence had [written] in the path of purifying the *Sunnah* and making clear its authentic from its weak.”

**And the noble *Muhaddith*, the explainer of *Sunan an-Nisaa’ee*, Shaikh Muhammad Ali Aadam, the Ethiopian** [who is in Makkah now] said about al-Albaani, “And he has great authority in being acquainted with *hadiths*, the authentic from the weak, as his priceless books bear witness to, few are the ones who can come close to him in this time, [a time] in which ignorance about this noble branch of knowledge has become predominant.”

**And I [i.e., Shaikh Mashhoor] heard Shaikh Fadl Ilaahi Dhaheer [Ihsaan Ilaahi Dhaheer’s brother] say in Riyad on the 13/11/1427ah [December 2006ce],** “I saw light on the face of Shaikh al-Albaani.”

**Shaikh Ahmad bin Yahyaa an-Najmee,** said, “Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, the great *hadith* scholar [*muhaddith*], the famous scholar, author of beneficial works and valuable checkings, who settled in Syria, was *Salafi* in creed, and expended great efforts in checking and verifying [*hadiths*] which none can match, so may Allaah reward him with good.”

**And Shaikh Muhammad ibn Lutfee as-Sabbaagh**, may Allaah protect him said, “The *Allaamah*, the great scholar of *hadith* [*muhaddith*], the greatest scholar of *hadith* in this time, he devoted his life to serving the pure *Sunnah*, teaching, writing, checking and verifying.”

**Shaikh Abdul-Kareem Zaidan**, may Allaah protect him said, “The *muhaddith* of this time, the *Ustaadh*, Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani.”

**Shaikh Muhammad Haamid al-Faqee** said, “The *Salafi* brother, the great researcher, the Shaikh, Naasirud-Deen.”

**And Shaikh Muqbil ibn Haadi al-Waadi’ee** said, may Allaah have mercy on him, said, “As for what follows: then I have been asked time and again about Shaikh Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, may Allaah protect him, so I say, as many of the *Salaf* would say when asked about someone who is greater in worth than the one asked, “I should not be asked about so and so! He should be asked about me ...” Indeed no match can be found for Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, may Allaah the Most High, protect him, in [the field of] the science of *hadith*. And through his knowledge and books Allaah has [caused the Muslims to] benefit many, many times more than what those [people] zealous for Islaam have done upon [their] ignorance, the people of revolutions and [the people who want to] overthrow [governments]. And that which I believe and which I hold to be religion before Allaah is that the Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, may Allaah protect him, is from the revivers which the [following] saying of the Prophet, صلى الله عليه وسلم, applies to, “*Indeed, for this nation, at the beginning of every one hundred years, Allaah sends someone who will renew its religion for it.*” Reported by Abu Dawud and al-Iraaqi and others declared it to be authentic.

[So] when you come to know that the Shaikh, may Allaah protect him, has no match in the knowledge of the *Sunnah*, what then do you think his rank is in understanding the texts? That which I know about him is that his understanding of the texts is like that of our major scholars of today, nevertheless I say as Imaam Maalik, may Allaah have mercy on him, said, “Everyone has their saying accepted and rejected, except for the companion of this grave,” i.e., the Prophet of Allaah, صلى الله عليه وسلم.”

**Dr. Ameen al-Misree**, may Allaah have mercy on him, past head of postgraduate studies at the Islamic University, said, “From the irritable things of this world is that the likes of us, those with doctorates, should be chosen to teach [the science of] *hadith* at the university when there is someone more worthy of that than us, someone whose students we are not even worthy of being in this knowledge, but [alas] such is the system and convention.” And Dr. Ameen al-Misree, may Allaah have mercy on him, used to always declare that Shaikh al-Albaani had more right and was more deserving of that position than him, and he would regard himself as a student of his.

**And the Shaikh, the historian, the genealogist, Hamad al-Jaasir**, may Allaah the Most High have mercy on him, said, “And I have come to know, in the city of Damascus, a number of great [people], those concerned with verifying the [Islamic] heritage ... just as I knew Shaikh Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani through the many times I frequented the *Dhaahiriyyah* Library, for he was always there, and had written many of its indexes, and had excavated its rare manuscripts, and at the same time he used to work repairing watches, he had a small shop close to the door of the Amawi Mosque.”

**And Shaikh Muhammad Tayyib Awkeej al-Yawsenri**, teacher of *tafseer*, *hadith* and *fiqh* at the College of Theology at Ankara University in Turkey, and in the Higher Islamic Institute in the city of Konya , wrote a number of letters to the Shaikh in which he showed his admiration of the Shaikh and to ask him some questions. From them was a letter he wrote on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sha'baan , 1389ah [19<sup>th</sup> October 1969ce], saying, “His honourable eminence, the *Allaamah*, the great researcher, the eminent teacher, the respected Abu Abdur-Rahmaan Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, may Allaah protect him from all adversity, and benefit us with his knowledge, my esteemed teacher ... I congratulate you on this great success of yours in the field of knowledge, may Allaah increase the likes of you in the Islamic world, I would love to be able to attain all of your priceless works, so if you could please ask your publishers to send them to me at my address, with thanks in advance.”

**And Shaikh Ahmad Madhhar**, head of *At-Tamuddan al-Islaami* in Damascus, was impressed by Shaikh al-Albaani's knowledge and opened up the avenue to spread many of his calm, critical, articles in the magazine, not caring about the desire of many people who were against that, and he said, “Damascus recognised its greatest scholar of *hadith* in the *Allaamah* Badarud-Deen al-Husaini, then when Allaah caused him to die, the land was left void of an Imaam to whom attention could be turned in the science of *hadith*—except for an Arnaa'ooti youth, raised upon knowledge and piety, and who [indeed] was true to his name [i.e., Naasirud-Deen, ‘Aider of the Religion’], the *Ustaadh* Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, known among the youths for his service to *hadith* and its sciences, and they gathered around him and he became well-known among them, and through his eloquence and his

Arabic tongue, and the charm of his speech and the quality of his debates, he was able to appropriate an elite group [of people] to take from him and study with him.”

**And the Shaikh, the *Faqeeh*, Muhammad al-Ameen, BuKhubzah, al-Hasani, al-Maghribi,** said, “... I bear witness with the utmost truth and impartiality, and Allaah is the witness to what I say, that I have not seen amongst those of the scholars who I have met, and they are many, and from whom I took, anyone like Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen ibn Nooh Najaati al-Albaani al-Arnaa’ooti, in terms of his knowledge, his sincerity, his research in the sciences of *hadith* and its intricate details, his fairness in his research and debates, in addition to his behaviour which is similar to that of the Pious Predecessors [*Salaf as-Saalih*], I say this and I do not ascribe piety to anyone over and above what Allaah knows [about his true reality].”

**Shaikh Muhammad Amaan ibn Alee al-Jaamee,** may Allaah have mercy on him, said, “I have mentioned a number of times that I love Shaikh Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani and I hold him in high esteem, and truly, I ask Allaah to bear witness and then I ask all of you who are present to bear witness that I love his eminence, Shaikh Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani and I hold him in great esteem, and [that I hold] that he is from the people of knowledge and from the major scholars of *hadith*. So it is obligatory that we love the people of *hadith* and the people of knowledge, the people of excellence, we love and respect them.”

**And Shaikh Saalih ibn Abdullaah ibn Humayyid**[**Imaam of the Haram**]wrote to him saying, “The venerable father, the *Muhaddith* of Syria, in fact, the *Muhaddith* of the world in his time ...”

**And Shaikh Abu Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Aqeel adh-Dhaahiri**wrote to him saying, “Our father, the Shaikh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaani, the one who is revered due to his knowledge and his firmness ...”

**And Shaikh As-Sayyid Saabiq** wrote to him saying, “The scholar, the one who acts upon his knowledge, the scholar of *hadith* [*muhaddith*], the teacher ...”

Compiled from *Juhood al-Imaam al-Albaani, Naasirus-Sunnah wad-Deen, fee Biyaani Aqeedatis-Salaf as-Saaliheen fil-Eemaani billaahi Rabbil-Aalameen*, of Ahmad Saalih Hussain al-Jabboori, with an introduction by Shaikh Mashhoor ibn Hasan Aal Salmaan, pp. 18-25, and *Al-Imaam al-Albaani, Duroos, wa Mawaaqif, wa Ibar*, of Abdul-Aziz ibn Muhammad Abdullaah as-Sadhaan, pp. 217-228.

And here is what Shaikh Rabee al-Madhkhalee said about Shaikh al-Albaani (Translated by Abbas Abu Yahya):

Questioner: Is Shaykh al-Albaani at the head of the ahl-ul-Hadeeth of this time?

The Answer of the ‘*Allaama al-Muhadith Rabia*’ bin Hadi ‘Umair al-Madhkhalee *HafidhAllaah*, and May Allaah raise his grade in both worlds, was:

‘I swear by Allaah that this is what Shaykh Ibn Baaz and Ibn ‘Uthaymeen submit to, as do the other scholars who have spent time in his company. They submit to the fact that there is none that can be compared with him in hadeeth, never can any one be compared with him, actually, for many centuries no one has reached to where Shaykh al-Albaani has reached. I hold the opinion, that in study of books, neither Ibn Taymeeyah, nor Ibn Hajr reached him in the study of books. As for memorization, then they memorized more than him, but as for study and research and working extremely hard in research then there is none in comparison to him.

He has offered a library for Islaam. The Islaamic Countries and their institutions fall short in offering this amount. Anyone who now writes about hadeeth has to refer back to this man.

This man was oppressed, and the Arabs never knew his reality. Allaah took this man from the heart of Europe and placed him in the Dhahireeyah library, the best library in the east, where he spent sixty years, and he put forward this great work. What did he get in return from us?

With sadness, the virtue of a people is only known by those who possess it. As for the scholars, they knew his virtue and they acknowledged that, such as the likes of Ibn Baaz, Ibn 'Uthaymeen, and the scholars of Islaam other than them. The scholars of India and Pakistan and the Western Arab Regions and of other places knew the status of this man, from what he placed forward for this *Ummah*, in '*Aqeedah, Manhaj* and the service to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah – *alayhi as-Salaat wa Salaam* -, may Allaah have mercy on him, and reward him with goodness for the *Deen* of Allaah and the Sunnah of His Prophet – *alayhi as-Salaat wa Salaam* -, the reward for those who do good actions, and for those who gave a service to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah and His *Deen. Naaam!*

Taken from a gathering in the blessed city of Madina an-Nabaweeyah on the 26/01/1426 A.H.