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The Response of Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Haadee al-Madkhalee Regarding Obedience to Imaams in America

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Our Noble Shaykh - may Allaah preserve you:

Some of the Imaams of the mosques here in America claim that they are to be heard and obeyed like the rulers and Scholars [of the Muslim lands], and they apply the proofs of obedience [to the rulers] to themselves, so what is the ruling concerning this statement? And how do we respond to this? Benefit us, and may Allaah reward you with good.

All praise is due to Allaah, Lord of the Worlds, and the Prayers and Peace be upon the noblest of the Prophets and Messengers, our Prophet Muhammad and upon all of his Family and Companions. To proceed:

Says the one who is in need of the pardon of his Lord, Muhammad Ibn Haadee al-Madkhalee:

Whoever claims this affair, which the questioner has mentioned, then he is misguided, astray from the way of *Ahlu-Sunnah walJamaa'ah*, and this matter is well-known even by the youth and elderly of the People of *Sunnah*, and all praise are for Allaah. And that is only due to the severity of its appearance among the people of the *Sunnah*. And it is upon the one who made this statement to repent to Allaah and return to the methodology of the *Sunnah* and *Jamaa'ah*. And if he does not return, then beware of him and warn the people against him, for indeed this statement is proof that he harbours evil and wickedness.

And may Allah send the prayers, peace and blessings upon His Servant and Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, his Family and Companions.

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