



Ibn al-Qayyim on the Reasons for the Oppression of the Rulers – the Corruption of the People

Ibn al-Qayyim (rahimahullaah) Lays to Waste the Mawdudo-Qutb Paradigm and Demolishes the Qutubi-Suroori-Takfeeri School of Doctrine, and Exposes the Falseness of the Activism of the Contemporary Hizbiyyeen

Reflect carefully, slowly and with great deliberation, upon every word and phrase from this excerpt from Ibn al-Qayyim, and do exactly as Ibn al-Qayyim asks you:

He says in Miiftaah Daar is-Sa'aadah (2/177) [Daar Ibn 'Affaan], "And reflect in His, the Most High's wisdom in making the kings of the servants, their leaders and their rulers to be of the same type as their actions (i.e. those of the servant's). Rather, it is as if their actions (those of the servants) became manifest in the appearances of their rulers and kings. If they remain upright, then their kings will remain upright, and if they turn away (from uprightness), then they (the kings) too will turn away from uprightness. And if they (the servants) oppress [themselves and others], then their kings and rulers will oppress [them], and if they appear plotting and deception from them, their rulers will [be made to] behave likewise, and if they (the servants) prevent the rights of Allaah that are with them, and become stingy with respect to them (i.e. withhold the rights of each other), then their kings and their rulers will withhold the right that they (the servants) have from them, and will become stingy with respect to them. And if they take from the one who is considered weak, what they do not deserve to take from him in their dealings (i.e. misappropriate from him), then the kings will take from them (the servants) what they do not deserve to take (from them) and will inflict them with taxes and [other forms of] service. And everything that they (the servants) take away from the weak person, the kings will take away from them with power, force. So their actions (those of the servants) become manifest in their actions (those of the kings and rulers).

And it is not from the Divine wisdom that the evil-doers and the sinners are made to be ruled over [by anyone] except by one who is of their like.

And when the very first band (of Islaam) was the best of the generations, and the most pious of them, then their rulers were likewise. And when they became tarnished (i.e. corrupted), the Rulers were made corrupted over them. Thus, the wisdom of Allaah refuses that the likes of Mu'aawiyah, and 'Umar bin 'Abdil-'Azeez are put in authority over us in the likes of these times [the 8th Century

Hijrah]¹, let alone the likes of Abu Bakr and ‘Umar. Rather, our rulers are in accordance with our (nature) and the rulers of those before us were in accordance with their (nature). And both of the two matters necessitate wisdom and what it requires.

And the one who has deep rooted intelligence, when he moves his thought around in this subject will see the Divine wisdom that runs through al-Qadaa wal-Qadar (Ordainment and Pre-Decree), externally and internally, just as it runs through al-Khalq wal-Amr (the Creation and the Command)². So beware from thinking with your corrupt thought that anything of His ordainments and decrees are devoid of the far-reaching wisdom. Rather, all of His, the Most High’s ordainments and decrees take place from the most perfect angles of correctness and wisdom. However, the weak intellects are veiled, by way of their weakness, from perceiving these [aspects of wisdom], just like eyes suffering day-blindness are veiled, by way of their weakness from the light of the sun³...” End quote from Ibn al-Qayyim.

¹ And we wonder whether we in the 15th Century Hijrah would be deserving and worthy of having the likes of al-Hajjaaj bin Yoosuf to rule over us, let alone the likes of Yazeed Ibn Mu’aawiyah!! Then their come the Innovators amongst the Qutubiyyah, Surooriyyah, Takfiriyyah and other than them, and complain about today’s rulers!! While the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) sent to them, stated, as revealed to him by His Lord, that there will rulers over us at the end of time, “having the hearts of devils in the bodies of men” who “do not guide by his guidance and nor traverse upon his Sunnah”, and that they will “beat your back and confiscate your wealth” – and on top of all of that he informed the befitting action towards them is to “hear and obey”.

² And those of sound intellect are those upon the methodologies of the Salaf in all their affairs, and especially the affairs of da’wah and rectification of the servant and the land, since they are upon the methodology of the Prophets in calling to Allaah, which is the way of wisdom and intellect. And they are the qualified physicians who identify the causes (of the diseases) and treat them appropriately. And the sound intellect concords and agrees, and follows on from the Revelation, hence, soundness of intellect is in following, imitating, not innovating, deviating.

³ And those of weak intellect are the Innovators, those who concocted and invented false methodologies in the affairs of da’wah and in rectification of the servants and the land, such as takfeer of the rulers and clashing with the governments and attempting to replace them. They are the false physicians, the self-styled ones, the charlatans, who with their weak intellects only reach as far as the symptoms, and then treat them inappropriately, with mere innovation and invention. Despite the claim of others of their intellectualism, high cerebral activity, and so called contribution to “Islamic Thought”, then they are of weak and defunct intellect, because they did not follow or imitate, rather, instead they did innovate and deviate.