

Loving the Messenger

-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam -

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No. 1095 - From Abu Rashid al-Hubraani who said: Abu Umama al-Bahili took me by the hand and said: the Messenger of Allaah *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam -* took me by my hand and said to me:

'O Abu Umama! Indeed from the believers are those who soften (with love) their hearts towards me.'

[Collected by Ahmad]

Shaykh Albaani said:

And the meaning of 'soften their hearts towards me' is that they are gentle and incline towards me with love and affection and Allaah knows best. And this cannot be achieved except with *Ikblaas* (sincerity) and following the Messenger *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam -* more than any other human being, because Allaah Ta'ala singled that out as an evidence to prove that a person really loves Allaah –Azza wa Jal.

Allaah said:

<<Say (O Muhammad): ‘If you (really) love Allaah then follow me,

Allaah will love you and forgive you of your sins.>> [Aal’Imraan:31]

Is it not about time that those who claim to love the Messenger -*sallAllaahu*

alayhi wa sallam - in their speech and their *an-Nasheed* (songs), that they return

to adhere to the true love which will lead to the love of Allaah Ta’ala, so

that they will not be from those whom, the poet said:

تعصي الإلهَ وَأنتَ تُظهِرُ حُبَّهُ *** هذا العَمْرُكَ في القياسِ بديعُ
لو كانَ حُبُّكَ صادقاً لأطعتهُ *** إنَّ المُحِبَّ لَمَنْ يُحِبُّ مُطِيعُ

You disobey your Lord and present your love *** I swear that this action is

innovative

If your love was truthful you would have obeyed Him *** Indeed the one who

loves is obedient to the one whom he loves