

Rebelling with the Sword and Performing *Takefeer* Due to Major Sins

Taken from 'Al-Kabair' The Major Sins

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The Major Sin – Forty-Nine

Allaah *Ta'ala* said:

<<... but transgress not the limits. Truly, Allaah does not like the transgressors. >> [al-Baqarah: 190]

Allaah *Ta'ala* said:

<< And whoever disobeys Allaah and His Messenger, he has indeed strayed in clear misguidance. >> [Ahzaab: 36]

316- The Prophet *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* said: "Whoever says to his Muslim brother, O *Kafir* (disbeliever)!" Then verily it returns to one of them."¹

There are many narrations which describe the Khawarij, and the people differed in performing *Takefeer* (taking people out of the fold of Islaam) upon them, since the Prophet *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* said about them: "they will go out from (leave) their religion as an arrow goes out of the game. So, where-ever you find them, kill them."²

¹ Bukharee & Muslim

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318 - The Prophet *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* said about them: "They are the most evil of those killed under the sky, and the best person killed is the one who is killed by them."³

So the Khawarij are the people of *Bida'*, they make it *Halaal* to take the blood of people, and they perform *Takfeer*. They performed *Takfeer* upon 'Uthmaan and 'Alee and of a group from the pre-eminent Companions- may Allaah be pleased with all of them.

319- Ishaaq al-Azzraq, on the authority of al-'Amash, on the authority of Ibn Abu 'Awfaa *- radiAllaah anhu-* who said:

I heard the Messenger of Allaah *- SallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam –* say: The Khawarij are the dogs of the Hell-fire.⁴

320- Hashraj bin Nubaatata, said Sa'eed bin Jumhaan narrated to me that he said: I entered upon Ibn Abu 'Awfaa and he was blind, and he said: who are you?

I said: Sa'eed bin Jumhaan.

He said: What happened to your father?

I said: The al-Azzariqa (who are a sect from the Khawarij) killed him.

He said: May Allaah kill the al-Azzariqa! Then he said: The Messenger of Allaah *- SallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam –* narrated to us that they are the dogs of the hell fire.

I asked: only the al-Azzariqa?

He said: All the Khawarij.⁵

321- Hammad bin Salama said: Abu Hafs narrated to us, that he heard Abdullah bin Abu 'Awfaa say while they were fighting the Khawarij: I heard the Messenger of Allaah *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* say: "*Tooba* (a tree in paradise) for the one who kills them and is killed by them."⁶

All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who follow his guidance.

³ Ibn Abee Shaybah, Ahmad, Tirmidhee and Ibn Majah

⁴ Narrated by Ahmad 4/355 & 4/382-383, & Ibn Majah 173, authenticated by al-Albaani

⁵ Abu Dawood at-Tayalisee, Ahmad and Hakim

⁶ Abu Dawood at-Tayalisee, Ahmad and Hakim