

Salafi Scholar of the Sharī'ah, Ibn Kathīr: The Khārijites are from the Strangest of Species Created by Allāh: Misguided Ignoramuses and Wretched, Despicable in Statements and Deeds, Losers in This Life and the Next

All praise is due to Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds, the Lord of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muḥammad. May the peace and blessings be upon them all. To proceed:

The Salafī Scholar from the eighth century hijrah, **Ibn Kathīr** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ), from the students of **Shaykh al-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) has some great and mighty words which expose the Bāṭinī methods of the Khārijites in conspiring against the Muslims:

I said: And this faction amongst mankind (the Khārijites) are from the strangest of species (forms) amongst the children of Ādam, and sublime is Allāh who created variations in His creation as He desired and which preceded in His great (prior) estimation (qadar) [before creating the heavens and Earth]. And how excellent is what some of the Salaf 'said about the Khārijites, that they are the ones mentioned in the verse, "**Say, [O Muhammad], 'Shall we [believers] inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds? [They are] those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work.' Those are the ones who disbelieve in the verses of their Lord and in [their] meeting Him, so their deeds have become worthless; and We will not assign to them on the Day of Resurrection any importance.**" (18:103-105). The intent here is that they are misguided ignoramuses, wretched (despicable) in both statements and deeds. Their view reached agreement upon

¹ This is related from 'Alī bin Abī Ṭālib (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) and Sufyān al-Thawrī (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ).

withdrawing from the ranks of the Muslims. They conspired to go to the various town in order to win people over and strengthen (their ranks) through them so that they can send deliver such people to those from (their associates) - who share the same view and doctrine as them from the people of Baṣrah and elsewhere. Then Yazīd bin Huṣayn al-Ṭā'ī said to them, "Do not go to the towns, you will not be able to gain power over them as they have armies that you cannot overcome and they will prevent you from reaching them (the towns). But meet with your brothers near the bridge over the river of Jūkhā and do not leave Kūfah in (significant) groups. Rather, leave individually so that the people do not become wise about you." They wrote a general statement to whoever was upon their doctrine and methodology from the people of Baṣrah and elsewhere, sending it to them [with instruction] so that they can bring them (the recruited people) out to the river and become as a single (united) hand against the people. Then they began to slip away (from the towns) individually in a way so that the people would not become aware and prevent them from leaving. And in this (covert) way, they left whilst in the midst of their own fathers, mothers, uncles, aunties and they left all of their relatives, believing, due to their ignorance and paucity of knowledge and intellect, that this affair is pleasing to the Lord of the Heavens and the Earth. They did not know that this is from the gravest of major sins and destroyers, the mightiest (of sins) and errors, and that it is from that which the Satan - the outcast and accursed one who was thrown out of the Heavens, who specified enmity for our father, Ādam and then to his offspring, so long as their souls remain in their bodies - has beautified for them. And Allāh is beseeched to protect us from him (Satan) through His power and might, indeed He responds to the invocations."²

² Al-Bidāyah wal-Nihāyah (7/228).

Lessons and Benefits

1. The Khārijites are from the strangest of species amongst humanity, they have been created upon a particular constitution and form (shakal). Characterization of this unique formulation of their species has come in the Prophetic texts.
2. They are losers and their deeds are vain in this life and the next. Amongst the Scholars are those who consider them apostates, outside the fold of Islām and this is the view of the late Salafī Scholar, 'Abd al-Azīz bin Bāz.
3. They are misguided ignoramuses, wretched in speech and deed. Indeed they have been declared by the Prophet of Islām as "*Dogs of Hellfire*" and "*If I was to reach them I would slaughter them like the slaughtering of Ād,*" meaning not leave a single one of them alive as explained by Ibn Ḥajar al-ʿAsqalānī.
4. They make use of secrecy and conspiracy which is the way of the secret orders amongst whom are the Bāṭiniyyah who appeared in the early centuries of Islām in order to undermine and destroy it. It is the view of Salafī Scholars such as **Shaykh 'Ubayd al-Jābirī**, **Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī** and **Shaykh Ṣāliḥ al-Suhaymī** and others that many of these innovators whose activities disfigure the face of Islām actually work for the agendas of secret societies who have wider geopolitical interests agents, either as actual agents or pawns. And we have evidence of the truthfulness and accuracy of this which shall be revealed in due course inshā'Allah.
5. The Khārijites of old would got out and recruit in the various towns where they were not known in order to increase their numbers and strength. This shows that they make use of ignoramuses for their own objectives. This is what we see today with the Khārijites of ISIS who goad others into suicide missions, taking their own lives and of dozens if not hundreds

of other Muslims. They make use of media presentations to glorify and call to their evil ideology and to affect ignorant, confused, disenchanted, emotionally-filled youth and lead them to destruction in both this life and the next.

6. They use subtlety, conniving and intrigue in the way that they depart from the people and their own families. We now see stories surfacing of teenage boys and girls abandoning their families in stealth and without notice to meet up with the Khārijites who have beguiled them and stolen their minds.
7. They are followers of Satan who has beautified their evil action in the form of piety and righteousness when in reality their actions are vain.
8. Alongside all of what has been mentioned above, the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) did state that "*everytime a faction of them appears, they will be cut off*" which is good news and relief for Muslims at large, however he also said, "*until the Anti-Christ (Dajjāl) appears amongst their armies*"³ indicating that the Muslims must wage war against their ideology by combatting one qadar (decree) with another qadar (decree).

The Khārijites along with the Rāfiḍah and those who bear enmity amongst the non-Muslims towards Islām and the Muslims are partners and co-agents. The activities of one group serves as the stepping stone of another. Thus revolutions supported by one faction provide the opportunity for another faction to appear. Then the activities of that faction (supported by the first) provide the stepping stone for any one of the other two factions. And thus in a stepwise fashion, they destroy the servant and the land, progressively, gradually. Abū al-Wafā 'Alī bin 'Aqīl (d. 513H) said, "Our Shaikh Abū al-Faḍl Al-Hamdhānī said: The innovators in Islām and the fabricators of ḥadīths are worse than the disbelievers. This is because the disbelievers attempt to corrupt the

³ Reported by Ibn Mājah (no. 176).

religion from the outside, whereas these individuals attempt to corrupt it from the inside. They take the similitude of the inhabitants of a land, who strive to corrupt its condition (from the inside), while the disbelievers take the similitude of raiders laying siege to the land from the outside. Thus it is the ones on the inside that open the doors of the land's surrounding barrier (and let the besiegers in). These types (of people) are far worse to Islām than the ones who don't attribute themselves to it."⁴ If only Muslims would heed these words and take a firm stance against the deviance of the extremist Khārijites.

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Refer also to:

<http://IslamAgainstExtremism.Com>

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⁴ Al-Mawḍū'āt (1/51).