

Making A Regular Habit of Giving Lectures During The Taraaweeh Prayers **Imaam Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee (Rahimahullaah)**

Question:

Is it permissible for the Imaam of a masjid to deliver a **Maw'idhah** (religious exhortation, reminder or word of advice) during **Salaat at-Taraaweeh** (the voluntary night prayers of *Ramadaan*)?

Answer:

The answer is that it is **Yajooz wa Laa Yajooz** (permissible and not permissible).

If the **Tan-beeh** (admonition, advice or remark) and **Tah-theer** (warning), the **Amr** (command) and **Nahy** (prohibition) were for some passing matter (i.e. something that happened at the moment, unplanned) – this is an obligatory (Waajib) matter.

However, if he (i.e. the Imaam) does this on a *regular basis (Nithaaman), habitually ('Aadatan)* – **this is contrary to the Sunnah (Khilaaf as-Sunnah)**. [Silsilah al-Hudaa wan-Noor, Tape no. 656]

Shaykh Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee (rahimahullaah) also said:

Qiyaamu Ramadaan (The prayer of standing in *Ramadaan*) has only been legislated for the purpose of *Ziyaadatu-t-Taqarrub* (an increase in getting near) to Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, by way of *Salaatul-Qiyaam* (i.e. *Taraaweeh*).

For this reason, we – personally - do not agree to mixing *Salaatu-t-Taraaweeh* (the voluntary night prayers of *Ramadaan*) with any form of *'Ilm* (knowledge) and *at-Ta'aleem* (teaching) and the like of it.

Rather, it is befitting (or more proper) that *Salaatul-Qiyaam* (i.e. *Taraaweeh*) be an act of pure unmixed worship (*Mahd al-Ibaadah*).

As for *al-'Ilm* (knowledge, i.e. teaching and learning) – it has its time; it is not limited to a specific time. Rather, what should be considered concerning it [i.e. when it is appropriate to teach] is the benefit of the students.

This is the original rule, and I mean by this that whoever takes this as a **habit**, i.e. teaching the people *after every four Raka'aat* for example, during *Salaatul-Qiyaam* (Night Prayers in *Ramadaan*) - taking this as a **habit ('Aadah)** – **this is Muh-da-thah (a newly invented act) Mu-kha-li-fah lis-Sunnah (contrary to the Sunnah)**. [Silsilah al-Hudaa wan-Noor, Tape no. 693, at the twenty-eighth minute]