

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوَلَدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلِّيَ عَلَيْهِ



TAFSIR OF AHLUS SUNNAH

Through the Centuries

Surah Al-Ma'oon : Verse No. 4



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فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ ﴿٣﴾

Then woe to those prayer performers.

Tafsir al-Tabari

تفسير الطبري

فَالْوَادِي الَّذِي يَسِيلُ مِنْ صَدِيدِ أَهْلِ جَهَنَّمَ لِلْمُنَافِقِينَ الَّذِينَ يُصَلُّونَ، لَا يُرِيدُونَ اللَّهَ عَزَّوَجَلَّ بِصَلَاتِهِمْ، وَهُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ إِذَا صَلُّوْهَا.

(Wail) is a valley in hell which is made of the pus of the residents of hell. It is designated for the hypocrites who, when they read Salah, they do not do it for the sake of Allah Almighty, and contemplate over it when they have to pray.

Tafsir Al-Tabari (Tafsir Ibn Jareer / Jame' al-Bayaan fi Taweel al-Quraan) of Imam Abu Ja'far Muhammad ibn Jareer al-Tabri ؓ D. 310 A.H.

Tafsir al-Baghawi

تفسير البغوي

قَالَ ابْنُ عَبَّاسٍ: هُمُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ يَتْرُكُونَ الصَّلَاةَ إِذَا غَابُوا عَنِ النَّاسِ، وَيُصَلُّونَهَا فِي الْعَلَانِيَةِ إِذَا حَضَرُوا

Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas – may Allah be pleased with them – said: It is the hypocrites who abandon Salah when they are away from people and publicly perform Salah when people are around.

Tafsir al-Baghawi (Ma'aalim al-Tanzeel) of Muhiyy al-Sunnah Imam Abu Muhammad Al-Husain ibn Mas'ood al-Baghwi al-Shafe'i ؓ D. 510 A.H.

فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ أَمِى فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ مِنَ الْبُتَافِقِينَ الَّذِينَ يَأْتُونَ بِهَذِهِ الْأَفْعَالِ

i.e. Wail is for such Musallies amongst the hypocrites who do such things.

الْبُعْنَى كَمَا قَالَ: وَإِذَا قَامُوا إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ قَامُوا كُسَالَى يُرَاؤُونَ النَّاسَ وَلَا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ إِلَّا

قَلِيلًا [النِّسَاء: 142]

The meaning is, as Allah Almighty has stated:

إِنَّ الْبُتَافِقِينَ يُخَدِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَهُوَ خَدِيعُهُمْ ۖ وَإِذَا قَامُوا إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ قَامُوا كُسَالَى ۖ يُرَآءُونَ

النَّاسَ وَلَا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ۚ

Undoubtedly the hypocrites, in their fancy, seek to deceive Allah whereas He will extinguish them while making them oblivious; and when they stand up for prayer, they do it unwillingly and for others to see, and they do not remember Allah except a little.

(Al-Nisa 4, Verse 142)

أَنَّ السَّهْوَ فِي الصَّلَاةِ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الْمُؤْمِنِ وَالسَّهْوَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الْكَافِرِ

Forgetfulness in Salah is the act of a believer and negligence from Salah is the act of an infidel.

الَّتِي لَا إِلَى قَضَاءٍ وَالْآخَرُ أَجْرٌ عَنِ الْوَقْتِ، وَمِنْ ذَلِكَ صَلَاةُ الْبُتَافِقِ وَهِيَ شَرٌّ مِنْ تَرْكِ الصَّلَاةِ

لَأَنَّهُ يُسْتَهْزَى بِالَّذِينَ يَتْلُكَ الصَّلَاةِ.

To abandon Salah without Qada and conveniently letting it pass through its time. It is the Salah of a hypocrite which is more evil than missing a Salah, for they used to ridicule Islam with their Salah (of this nature).

Tafsir al-Kabeer (Mafateeh al-Ghaib) of Imam Fakhruddin Muhammad ibn Umar al-Raazi al-Shafe'i رحمه الله D. 606 A.H.

Tafsir al-Qurtubi

تفسير القرطبي

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ: هُوَ الْمُصَلِّي الَّذِي إِذَا صَلَّى لَمْ يَرْجُ لَهَا ثَوَابًا، وَإِنْ تَرَكَهَا لَمْ يَخْشَ عَلَيْهَا عِقَابًا.

Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas – may Allah be pleased with him – is reported to have said: It is about a Musalli when he reads it, there is no reward and when he leaves it there is no punishment. (Such as the Salah of a hypocrite, who never benefit it in anyway)

وَعَنْهُ أَيْضًا: الَّذِينَ يُؤَخِّرُونَ عَنْ أَوْقَاتِهَا.

It is also reported from him: It is about those who (deliberately) delay the Salah from its time.

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ [فِي قَوْلِهِ]: قَوْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ

سَاهُونَ. قَالَ:- [الَّذِينَ يُؤَخِّرُونَ الصَّلَاةَ عَنْ وَقْتِهَا، تَهَاوُنًا بِهَا].

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated: It is about those who delay the Salah from its time due to their negligence towards it.

وَعَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ أَيْضًا: هُمُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ يَتْرُكُونَ الصَّلَاةَ سِرًّا، يُصَلُّونَهَا عَلَانِيَةً

Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas – may Allah be pleased with him – has also said: It is the hypocrites who used to abandon Salah in privacy but performed it publicly.

Tafsir Qurtubi (Al-Jame' Li Ahkaam al-Quran) Imam Shamsuddin Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Qurtubi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ D. 671 A.H.

Tafsir al-Nasafi

تفسير النسفي

يعنى بهذا المنافقين أى لا يصلونها سرّاً لأنهم لا يعتقدون وجوبها ويصلونها علانية

رياء وقيل فويل للمنافقين الذين يدخلون أنفسهم في جملة المصلين صورة وهم

غافلون عن صلاتهم وأنهم لا يريدون بها قرباً إلى ربهم

i.e. the hypocrites who never performed Salah in privacy, for they do not believe in its necessity but pray publicly to show. It is also said about the hypocrites that they used to join the Salah for the face value but were still negligent from their Salah, for they never intended Allah's closeness through it.

Tafsir al-Nasafi (Madarik al-Tanzeel) of Imam Abul Barakaat Abdullah ibn Ahmed al-Nasafi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ D. 710 A.H.

Tafsir al-Jalalain

تفسير الجلالين

{ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ } غَافِلُونَ يُؤَخِّرُونَ عَنْ وَقْتِهَا

i.e. who are negligent and delay it from its time.

Tafsir al-Jalalain of Imam Jalaaluddin Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Mahalli al-Shafe'i ر.ه. 864 A.H. and Imam Jalaaluddin Abd al-Rahman ibn Abi Bakr al-Suyooti al-Shafe'i ر.ه. 911 A.H.