

## Good Companionship & Bad Companionship

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- The great importance the Salaf gave to the affair of companionship.
- The causes that result in a person deviating from the methodology of Ahlus-Sunnah.
- Allāh's address to the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) regarding companionship.
- The example of the righteous and evil companion and the outcome of sitting with each of them.
- The excellence of sitting with the righteous, and the need for it.
- The two things fitnah is built upon.
- The ill effects of accompanying the evil doers.
- The prohibition of sitting with those who mock the āyāt of Allāh.
- The meaning of the souls being like a recruited army.
- The methodology of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah regarding clinging to Ahlus-Sunnah and staying away from Ahlul-Bid'ah.
- The role of righteous companionship in the strength present in the first three generations of Islām.
- The reason so much importance is given to companionship.
- The principle of warding off the harm taking precedence over bringing about good.
- The reason the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) instructed us to stay away from the Dajjāl.
- The resemblance between the Dajjāl and Ahlul-Bid'ah.
- The great danger of sitting with Ahlul-Bid'ah, even to refute them.
- Inquiring about a person's companions and judging him based upon that.
- Imām Aḥmad on abandoning the one who accompanies Ahlul-Bid'ah.
- The fiqh of Sufyān ath-Thawrī.
- Dealing with those who defend and sit with the people of innovation and desires.
- The attraction of like souls.
- The weakness of the heart and its susceptibility to being affected by doubts.
- The Salaf likening Ahlul-Bid'ah to the hypocrites.
- Imām al-Awzā'ī and Ibn Baṭṭāh on the one who sits with both Ahlus-Sunnah and Ahlul-Bid'ah.
- Some errors of Abūl-Ḥasan.
- False principles utilised by those who want to bring Ahlus-Sunnah closer to Ahlul-Bid'ah.
- The insight of the 'Ulamā'.
- Being diligent in choosing good companions for ourselves and our families.