

## Intensity of Islaam's strangeness at end of time

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

**Question:** It was authentically reported from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>1</sup> in a long Hadeeth: **[A man would be a Muslim in the morning and unbeliever in the evening or a believer in the evening and unbeliever in the morning, and would sell his faith for worldly gains.]** What is the meaning of Kufr (unbelief) in this Hadeeth and how will a Muslim forsake his Deen?

**Shaykh bin Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>2</sup>:** It was authentically reported that he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) stated: **[Hasten to perform good deeds (before you are overtaken) by turbulence which would be like a part of the dark night. "hasten to do good deeds (before you are overtaken)" trials which are as dark as night, where one can be a believer in the morning and a disbeliever at night, or he can be a believer at night and a disbeliever in the morning, who exchanges his religion for the perishable goods of the worldly life.]** Which means that the foreignness of Islaam will intensify until a believer becomes a Muslim (descends from a higher to lower degree in faith) then he becomes a disbeliever. Vice-versa a believer will become a believer in the evening and a disbeliever the next morning selling his Deen for a worldly matter by uttering the words of Kufr or acting according to it for the sake of the world; thus he will become a believer in the morning then someone will ask to him: Would you insult Allaah and the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and we shall give you such and such? Or says: commit adultery and drink wine and we shall give you such and such. So he sells his Deen for a worldly matter and becomes a disbeliever in the morning or the evening. They may say to him: Do not be with the believers and we shall give you such and such and be with the disbelievers. They tempt him to engage with the unbelievers and be on their side in exchange for money, or become a close friend to the unbelievers and an enemy to the believers. These types of apostasy are common, and mostly occurs because of the love of the world and giving it preference over the Hereafter. Therefore, he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **[Hasten to perform good deeds before the coming of the grievous trials like the darkness of night when a man would be a Muslim in the morning and an unbeliever in the evening,**

<sup>1</sup> (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

<sup>2</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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or he would be a believer in the evening and an unbeliever in the morning selling his faith for worldly gains.] In another narration: [Hasten to perform good deeds before (these) things take place. Are you waiting for abject poverty, overwhelming wealth, crushing illness, weakening old age, sudden death, ad-Dajjal (the Antichrist) who is a hidden impending evil, or the Hour (Resurrection) which will be more grievous and more bitter.] A believer hastens to do good deeds for fear that sudden death hits him before doing them. A Muslim may be afflicted with sickness that hinders him from work or may be afflicted with old age and other things. So, he should take advantage of his life, health and mental ability and do righteous deeds before he is hindered by sickness or other difficulties. Sometimes Muslims are kept busy with the world giving it preference over the Hereafter because the enemy of Islaam and advocates of Kufr adorn it for them.