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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

قال الشيخ العلامة مقبل الوادعي رحمه الله تعالى

Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee, (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):¹

اللحية ليس لها ذنب.

إذا رأيت صاحب لحية كذّاباً

وإذا رأيت صاحب لحية خائناً

وإذا رأيت صاحب لحية سارقاً

!! العيب ليس في اللحية، العيب في صاحب اللحية

أما اللحية ليس عليها عيب، وهي من خصال الفطرة وهي أيضاً من سنن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وسلم التي

أمر بها وأوجبها.

There is no sin on the beard. If you see someone with a beard lying, if you see someone with a beard cheating and if you see someone with a beard stealing, then know that the fault lies not in the beard. The fault lies in the person carrying the beard.

As for the beard itself, then there's absolutely nothing wrong with it. It is from the signs of natural disposition (the Fitrah) and it is also from the traits of the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)², and his followers, which he, (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), has commanded with and obligated.

فأقصد أنّ هذا ما يُبَيَّرُ لك أن تحلق لحيتك إذا رأيت من أهل اللّحي مَنْ لا يستقيم ومن لا يُؤْتَمَنُ، والله المستعان

What I mean by that is, if you see from amongst those who have a beard, someone who is not upright and someone who is not trustworthy, then that is still not an excuse for you to shave off your beard. And Allaah is the One from Whom aid is sought.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him