155330 - Virtue of Praying in a Turban

the question

How sound is the hadeeth (narration), “Two rak‘ahs (units of prayer) offered in a turban are better than seventy rak‘ahs without a turban”?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

This hadeeth was narrated from Jabir ibn ‘Abdullah (may Allah be pleased with him) and says that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Two rak‘ahs offered in a turban are better than seventy rak‘ahs without a turban.”

It was narrated by ad-Daylami in Musnad al-Firdaws, 2/265, no. 3233. In al-Jami‘ al-Kabeer (no. 14441), as-Suyooti attributed it to Abu Na‘eem. But we could not find it.

Al-Mannawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

Abu Na‘eem also narrated it from him – and it is through him and from him ad-Daylami received it – moreover its isnad (chain of narrators) includes Tariq ibn ‘Abd ar-Rahman, whom ath-Thahabi listed among the da‘eef (weak) narrators and said: an-Nasai said: He is not strong. It was narrated from Muhammad ibn ‘Ajlan, whom al-Bukhari listed among the da‘eef narrators. Al-Hakim said: He has a poor memory. End quote.

Fayd al-Qadeer, 4/49

Based on this, the hadeeth is da‘eef jiddan (very weak) and it is not permissible to narrate it without stating that it is da‘eef, so as to warn against it. Thus the scholars ruled that it is to be rejected and is not acceptable.

As-Sakhawi (may Allah have mercy on him) said: It is not proven. End quote.

Al-Maqasid al-Hasanah, p.406

Al-Shaykh al-Albani (may Allah have mercy on him) said: (It is) mawdoo‘ (fabricated). End quote.

As-Silsilah ad-Da‘eefah, no. 128, 5699

It was quoted by Al-Shaykh Ahmad al-‘Amiri (d. 1143 AH) in his book al-Jadd al-Hatheeth fi Bayan ma laysa bi Hadeeth, p.126.

Shaykh Ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) said: This is a report for which there is no basis; it is fabricated and falsely attributed to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). End quote

Al-Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

This hadeeth is a false hadeeth; it is fabricated and falsely attributed to the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The turban – like any other article of clothing – is subject to people’s customs. If you are among people who customarily wear the turban, then wear it; if you are among people who do not customarily wear the turban – rather they wear the ghutrah (Arab headdress) or leave their heads uncovered, then do what they do. End quote.

See also the answer to question no. 68815

And Allah knows best.