**we reverse this question and we say: what have those who are not Salafis presented? What have they presented for so many years? We ask any one of them a Legislated question which is an inherited tradition from the Messenger of Allah and there is no objection. And this test is for you oh audience. Where is Allah? So you will not hear an answer except from those who work to establish the Muslim state through the two pillars: Tasfiyah and Tarbiyah. As for those who raise their voices for the Muslim state, and approximately half a century has passed and they have not been able to do anything, they will not be able to answer this question proficiently. Allah, the one who said in His Book: So know (O Muhammad) that La ilaha ill-Allah (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah) [47:19]. You will not hear from them an answer. They do not know where Allah is, so how can these people want to establish Allah's state, if this phrase is correct, if they are ignorant of where Allah is...".**
[Silsilatul-Huda wan-Nur no. 489]

## Is it a Must to Be Concern with the Khilafah?

Shaikh Muqbil ibn Haadi al-Waadi'ee, (1422 H. ), may Allah have mercy upon him, was asked:

**Question**: Is establishing the Khilafah obligatory upon every Muslim?

**Answer: "Yes, in accordance to the ability of the Muslims. It is obligatory upon them to go forth to establish the Islamic caliphate. However, we do not say, like the Shi'ah, that the first obligation is the existence of the Imam. The first obligation is that we teach the people that they say: La ila illa Allah (there is no God worthy of worship except Allah). For the Prophet salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam sent Mu'adh to Yemen to say: You will go to people of the Scripture (i.e., the Jews and the Christians). First of all invite them to testify that La ilaha ill Allah (There is no true god except Allah) and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger; and if they accept this, then tell them that Allah has enjoined upon them five Salat (prayers) during the day and night; and if they accept it, then tell them that Allah has made the payment of Zakat obligatory upon them. It should be collected from their rich and distributed among their poor; and if they agree to it, don't take (as a share of Zakat) the best of their properties. Beware of the supplications of the oppressed, for there is no barrier between it and Allah [Bukhari and Muslim]"**
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# HIZBUT-TAHREER AND THE KHILAFAH ISSUE

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All Praise is due to Allah and may Peace and Blessings be upon the Prophet, his Companions, and his followers until the Last Day. As for what proceeds:

## What does Khilafah mean?

Ibn Mandhoor (711 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: "**Khilafah is the government**". [Lisan Arab (5/132)]

Allah says: "**And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels: "Verily, I am going to place (mankind) generations after generations on earth**" [2:30]

Imam Qurtubi (671 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: "**This verse is the origin for appointing an Imam and Khilafah who is listened to and obeyed in order to unify the statement [of the Muslims] and execute the rulings of the Khilafah. There is no difference of opinion in the obligation of that between the Ummah and between the Scholars**". [Tafsir al-Qurtubi (1/246)]

## When did the Khilafah End?

Contrary to what Hizbut-Tahreer claim, the Khilafah did not end in 1924. The Khilafah was raised after the death of the last rightly-guided Khilafah, Ali ibn Abi Talib (may Allah be pleased with him). Then there was kingship. The Prophet salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam said: "**There will be Prophethood among you for as long as Allah wills it to be, then Allah will raise it when He wants to raise it. Then there will be a Khilafah according to the Prophetic methodology. It will be there for as long as Allah wills it to be. Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be an oppressive kingship. It will be there for as long as Allah wills for it to be.Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be a tyrannical kingship. It will be there for as long as Allah wills it to be. Then Allah will raise it when He wills to raise it. Then there will be a Khilafah upon the Prophetic methodology. Then he kept quiet**". [Graded **Hasan** by al-Albani in Takhreej al-Mishkaat no. 5306]

And He said: "**The beginning of this affair [the rulership] will be Prophethood and mercy. Then there will be Khilafah and mercy. Then kingship and mercy. Then they [the people] will bite one another for it as donkeys bite one another...**" [Graded **Jayyid** (good) by al-Albani in Silsilatus-Saheeha no. 3270]

Safinah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: the Prophet salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam said: "**The Caliphate of Prophecy will last thirty year, then Allah will give the Kingdom of His Kingdom to anyone He wills**". Sa'id told that Safinah said to him: "**Calculate Abu Bakr's caliphate as two years, 'Umar's as ten, 'Uthman's as twelve and 'Ali so and so**". [Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood no. 4646]

Shaikhul-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (728 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: "**He [Muawiyyah may Allah be pleased with him] was the best of the kings of this Ummah. For the four before him where Khulafaa [upon the] Prophetic methodology. He [Muawiyyah] was the first of the kings...The rightly-guided Caliphs were upon the Prophetic methodology and mercy, the governance of Muawiyyah was kingship and mercy, and after him the oppressed kingship occurred**". [Majmoo' al-Fatawa (4/478)]

## How to Establish the Khilafah?

Shaikh al-Albani (1420 H.), may Allah have mercy upon him, said: "**The two pillars which are necessary to establish the Muslim state are Knowledge: "So know (O Muhammad) that La ilaha ill-Allah (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah)" [47:19] and second action: "And say (O Muhammad) "Do deeds! Allah will see your deeds, and (so will) His Messenger" [9:105]. Today there is no knowledge and no action. If you act for Islam, either your actions do not conform to Islam or die acting upon Islam. This is because the fundamental thing is that we establish a Muslim country. We nicknamed these two principles as *Tasfiyah and Tarbiyah* [Purification and Cultivation]. We hear often from some people, unfortunately, saying to those who are upon the methodology of the Pious Predecessors and those who ascribe their names to them. They say about themselves that they are following the Pious Predecessors. They say: what have the Salafis presented for the establishment of the Muslim state? I think now you know the answer; however,**