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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Question: I ask Allaah to give you good. If a scholar has two opinions concerning one issue, then we learn that his last statement was his second opinion, is it upon us to take his first statement and leave his second statement especially if the two statements contradict each other?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: My brother, we do not worship according to the statements of the scholars, we worship according to proofs and evidence conveyed from the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)², thus whatever agrees with the proofs from the Book and the Sunnah from the statement of the scholar or from the statements of the scholars then we take it and whatever opposes the evidence we leave it.

أحسن الله إليكم : إذا كان للعالم له في المسألة قولان ثم عرفنا أن القول الأخير هو القول الثاني . فهل لنا أن نأخذ بالقول الأول وندع القول الثاني خاصة إذا كان القولان متعارضين ؟ نرجو التوضيح ؟

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يا أخي نحن ما لم نتعبد بأقوال العلماء تُعَبِّدنا بالدليل الوارد عن الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم ، فما وافق الدليل من الكتاب . والسنة من أقوال العالم أو من أقوال العلماء أخذنا به ، وما خالف الدليل تركناه . نعم .

¹ May Allaah the Most High preserve him (حفظه الله)

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