

The Imaams On The Forbiddance Of Shaving The Beard

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The majority of the scholars of Fiqh have asserted the forbiddance of shaving the beard. Some of them have stated that it is *makrooh* (disliked), however this ruling would be applied many times by them to forbidden things. This is because the people (scholars) of the past would designate the term *makrooh* (disliked) for *Haraam* (unlawful), as has been transmitted from them in the books of Usool-ul-Fiqh (The Principles of Jurisprudence). [You must also see what the great scholar Ibn Al-Qayyim wrote in his book *I'alaam-ul-Muwaqqi'een* (1/39-43) and *Badaa'i-ul-Fawaa'id* (4/6).]

1. The great scholar, Ibn Hazm Al-Andalusee said: "They – i.e. the Imaams – have unanimously agreed that shaving the beard is disfiguring (of Allaah's creation) and it is not permissible." [*Maraatib al-Ijmaa'* (157); also see *Al-Muhallaa* (2/189)]

2. Shaikh-ul-Islaam Ibn Taimiyyah said: "Shaving the beard is unlawful (*Haraam*)."
[*Al-Ikhtiyaaraat al-'Ilmiyyah* (pg. 6)]

3. Ibn 'Aabideen, from the notables amongst the Hanafee scholars – said: "It is forbidden for the man to cut his beard – i.e. to shave it." [*Radd al-Muhtaar* (3/418)]

4. Al-'Adawee, one of the elite among the Maalikee scholars, said: "It has been quoted from Maalik that he considered it *makrooh* (disliked) to shave what was below the palate, such that he said: 'It is from the actions of the Majoos (fire-worshippers)...likewise it is forbidden to stop the growth of the beard.'" [Al-'Adawee's notes to *Sharh Risaalah Ibn Abee Zayd* (2/411); Also see *Hukm-ul-Liyah fil-Islaam* of Shaikh Muhammad Al-Haamid (pg. 17)]

5. Ibn 'Abdil-Barr said in *At-Tamheed*: "It is forbidden to shave the beard. And no one does it except for those effeminate ones amongst the men." [*Adillatu Tahreem Halq-il-Lihyah* (96)]

6. Shaikh Ahmad bin Qaasim Al-'Ibaadee, one of the prestigious Shaafi'ee scholars, said: "Ibn Ar-Rif'ah said in *Haashiyat-ul-Kaafiyah*: 'Imaam Ash-Shaafi'ee stated in (his book) *Al-Umm* that it is forbidden to shave the beard. Likewise, Az-Zarkashee, Al-Hulaymee in *Shu'ab-ul-Eemaan*, and his teacher, Al-Qaffaal Ash-Shaashee in *Mahaasin Ash-Sharee'ah*, stated that it was forbidden to shave the beard." [*Adillatu Tahreem Halq-il-Lihyah* (96)]

7. As-Safaareenee, one of the notables amongst the Hanbalee scholars, said: "The view that is approved of and sanctioned in the (Hanbalee) madh-hab is: The forbiddance of shaving the beard." [*Ghadhaa-ul-Albaab* (1/376)]

8. Many of the contemporary scholars have ruled that shaving the beard is forbidden, such as:

'Abdul-Jaleel 'Eesaa, 'Alee Mahfoodh, 'Abdul-'Azeez bin Baaz, Naasir-ud-Deen Al-Albaanee, Muhammad Sultaan Al-Ma'soomee, Ahmad 'Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Bannaa As-Sa'aatee (watch-repairer), Abu Bakr Al-Jazaa'iree, Al-Kandahlaawee, 'Abdur-Rahmaan bin Qaasim, Isma'eel Al-Ansaaree and many others.