

## Blocking the routes

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

With regards to the sadd udh dharaa-i' (blocking the means which lead to something), Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup> states:

Dharaa-i' are the paths which lead to the thing; and the dharaa-i' of a thing are the means and paths to it.

And the dharaa-i' are of two types:

1) the dharaa-i' to matters which are desirable; and these are not to be blocked. Rather they are to be opened and sought after.

2) the dharaa-i' to blameworthy matters, and these are to be blocked. And this was what was intended by the author (ibn 'Abdil Wahhaab in Kitaab ut Tawheed) (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ).

And (the tree of) Dhaat ul Anwaat was a means leading to shirk. So when they (those who had newly accepted Islaam) placed their weapons upon it and sought blessing through it, Shaytaan would have led them to worshipping it and their asking for (fulfilment) of their needs from it directly.

Therefore the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>2</sup> blocked the means (to that shirk).

(al qawl ul mufeed of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), quoted in Mu'jam at Ta'reefaat pp218 to 219)

<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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