
Shaykh 'Uthaymeen at the end of a tiring journey

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

“This instance is narrated by The Shaykh, Dr. [Aboo Anas] Hamaad al-'Uthmaan from Kuwait, and he is one of the students of Shaykh 'Uthaymeen who accompanied him for more than five years. It shows the steadfastness of Shaykh 'Uthaymeen in worship and that he wouldn't leave the night prayer even when travelling. What happened was that Shaykh Aboo Anas Hamaad al-'Uthmaan accompanied the Shaykh on a journey from 'Unaizah to Riyadh, and then they headed out to Makkah by car for 'Umrah. After they finished 'Umrah, everyone who was accompanying the Shaykh yielded to sleep due to how exhausted they were from their journey and the 'Umrah.

'And I woke up,' said Shaykh Hamaad al-'Uthmaan, 'half way through the night and lo and behold the Shaykh was standing in prayer. So I said to myself, 'Yaa Subhaanallaah, I'm a youth who succumbed to sleep, and this is an elderly Shaykh who succumbed to prayer and worship.' So I performed ablution and started to pray, following the example of the Shaykh. So I tried to fight off the drowsiness and overcome it but I wasn't able to and sleep overcame me.

So I went to sleep and the Shaykh was there still praying.”¹

¹ Al-Jaami' li-Hayaatil-'Allamah Muhammad Ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, p. 39.