

Describing someone as “multazim”

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With regards to describing someone who implements the Religion of Allaah, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* comments on hadeeth number 21 of an Nawawee’s 40 [1]:

Benefit no 5:

To use the phrase denoting *istiqaaamah* (being upright) as an expression – instead of using the phrase, which is well known amongst the people nowadays, denoting *iltizaam* (adherence).

For nowadays when the people wish to praise a person for adherence to the Religion, they say, “*So-and-so is multazim (one who adheres).*”

And what is correct is that it be said, “*So-and-so is mustaqeem*” just as occurs in the Qur-aan and the Sunnah.

(Sharh of an Nawawee’s Forty of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen rahimahullaah , p214)

[1] In which the Prophet *sall Allaahu ‘alaihi wa sallam* commanded Sufyaan ibn ‘Abdillaah *radi Allaahu ‘anhu* to say “I have *eemaan* in Allaah”, then to make *istiqaaamah*.