

Imaam Al-Haafidh Zakee-ud-Deen Al-Mundhiree died 656H

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In Tadhkiratul-Huffaadh, Al-Haafidh Adh-Dhahabee, may Allaah have mercy with him, said:

His Name, Birth and Lineage:

“Al-Mundhiree: ‘Abdul-‘Azeem Ibn ‘Abdul-Qawwee, Ibn ‘Abdullaah, Ibn Salaamah, Ibn Sa‘ad. Al-Haafidh Al-Kabeer, Al-Imaam Ath-Thaabit, Shaykh Al-Islam, Zakee-ud-Deen, Abu Muhammad Al-Mundhiree, Ash-Shaami, then, Al-Misree.

He was born during the beginning of Sha‘baan in the year 581H. He learned to recite the Qur’aan, and gained knowledge in Arabic studies and Fiqh, and then he sought knowledge in this field (Hadeeth) and became proficient in it. He heard from ...”

His Quest for Knowledge and Works:

Then Imaam Adh-Dhahabee (rahimahullaah) lists a number of Shaykhs and the various cities in Muslim lands to which Imaam Al-Mundhiree traveled to, listened to them, and learnt from them, as well as mentioning some of his books. Among the most famous were his abridged Saheeh Muslim and abridged Sunan Abu Daawood.

Then Imaam Adh-Dhahabee listed some of the important Huffaadh who gained knowledge from Al-Haafidh Al-Mundhiree, and that he held an important teaching position in Cairo (Egypt).

The Scholar’s Praise for him:

Imaam Adh-Dhahabee said: “Ash-Shareef ‘Izz Ad-Deen said: ‘Our Shaykh Zakee-ud-Deen was unequalled in ‘uloom al-hadeeth regarding its various branches, knowledgeable of the saheeh, the weak, the deficient, and the various routes. He was profound in knowing its rulings, meanings, and conflicting issues. He was proficient in the rare narrations of hadeeth, precise pronunciation of the hadeeth, and their various wordings. He was an Imaam, a proof, firm, cautious, precise in speech and reliable in narration, who when an excerpt was read before him, he could expound on its many benefits.”

His Death:

Al-Haafidh Al-Mundhiree is reported to have passed away in the year 656H, may Allaah have mercy upon him and exalt his rank.

Note:

Then it should be mentioned, that Al-Haafidh Al-Mundhiree, with all of his great attributes as mentioned above, was known to be lenient in his grading of ahaadeeth. This is most noted in his great and invaluable precious work: At-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb. For those interested in researching this last point further in Arabic, it is recommended that they read the details that Shaykh Naasir-ud-Deen Al-Albaanee, may Allaah have mercy upon him, mentioned in his introduction to his Saheeh At-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb.