

## Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī on the Meaning of Ḥizbiyyah, the Hizbīs and the Nature of Their Da‘wah

**Shaykh Rabī** (حفظه الله) was asked: “May Allāh be benevolent to you, the questioner says: What is the meaning of ḥizbiyyah, what is meant by ‘so and so has ḥizbiyyah’, who are the ḥizbiyyūn, what is their da‘wah and what is their manhaj?”

The Shaykh answered: “Everyone who opposes the Salafī manhaj is from the misguided factions (aḥzāb). Ḥizbiyyah does not have any conditions. Allāh named the past nations ‘aḥzāb’. He named the Quraysh, when they assembled (to fight), ‘aḥzāb’. But they did not have any [political] organisation, they had shirk (associationism). So it is not a condition that a ḥizb should be organised. When this ḥizb is organised, then it increases in evil. Showing bigotry (ta‘aṣṣub) towards a specific idea that opposes the Sunnah of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and displaying rancour and enmity around it, this is taḥazzub (partisanship). A person establishes a deviant ideology and gathers people around it. This is a ḥizb, regardless of whether he gives it organisation or not. A person who opposes the Book of Allāh and the Sunnah of His Prophet, this is a ḥizb. The unbelievers who used to wage war against Allāh’s Messenger, they did not have this [political] organisation which is present now. And alongside that Allāh applied the label of ‘aḥzāb’ to them. How? Because they had partisanship upon falsehood and they waged war against the truth. **“The people of Noah denied before them and the [disbelieving] factions (aḥzāb) after them, and every nation intended [a plot] for their messenger to seize him, and they disputed by [using] falsehood to [attempt to] invalidate thereby the truth. So I seized them, and how [terrible] was My penalty.”** (40:5). He

called them ‘aḥzāb), may Allāh bless you. And the ‘aḥzāb’ from Quraysh, Ghaṭfān, Qurayzah and many tribal factions, they did not organise themselves with this type of organisation. But Allāh called them ‘aḥzāb’, and the chapter is called, ‘Sūrah al-Aḥzāb’. So what, were these factions organised?! So it is not a condition of being a ḥizb that it is organised (structured). **When a person believes in a false idea, then argues for it, debates in its favour and shows allegiance for its sake, this is a ḥizb. This is a ḥizb...**”

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