



Do not punish (anybody) with Allah's punishment

'Ikrimah reported that 'Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) burned some people and this news reached Ibn 'Abbās, who said: "Had I been in his place, I would not have burned them, as the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: 'Do not punish (anybody) with Allah's punishment.' No doubt, I would have killed them, for the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: 'If a Muslim changes his religion, kill him.'"

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

This Hadīth says that 'Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) burned some heretics who had manifested their apostasy. Ibn 'Abbās was informed of the situation, so he said that he would not have burned them, for the Prophet forbade burning with fire. The ruling for a Muslim who changes his religion is to be killed, without being burned. This ruling applies to both males and females.

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