The Ghayr Muqallideen Say that the Salaah of the Hanafis is Invalid because they do not Recite Surah Faatiha

Q: Salaah-568: The Ghayr Muqallideen say that the Muqtadi has to recite Surah Faatiha and that salaah is invalid without it. Please clarify.

Answer: The claim of the Ghayr Muqallideen is itself invalid when they say that the salaah of the Muqtadi is invalid if he does not recite Surah Faatiha in the audible salaahs. The famous Muhaddith and Faqih Allaam Muwaffiqud Deen Ibn Qudaamah Hambali RAH. who was the student of Sheikh Abdul Qaadir Jaylaani RAH. writes in his book Al Mughni: Imaam Ahmad bin Hambal RAH. said, 'We have never heard anyone from the people of Islaam state that the Muqtadi's salaah is invalid when he does not recite Qiraa'ah as the Imaam does in the audible salaahs. This has never been stated by Rasulullaah SAW. the Sahabah RADI. the Taabi'een, Imaam Maalik RAH. from the people of Hijaaz, Imaam Thowri RAH. from the people of Iraq, Imaam Awzaa'ee RAH. from the people of Shaam or Imaam Layth bin Sa'd RAH. from the people of Egypt. None has ever stated that the salaah of the follow is invalid when he does not recite Qiraa'ah." And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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