

Mudhakkirah al-Hadeeth an-Nabawee

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The Merits of the Aqeedah of Tawheed

From Ubaadah bin Saamit (radiiallaahu anhu) who said that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said:

“Whoever testifies that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, having no partner and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger and that ‘Isaa is a slave of Allaah and His Messenger and His Word which He pronounced unto Maryam and a soul from Him (i.e. a soul from the souls He created), and that Paradise is true and the Fire is true, then Allaah will admit him to Paradise in accordance with his deeds”.

Reported by al-Bukhaari¹, Muslim² and Ahmad³.

The Reporter of the Hadeeth

Ubaadah bin Saamit al-Ansaari was from those who witnessed the pledge of 'Aqaba (the first and the second) with the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) and also witnessed the rest of the battles with him (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam). He was a scholar of the Qur'aan in Medinah and then in Shaam. He died in Jerusalem in the year 32 A.H., may Allaah be pleased with him.

The Meaning of the Hadeeth

This hadeeth contains five matters. Whoever believes in them and acts upon what is indicated in the hadeeth, inwardly and outwardly, will enter Paradise.

The First: His saying: ‘Whoever testifies that none has the right to be worshipped alone, having no partner’ - means that he believes in Allaah with truthfulness and certainty, recognising the oneness of Allaah the Most High, and complete detachment from worshipping other than Him. He acts upon that which is indicated by the testification that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah, such as following the commands of Allaah and avoiding His prohibitions in speech and actions.

¹ Kitaab ul Anbiya, no. 3435.

² Kitaab ul Imaan, no. 46 and 47.

³ Vol. 5, p. 314.

The Second: ‘The testification the Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah’ means that one believes firmly, without entertaining any doubt, that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah. Allaah sent him to the *thaqalain*, the Jinn and mankind with a comprehensive and perfect message. It includes believing that he (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) is the Seal of the Prophets, that his is the final message and that he is a slave from the slaves of Allaah, who honoured him with conveying His message to the world. So one must testify to the truth of everything he informed us about, obey him in whatever he commanded and avoid whatever he forbade and prohibited.

The Third: The belief that 'Isaa is one of the slaves of Allaah and one of His messengers. It is the belief that he is not the son of fornication, as the Jews claim, and he is not Allaah or the son of Allaah or the holy ghost, as the Christians claim. Rather he is a slave from the slaves of Allaah, who sent him to the Bani Israel, to call them to the worship of Allaah alone. And verily Allaah created 'Isaa by the word 'Be' in the form of the creation and he is a soul from the souls which Allaah created:

“Verily the like of 'Isaa with Allaah is the like of Adam, He created him from dust then He said to him 'be' and he was.” [3:59]

The Fourth: ‘That Paradise is true’ - means the belief that Jannah which Allaah has prepared for the obedient ones from His slaves is an established fact, in existence and a reality about which there is no doubt. It is the final and eternal abode for the believers and the followers of His Messenger.

The Fifth: ‘That the Fire is true’ - is the belief that the Fire which Allaah has promised the disbelievers and the hypocrites is an established reality about which there is no doubt. Allaah has prepared it for whoever disbelieves in Him, rejects and disobeys Him.

Whoever believes in these five matters and affirms and acts upon that which is necessary then Allaah will admit him into Paradise, even if he falls short and he has sins, and this is due to his Tawheed and his sincerity in worshipping Allaah alone.

The Benefits of the Hadeeth

- 1) The hadeeth indicates the supreme excellence of the tawheed of Allaah and that due to tawheed Allaah expiates the sins.
- 2) The extent of the Bounty and Mercy of Allaah for His slaves.
- 3) His saying regarding Muhammad ‘His slave and His Messenger’ contains a realisation of the rights that the Prophets, especially Muhammad (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam), deserve without exaggeration and without negligence.

- 4) The sinful from the muwahhideen (those who worship Allaah alone) will not remain in the Hellfire forever.
- 5) The hadeeth indicates the obligation of believing in Paradise and the Fire.