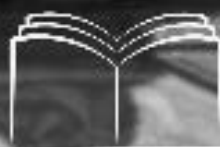




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1- The slave of Allaah cannot actualize 'You are the One that we worship' except with two principles: one of them is following the Messenger and the second is having sincerity (*Ikhlaas*) for the one worshipped.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'Tahdeeb al-Madrij' 68

2- Sincerity for Allaah is that a person's intent is for Allaah and intends everything for Him, causing fountains of wisdom to spring up from his heart on to his tongue.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'an-Naboowaat' 147

3- Whenever the sincerity of the slave of Allaah strengthens, his worship becomes more complete.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'al-Fatawa' 10/198

4- In relation to the amount of *Tawheed* a slave has for his Lord, and his sincerity for the religion for Allaah is the amount he is deserving of the generosity of Allaah upon him, from intercession and other things.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'As-Sarim al-Monkey' 390

5- A person does not show his actions to the creation, except due to his ignorance of the Greatness of the Creator.

Ibn Rajab – 'Kalimat ul-Ikhlaas' 31

6- *Ikhlaas* cannot be achieved except after having *Zuhud*, and there is no *Zuhud* except after having *Taqwa*, and *Taqwa* is following the commands (of Allaah and His Messenger) and keeping away from prohibitions.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'al-Fatawa' 1/94

7- Strive today in implementing *Tawheed*, since there is nothing that will deliver you to Allaah except *Tawheed*. Also, be eager in fulfilling its rights, since there is nothing that can save you from the fire except *Tawheed*.

Ibn Rajab – 'Kalimat ul-Ikhlaas' 54

8- Whoever is sincere in regards to the actions of the *Deen*, which he does for Allaah, then he is from the pious *Awliyah* of Allaah.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'al-Fatawa' 1/8

**9-** If you correct your hidden deeds subsequently Allaah will correct your outward deeds.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'al-Fatawa' 3/277

**10-** Having the correct understanding of the *Deen* is light which Allaah throws into the heart of the slave of Allaah, which is increased by having the *Taqwa* of Allaah and having good intent.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'Ilaam al-Muaq'een' 1/69

**11-** *Ikhlāas* is the way to salvation, *Islaam* is the ship to safety and *Emaan* is the seal of security.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'Dar miftah as-Sa'ada' 1/74

**12-** Certainly the strength of Yusuf's sincerity - *alayhi sallam* - was stronger than the beauty of Azeez's wife, stronger than her allure, and his want for her.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'al-Fatawa' 10/602

**13** – The heart of the truthful person is filled with the light of truth and he has the light of *Emaan*.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'Madarij as-Salikeen' 2/282

**14-** The sincere person is fortified by Allaah due to his worship of Him Alone, intending his Face Alone. He has humility for Him Alone, and hope in Him Alone, requesting from Him Alone, submissiveness for Him Alone and has a dire need of Him Alone.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'Madarij as-Salikeen' 2/202

**15-** There is nothing that drives away the afflictions of this world except *Tawheed*. That is why the supplication of the distressed person is with *Tawheed*. Such as, the supplication of Yunus. The distressed person does not supplicate by what Yunus supplicated with except that Allaah releases him from his hardship with *Tawheed*.

There is nothing more gruesome for the distressed person except shirk, and there is nothing that can rescue you from it except *Tawheed*, it is the refuge for the creation, its shelter, its fortress and its aid.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'al-Fawaid' 96

**16-** The reward is doubled in accordance with one perfecting his Islaam and with his perfecting the strength of *Ikhlaas*, in that action.

Ibn Rajab – ‘Jama’ al-Aloom’ 2/316

**17-** If a benefit could be achieved from an action performed without *Ikhlaas*, then Allaah would not have criticised the hypocrites.

Ibn al-Qayyim – ‘al-Fawaid’ 65

**18-** Without doubt *al-Ikhlaas* negates the reason for entering into the Fire, therefore, who ever enters the fire, from those who said: “*la illah ila Allaah*’ (there is none worthy of worship except Allaah)’ then this is proof that he never implemented the sincerity of “*la illah ila Allaah*” which would have prohibited him from the fire.

Ibn Taymeeyah – ‘al-Fatawa’ 10/261

**19** – If the slave of Allaah perfects his *Tawheed* and his sincerity for Allaah and he establishes / fulfills all its conditions with his heart, and his tongue and his limbs then forgiveness for his past sins becomes obligatory.

Ibn Rajab – ‘Jama’ al-Aloom’ 2/417

**20** – *Fitnah* continues upon the heart, except if the *Deen* of the slave is completely for Allaah.

Ibn Taymeeyah – ‘al-Fatawa’ 10/545

**21-** Without doubt, the sincere person has tasted the sweetness of his worship for Allaah, this is what stops him from performing worship for other than Allaah, since there is nothing more sweet or more blessed for the heart than the sweetness of *Emaan* in Allaah the Lord of the worlds.

Ibn Taymeeyah – ‘al-Fatawa’ 10/215

**22-** The different grades of doing actions for Allaah are in relation to what is in the heart from *Emaan*, sincerity, love and that what follows them.

Ibn al-Qayyim – ‘al-Waabil as-Sayib’ 22

**23-** Sincerity is not combined in the heart along with the love of being praised by the people, and being commended by them, and also having greed for what the people have, except like water being combined with fire.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'al-Fawaid' 267

**24-** *Ikhlaas* and *Tawheed* are a tree in the heart. Its branches are good actions. Its fruits are a good life in this world, and eternal comfort in the Hereafter, and just like in Paradise the fruits whose supply is not cut off, nor are they out of reach, likewise are the fruits of *Tawheed* and *Ikhlaas* in this world.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'al-Fawaid' 292

**25-** An action done without *Ikhlaas* and without following the Messenger is like a traveler whose sock becomes filled with sand, which weighs him down, and has no benefit.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'al-Fawaid' 89

**26-** Allaah loves from His slave that he beautifies his tongue with the truth, and his heart with *Ikhlaas* and love, turning repentantly and reliance upon Allaah.

Ibn al-Qayyim – 'al-Fawaid' 327

**27-** Having sincerity for the *Deen* of Allaah is the foundation of justice, likewise committing *Shirk* with Allaah is a great injustice.

Ibn Taymeeyah – 'al-Fatawa' 1/87

*All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his Companions and all those who follow his guidance.*