
Swearing by the Sifaat of Allaah

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The ahadeeth of Tawheed from ‘Silsilah Ahadeeth As-Saheehah’ Chapters of Tawheed and the Shahadtayn¹

1168- “The person who was most severely trialled in the world will be brought forward from the people of Paradise. Allaah will say: immerse him deep into Paradise, so they will dip him into Paradise.

Then Allaah Azza wa Jal² will ask: O son of Aadam did you ever see any suffering or anything that you disliked?

He will answer: No, I swear by Your (Izzah) honour I never ever saw anything that I disliked.

Then the most blessed person in the world will be brought forward from the people of the Hell-fire. Allaah will say: dip him into Hell-fire.

Then Allaah will ask: O son of Aadam did you ever see any good, or ever see anything pleasing to the eyes?

He will answer: No, I swear by Your (Izzah) honour I never ever saw any good, nor anything pleasing to the eyes.”

Benefit:

This hadeeth shows the permissibility of swearing by a Sifah³ from the Sifaat⁴ of Allaah Ta’ala⁵, and from what al-Baihaqee mentioned in a chapter heading in ‘Sunaan al-kubra’ (10/41) ‘Chapter : What is mentioned regarding swearing by the Sifaat of Allaah Ta’ala⁶ like al-Izzah (Honour), al-Qudrah (Capability), al-Jalaal (Magnificence), al-Kubreeyah (Pride), al-Uthma (Greatness), al-Kalam (Speech) and as-Sama’ (Hearing) and those similar to it.’

Then he mentioned some ahadeeth under this chapter, and he pointed to this hadeeth. He also used, for evidence, some narrations on the authority of Ibn Mas’ood (rad iyallaahu `anhu)⁷ and other than him. Then he mentioned: “this narration is evidence that swearing by the Qur’aan is considered taking an oath.....’

¹The word Shahahdah means to testify. There are two parts to the Shahahdah which when taken together is called the Shahadtayn. The first part means that there is no deity truly worthy of being worshiped except Allaah, while the second part is to affirm that the Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is a slave of Allaah and His Messenger.

² Mighty and Majestic is He

³ characteristic

⁴ characteristics

⁵ He, The Most High

⁶ Ta’aala (He, The Most High)

⁷ May Allaah be pleased with him

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Then he narrated with an authentic chain on the trustworthy Taabi'ee (successor) Amroo bin Dinaar who said; 'I met people for 70 years saying: Allaah is the Creator, everything other than Him is created and the Qur'aan is the speech of Allaah (عز وجل)⁸.'

⁸ (Azza wa Jaal)(عز وجل) Mighty and Majestic is He