
O you who believe! Fear Allaah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

The saying of Allaah Ta'ala:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

[O you who believe! Fear Allaah (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always], and die not except in a state of Islaam (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allaah.]¹

The Shaykh said :

'Having Taqwa of Allaah – Azza wa Jal – is that a slave of Allaah places between himself and the anger of Allaah a prevention which protects him from it, and that is by carrying out Allaah's obedience and keeping away from sinning.

To have Taqwa of Allaah and to fear Him truthfully is to obey Him and not to sin against Him, to remember Him and not to forget Him, to be thankful to Him and not to disbelieve in Him. This is how Abdullaah bin Mas'ood explained it as was narrated by Ibn Katheer from Ibn Abee Hatim with an authentic chain.'

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin continues:

'As for the saying of Allaah Ta'ala: [and don't you dare die except in a state of Islaam] the meaning is, adhere to Islaam and be continuous upon it, until and when the appointed time of your death arrives, your death comes while you are in a good state, so that your ending is sealed in a good way.

The Messenger of Allaah -sallallahu alayhi wa sallam- had said:

أحب الأعمال إلى الله أدومها وإن قل

¹ [Soorah Ala-Imraan 3:102]

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'The most beloved of actions to Allaah Ta'ala are those that are done continuously even if they are few.'²

In Saheeh Muslim from the Hadeeth of Abdullah bin Amr bin al-Aaass – Radi Allaahu anhu– and in it is the saying of the Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam:

من أحب أن يزحزح عن النار، ويدخل الجنة، فلتأته منيته وهو يؤمن بالله واليوم الآخر، وليأت إلى الناس الذي يحب أن يؤتى إليه

'Whoever would love that he is kept far away from the Fire and is entered into Paradise, then let his death come while he believes in Allaah and the Hereafter, and he should deal with the people as he wishes to be dealt.'

The meaning of this hadeeth is similar to the meaning of the Ayaah, that one should adhere to al 'Eemaan and be continuous upon it until death.'

[Taken from 'Min Kanooz al-Qur'aan al-Kareem' P.59]

² [Collected by Bukhaaree & Muslim this is his wording.]