

The conditions of La Illaha illa Allaah

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

From what is well known is that the statement of Tawheed (La Illaha illa Allaah) is not valid except with its conditions. From its conditions are...

- Knowledge which negates ignorance,
- Sincerity which negates shirk,
- Certainty which negates doubt and uncertainty,
- Truthfulness which prevents from hypocrisy,
- Loving this statement and rejoicing at it,
- Complete submission by fulfilling its rights and,
- Acceptance which negates rejection.

Thus all of these aforementioned things are necessary.

And even though the hypocrites pronounce the statement, they are despite that in the lowest depth of the Hellfire because they say it without truthfulness; it is of no benefit for them. The reason for that is that they pronounce the statement with their tongues but their hearts reject it. They only say it out of deceit. The same way as they testify to the Prophet's messengership (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) out of deceit.

Allaah (*The Most High*) says:

[When the hypocrites come to you (O Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*))), they say: "We bear witness that you are indeed the Messenger of Allaah."

Allaah knows that you are indeed His Messenger and Allaah bears witness that the hypocrites are liars indeed.]¹

Hence their testification is a testification with the tongue but their hearts reject it. This is why Allaah bore witness against them that they are liars."

¹ Soorah al-Munafiqoon [63:1]

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شروط صحة كلمة التوحيد

وكلمة التوحيد من المعلوم أنها لا تصح إلا بشرطها، ومن شروطها العلم المنافي للجهل، والإخلاص المنافي للشرك، واليقين المنافي للشك والريب، والصدق المانع من النفاق، والمحبة بهذه الكلمة والسرور بها، و الانتقاد بحقوقها، والقبول المنافي للترك، فهذه الأمور كلها لا بد منها، وإلا فإن المنافقين يقولونها، وهم في الدرك الأسفل من النار؛ لأنهم لما قالوها مجردة عن الصدق ما نفعتهم؛ لأنهم يقولونها بالسنتهم، لكن قلوبهم مكذبة لها، فهم لا يقولونها إلا عن كذب، كما أنهم يشهدون للنبي ﷺ بالرسالة عن كذب، قال الله تعالى: ﴿إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُهُ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ كَاذِبُونَ﴾ [المنافقون: 1]، فشهادتهم شهادة باللسان، لكن قلوبهم مكذبة؛ ولهذا شهد الله عليهم بأنهم كاذبون

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