

General precept for seeking nearness to Allaah

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

Question: What is the general precept (guideline) for seeking nearness to Allaah, The Lofty and Majestic?

Shaykh Bin Baaz (May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him): Seeking nearness (Tawassul) to Allaah through utilisation of His Names and Qualities is something that has been legislated for the Muslim, and it is from the means of obtaining a response to supplication; According to the statement of Allaah, (Mighty and Majestic is He):

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

["And to Allaah belongs the best name, so call on Him by way of them."]¹

As well as what has been affirmed by him (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him) in many narrations from seeking nearness to Allaah by way of His Names and Attributes. It has also been legislated seeking nearness to Allaah (The Exalted): by believing in Him, loving Him, and by the rest of the righteous actions.

From that, is having love for the prophets of Allaah, His messengers, as well as the believers from amongst His slaves. Also from that is seeking nearness to Allaah with righteousness toward the parents, abstaining from committing illegal sexual intercourse, and fulfilling the trust; Due to the authentic narration that has come in the story of the companions of the cave, those who the boulder had closed in upon them and they were unable to move it. There were three of them, and so they supplicated to Allaah (The Exalted), and they sought nearness to Him by way of their righteous actions, so the boulder was removed for them.

Their report has been affirmed in the two Saheehs (Bukhaaree & Muslim). The first of them sought nearness through his righteousness to his parents, the second by his abstention from illegal sexual intercourse after having the ability to do so, and the third by way of fulfilling the trusts for the people who entrusted him. And Allaah is the One who grants success!

¹ سورة الأعراف - Soorah al-A'raaf [7:180]