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## Importance of Tawheed

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**QUESTION: What is the importance of the belief in 'Tawheed', directing all worship to Allaah alone?**

**ANSWER:**

In Islam, it is without doubt the single most important issue.<sup>1</sup>

If a person associates any partners with Allaah in any aspect of worship – and this is called 'shirk' in Arabic - then he/she runs the risk of all his/her good deeds being nullified.

Allaah says in the Qur'aan:

**And indeed it has been revealed to you - as it was to those before you - that if you commit shirk (joining others in worship with Allaah), then surely all your (good) deeds will be nullified, and you will certainly be amongst the losers.**

[Soorah Az Zumar (the 39th surah) ayah 65]

The Prophet Muhammad (may Allaah's peace and blessing be upon him) spent the first 13 years of his Prophethood – when he was in Makkah - explaining this issue of Tawheed in great detail.

He spent this long calling to this one issue because it is the foundation upon which the whole religion of Islam is built.

Many of the key Islaamic duties, such as pilgrimage and Zakaat and fasting, were not imposed by Allaah until after the Prophet (may Allaah's peace and blessing be upon him) had left Mecca and migrated to Madinah.

This length of time – 13 years - highlights even further the crucial nature of this issue, and that we should try to spend some time learning about it.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to 'Aqeedah ut Tawheed p9 of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan for more information