
Singling out Allaah with all worship

Based on the works of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan (حفظه الله)

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QUESTION: What does this mean, that Muslims should single out Allaah with all worship?

Answer:

Islam requires that as well as affirming Tawheed ur Ruboobayah (the Uniqueness of Allaah in terms of his Lordship and Creating and Sustaining and Controlling the Universe) a person must affirm its logical consequence – which is that he singles Allaah out for worship.

This concept – that it is only Allaah who should be worshipped – is called Tawheed ul uloohiyah.

It is no exaggeration to say that this is the single most important concept in the whole of Islam. Everything in Islam revolves around it.¹

Muslims believe that this was what all the Prophets called to.

**And indeed We sent amongst every nation a messenger (who proclaimed to the people):
“Worship Allaah (alone) and avoid the false objects of worship!”**

[Soorah an Nahl (the 16th chapter) verse 36]

**Indeed We sent Noah to his people and he said: “O my people, worship Allaah! You have
no other ilaah (deity worthy of worship) except for Him”**

[Soorah al A’raaf (the 7th chapter) verse 59]

And the Qur’aan mentions that this was the same for all the other Prophets.

So we see that Tawheed ur ruboobayah refers to the oneness of Allaah with regards to HIS actions – e.g. creating, sustaining, controlling the Universe.

And Tawheed ul uloohiyah refers to the oneness of Allaah with regards to OUR actions - i.e. actions of worship.

¹ Refer to ‘Aqeedah ut Tawheed p46 of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan for more information

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QUESTION: What kind of things does this worship refer to?

Answer:

One of the most famous scholars of the 7th century after Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) was a man called ibn Taymeeyah.

He gave a concise definition of worship:

Worship is “a comprehensive term referring to everything which Allaah loves and is pleased with, from the person’s speech and actions, both outward visible actions and inward (i.e. hidden) actions.”

What sort of things does this actually include though?

It refers to actions such as:

Making supplication to Allaah alone

Sacrificing for Allaah alone

Having hope in, fear of, trust in, awe of and dread of Allaah alone

Turning in repentance to Allaah alone

And other actions like this.