

Chapter Two

AT-TAWHEED (THE ONENESS OF GOD)

What is Tawheed?

Tawheed involves three elements:

- 1- Tawheed is to believe that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah.
- 2- Ad to obey God and behave as He has commanded.
- 3- And to worship Him and to serve Him as His Messenger explained.

We will discuss the following concepts

- 1- **Tawheed involves worshipping Allah as our Lord, and as our God and to worship Him as He described Himself in attributes of perfection.**
- 2- **Tawheed is the cornerstone of Islam.**
- 3- **Tawheed is the message of all the Prophets.**
- 4- **The rewards of worshipping Allah alone.**

Worshipping Allah our Lord (Tawheed ar-rubobeyya)

Allah provides for us and He has control over our life. As our Lord He created us, provides for us, guides us and has full control over us:

﴿ سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى ﴾ [الأعلى: ١]

Glorify the name of thy Guardian-Lord Most High,
Al-A'la 87 : 1

﴿ الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسَوَّى ﴾ [الأعلى: ٢]

Who hath created, and further, given order and proportion;
Al-A'la 87 : 2

﴿ وَالَّذِي قَدَّرَ فَهَدَى ﴾ [الأعلى: ٣]

Who hath ordained laws. And granted guidance;
Al-A'la 87 : 3

﴿ قُلْ مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَمَّنْ يَمْلِكُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَمَنْ يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَمِيتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَمِيتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَمَنْ يُدِيرُ الْأَمْرَ فَسَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ فَقُلْ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ ﴾ [يونس: ٣١]

Say: "Who is it that sustains you (in life) from the sky and from the earth? Or who is it that has power over hearing and sight? And who is it that brings out the living from the dead and the dead from the living? And who is it that rules and regulates all affairs?" They will soon say, "Allah." Say, "Will ye not then show piety (to Him)?"

Yunus 10 : 31

These verses describe certain attributes of God:

- God is the Creator
- God has given us our form and structure and the ability to function
- God wills and His design and plan is wise
- God guides to His way
- God controls life and death
- God provides for His creatures

Allah also is our God

If we admit that Allah is our Creator who provides for us and guides us and takes care of us then we should be willing to obey Him and worship Him. That is why the Qur'an uses these two attributes of Allah interchangeably:

﴿ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَأَعْبُدُوهُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ﴾ [الأنعام: ١٠٢]

That is Allah, your Lord! There is no god but He, the Creator of all things; then worship ye Him; and He hath power to dispose of all affairs.

Al-An'am 6 : 102

The Pagan Arabs had no problem admitting to Allah as the Lord who created the heavens and the earth and created mankind:

﴿وَلَيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُم مَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ خَلَقَهُنَّ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَلِيمُ﴾ [الزخرف: ٩]

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If thou wert to question them, 'Who created the heavens and the earth?' They would be sure to reply. 'They were created by (Him), the Exalted in Power, full of Knowledge':

Az-Zukhruff 43 : 9

﴿وَلَيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُم مَّنْ خَلَقَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ فَأَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ﴾ [الزخرف: ٨٧]

If thou ask them, Who created them, they will certainly say, Allah: how then are they deluded away (from the Truth)?

Az-Zukhruff 43 : 87

What the Pagan Arabs objected to and were not willing to accept is obedience to Allah, accepting their responsibility and their obligation to change the way they live their life.

But this is exactly the meaning of Tawheed: That we are accountable to Allah, and that we must obey His orders. Just saying: "We believe in God" without actually living our life as He has commanded is not worship, it is lip service.

Worshipping Allah as He described Himself in beautiful names or attributes of perfection (Tawheed Al-Asma'a)

We should not think of Allah in human terms, but as He described Himself in the Qur'an in attributes of perfection, and as His messenger described Him:

﴿وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا ۖ وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا

كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨٠﴾ [الأعراف: ١٨٠]

The most beautiful names belong to Allah: so call on Him by them; but shun such men as use profanity in His names: for what they do, they will soon be requited.

Al-Araf 7 : 180

Some of the names of Allah that gives us an idea about Him include:

- Al-Ghafour : The One that forgives often
- Ar-Raheem ; The One who is most merciful
- Ar-Razzak : The one who provides
- Al-Aleem : The One who knows what we reveal and what we hide
- Al-Khaliq : The One who creates again and again
- Malik Yawm Ad-Deen : The One who has full control on the Day of Judgment and to whom we are accountable

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Do not think of the innate nature of Allah, but think of His creation and His attributes)

Our ability to comprehend the nature of Allah is limited. The Qur'an explains:

﴿ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ ۖ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ ۖ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ

شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴿١٠٢﴾ [الأنعام: ١٠٢]

That is Allah, your Lord! There is no god but He, the Creator of all things; then worship ye Him; and He hath power to dispose of all affairs.

Al-Ana'm 6 : 102

﴿لَا تَدْرِيكُهُ الْأَبْصَارُ وَهُوَ يُدْرِكُ الْأَبْصَرَ ۖ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١٠٣﴾ [الأنعام: ١٠٣]

No vision can grasp Him. But His grasp is over all vision: He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things.

Al-An'am 6 : 103

We learn from these two verses:

- Allah is the creator of all things
- He also takes care of everything

- He is well aware and subtle
- We are not able to understand His nature

There is no one like Allah:

﴿قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ﴾ [الإخلاص: ١]

Say: He is Allah, the One and Only;

Al-Ikhlās 112 : 1

﴿وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ﴾ [الإخلاص: ٤]

And there is none like unto Him.

Al-Ikhlās 112 : 4

How can we worship any one else but Allah?

The Qur'an addresses this question from different points:

- 1- Allah is our creator and provider
- 2- Look around you: everything bears witness of the existence of one God
- 3- Look inside your own selves: you know that there is only one God
- 4- How can a human being be Divine?
- 5- If there were multiple gods they will argue and lord over one another

Allah is our creator and provider

If we understand that Allah created us, provides for us, guides us, forgives our sins and has full control, how can we then worship anyone else? This question was proposed by Prophet Abraham when he invited his father to leave the idols that the father and his people worshipped:

﴿وَاذْكُرْ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَدِيقًا نَبِيًّا﴾ [مريم: ٤١]

(Also) mention in the Book (the story of) Abraham: he was a man of truth: a prophet.

Mariyam 19 : 41

﴿إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ يَتَّبِعْ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْكَ شَيْئًا﴾

[مريم: ٤٢]

Behold, he said to his father: "O my father! why worship that which heareth not, and seeth not and can profit thee nothing?

Marium 19 : 42

﴿ يَتَأْتِ إِنِّي قَدْ جَاءَنِي مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَمْ يَأْتِكَ فَاتَّبِعْنِي أَهْدِكَ صِرَاطًا سَوِيًّا ۝١٧ ﴾

[مريم: ٤٣]

"O my father! to me hath come knowledge which hath not reached thee: so follow me: I will guide thee to a Way that is even and straight.

Marium 19 : 43

Prophet Abraham asked his people how can they worship a god that cannot harm them or benefit them, a god or an idol that they created themselves with their own hands?

﴿ قَالَ أَفَتَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُكُمْ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَضُرُّكُمْ ۝١٨ ﴾

[الأنبياء: ٦٦]

(Abraham) said, "Do ye then worship, besides Allah, things that can neither be of any good to you nor do you harm?

Al-Anbia'a 21 : 66

﴿ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ۝١٩ ﴾ [الأنبياء: ٦٧]

"Fie upon you, and upon the things that ye worship besides Allah! Have ye no sense?"...

Al-Anbia'a 21 : 67

And:

﴿ وَاتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۝٢٠ ﴾ [الشعراء: ٦٩]

And rehearse to them (something of) Abraham's story.

Ash-Shura'a 26 : 69

﴿ إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ وَقَوْمِهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ ۝٧٠ ﴾ [الشعراء: ٧٠]

Behold, he said to his father and his people: "What worship ye?"

Ash-Shura'a 26 : 70

﴿ قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ أَصْنَامًا فَنَظَلُّ لَهَا عَكِفِينَ ﴾ [الشعراء: ٧١]

They said: "We worship idols, and we remain constantly in attendance on them."

Ash-Shura'a 26 : 71

﴿ قَالَ هَلْ يَسْمَعُونَكُمْ إِذْ تَدْعُونَ ﴾ [الشعراء: ٧٢]

He said: "Do they listen to you when ye call (on them),

Ash-Shura'a 26 : 72

﴿ أَوْ يَنْفَعُونَكُمْ أَوْ يَضُرُّونَ ﴾ [الشعراء: ٧٣]

"Or do you good or harm?"

Ash-Shura'a 26 : 73

﴿ قَالَ أَتَعْبُدُونَ مَا تَنْحِتُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾ وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾ ﴾ [الصافات: ٩٥-٩٦]

"He said: Do you worship that which you carved yourself. It is Allah who has created you and your handiwork"

As-Safat 37:95-96

Look around you: everything in the universe bears witness that there is only one God

Everything in the universe indicates the presence of a powerful wise creator who has created order and harmony:

﴿ أَفَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ فَوْقَهُمْ كَيْفَ بَنَيْنَاهَا وَزَيَّنَّاهَا وَمَا لَهَا مِنْ فُرُوجٍ ﴾ [ق: ٦]

Do they not look at the sky above them? How We have made it and adorned it, and there are no flaws in it?

Qa F 50 : 6

﴿ وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَوْبَقْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ﴾ [ق: ٧]

And the earth; We have spread it out, and set thereon mountains standing firm, and produced therein every kind of beautiful growth (in pairs),

Qa F 50 : 7

﴿ تَبَصَّرَةٌ وَذِكْرَىٰ لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُّنِيبٍ ﴾ [ق: ٨]

To be observed and commemorated by every devotee turning (to Allah).

Qa F 50 : 8

﴿ وَنَزَّلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً مُبَرَّكَاً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ جَنَّاتٍ وَحَبَّ الْحَصِيدِ ﴾ [ق: ٩]

And We send down from the sky Rain charged with blessing, and We produce therewith Gardens and Grain for harvests;

Qa F 50 : 9

And :

﴿ وَءَايَةٌ لَهُمُ اللَّيْلُ نَسْلَخُ مِنْهُ النَّهَارَ فَإِذَا هُمْ مُظْلِمُونَ ﴾ [يس: ٣٧]

And a Sign for them is the Night: We withdraw therefrom the Day, and behold they are plunged in darkness;

Ya Sin 36 : 37

﴿ وَالشَّمْسُ تَجْرِي لِمُسْتَقَرٍّ لَهَا ذَلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ ﴾ [يس: ٣٨]

And the sun runs its course for a period determined for it; that is the decree of (Him), the Exalted in Might, the All-Knowing.

Ya Sin 36 : 38

﴿ وَالْقَمَرَ قَدَرْتَهُ مَنَازِلَ حَتَّىٰ عَادَ كَالْعُرْجُونِ الْقَدِيمِ ﴾ [يس: ٣٩]

And the Moon, We have measured for it mansions (to traverse) till it returns like the old (and withered) lower part of a date-stalk.

Ya Sin 36 : 39

﴿ لَا الشَّمْسُ يَنْبَغِي لَهَا أَنْ تُدْرِكَ الْقَمَرَ وَلَا اللَّيْلُ سَابِقُ النَّهَارِ وَكُلٌّ فِي فَلَكٍ

يَسْبَحُونَ ﴾ [يس: ٤٠]

It is not permitted to the Sun to catch up the Moon, nor can the Night outstrip the Day: each (just) swims along in (its own) orbit (according to law).

Ya Sin 36 : 40

And:

﴿أَوَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا فِي مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ وَأَنْ عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدِ اقْتَرَبَ أَجْلُهُمْ ۖ فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَهُ يُؤْمِنُونَ﴾ ﴿[الأعراف: ١٨٥]

Do they see nothing in the government of the heavens and the earth and all that Allah hath created? (Do they not see) that it may well be that their term is nigh drawing to an end? In what Message after this will they then believe?

Al-Araf 7 : 185

Look at your own selves

When we are in distress who do we call on to help us but Allah?

﴿أَمِنْ تُحِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ الْأَرْضِ ۗ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدًا ۚ وَاللَّهُ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ﴾ ﴿[النمل: ٦٢]

Or, who listens to the (soul) distressed when it calls on Him, and who relieves its suffering, and makes you (mankind) inheritors of the earth? (Can there be another) god besides Allah? Little it is that ye heed!

An-Naml 27 : 62

And:

﴿قُلْ أَرَأَيْتَكُمْ إِنْ أَتَاكُمْ عَذَابُ اللَّهِ أَوْ أَتَتْكُمُ السَّاعَةُ أَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ تَدْعُونَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ﴾ ﴿[الأنعام: ٤٠]

Say: "Think ye to yourselves, if there come upon you the Wrath of Allah, or the Hour (that ye dread), would ye then call upon other than Allah? (Reply) if ye are truthful!

Al-Ana'm 6 : 40

﴿بَلْ إِبَادُ تَدْعُونَ فَيَكْشِفُ مَا تَدْعُونَ إِلَيْهِ إِنْ شَاءَ وَتَنْسَوْنَ مَا تُشْرِكُونَ﴾ ﴿[الأنعام: ٤١]

"Nay, On Him would ye call, and if it be His Will, He would remove (the distress) which occasioned your call upon Him, and ye would forget (the false gods) which ye join with Him!"

Al-Ana'm 6 : 41

God told us that He will show us His signs around us as well as within our own souls till we know the truth:

﴿ سُرِّيهِمْ ءَايَاتِنَا فِي الْأَفَاقِ وَفِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ يَتَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِ بِرَبِّكَ

أَنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴾ [فصلت: ٥٣]

Soon will We show them Our Signs in the (furthest) regions (of the earth), and in their own souls, until it becomes manifest to them that this is the Truth. Is it not enough that thy Lord doth witness all things?

Fusselat 41 : 53

Man was created in such a way that he knows his own creator. This is the pure innate nature of mankind:

﴿ فَأَقِمَّ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ

ذَٰلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴾ [الروم: ٣٠]

So set thou thy face steadily and truly to the Faith: (establish) Allah's handiwork according to the pattern on which He has made mankind: no change (let there be) in the work (wrought) by Allah: that is the standard Religion: but most among mankind understand not.

Ar-Rum 30 : 30

﴿ مُبِينٍ إِلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوهُ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴾

[الروم: ٣١]

Turn ye back in repentance to Him, and fear Him: establish regular prayers, and be not ye among those who join gods with Allah,

Ar-Rum 30 : 31

God took a pledge from human beings when they were embryo and they did bear witness that Allah is their Lord and creator:

﴿وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ ۖ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ ۖ شَهِدْنَا أَن تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ ۖ﴾

[الأعراف: ١٧٢]

When thy Lord drew forth from the Children of Adam from their loins, their descendants, and made them testify concerning themselves, (saying): "Am I not your Lord (Who cherishes and sustains you)?" They said: "Yea! we do testify!" (this), lest ye should say on the Day of Judgment: "Of this we were never mindful."

Al-Araf 7 : 172

How can a human being be divine?

The Christians claim that Jesus (PBUH) is divine and is the son of God. He came as a human being and died on the cross to atone for the sins of mankind. They further claim that Jesus is one manifestation of God being the second in a trinity consisting of the father, the son and the Holy Spirit. The Qur'an emphasizes the human nature of Jesus and denies that he ever claimed to be divine. The Qur'an further denies the trinity and clearly states that there is only one God:

﴿لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۚ وَقَالَ الْمَسِيحُ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ ۚ إِنَّهُ مَن يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ ۚ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِن أَنصَارٍ ۖ﴾ [المائدة: ٧٢]

They do blaspheme who say: "Allah is Christ the son of Mary." But said Christ: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Whoever joins other gods with Allah, Allah will forbid him the Garden, and the Fire will be his abode. There will for the wrong-doers be no one to help.

Al-Maeda 5 : 72

﴿لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنْ لَمْ

يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٣﴾ [المائدة: ٧٣]

They do blaspheme who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity: for there is no god except One God. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.

Al-Maeda 5 : 73

﴿أَفَلَا يَتُوبُونَ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَهُ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٧٤﴾ [المائدة: ٧٤]

Why turn they not to Allah and seek His Forgiveness? For Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Al-Maeda 5 : 74

﴿مَا الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ وَأُمُّهُ صِدِّيقَةٌ كَانَا

يَأْكُلَانِ الطَّعَامَ ۗ أَنْظِرْ كَيْفَ نَبِّئُ لَهُمُ الْآيَاتِ ثُمَّ أَنْظِرْ أَنِّي يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾

[المائدة: ٧٥]

Christ, the son of Mary, was no more than a Messenger; many were the Messengers that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how Allah doth make His Signs clear to them; yet see in what ways they are deluded away from the truth!

Al-Maeda 5 : 75

And :

﴿ذَٰلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ۖ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾ [مريم: ٣٤]

Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute.

Marium 19 : 34

﴿مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ سُبْحَانَهُ ۚ إِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ

فَيَكُونُ ﴿٣٥﴾ [مريم: ٣٥]

It is not befitting to (the majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! when He determines a matter, He only says to it, "Be," and it is.

Marium 19 : 35

﴿وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ﴾ [مريم: ٣٦]

Verily Allah is my Lord and your Lord: Him therefore serve ye: this is a way that is straight.

Marium 19 : 36

**If there were multiple gods they would argue and lord over one another
And there would be chaos**

﴿مَا آتَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِنْ وَلَدٍ وَمَا كَانَ مَعَهُ مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِذَا لَذَهَبَ كُلُّ إِلَهٍ بِمَا خَلَقَ وَلَعَلَّ

بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ﴾ [المؤمنون: ٩١]

No son did Allah beget, nor is there any god along with Him: (if there were many gods), behold, each god would have taken away what he had created, and some would have Lorded it over others! Glory to Allah! (He is free) from the (sort of) things they attribute to Him!

Al-Mumenoun 23 : 91

And:

﴿قُلْ لَوْ كَانَ مَعَهُ ءَالِهَةٌ كَمَا يَقُولُونَ إِذَا لَا تَبْتَغُوا إِلَى ذِي الْعَرْشِ سَبِيلًا﴾

[الإسراء: ٤٢]

Say: if there had been (other) gods with Him, - as they say - behold, they would certainly have sought out a way to the Lord of the Throne!

Al-Isra'a 17 : 42

And:

﴿لَوْ كَانَ فِيهِمَا ءَالِهَةٌ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَفَسَدَتَا فَسُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ﴾

[الأنبياء: ٢٢]

If there were, in the heavens and the earth, other gods besides Allah, there would have been confusion in both! But glory to Allah, the Lord of the Throne: (High is He) above what they attribute to Him!

Al-Anbia'a 21 : 22

Worshipping and serving one God is the message of all the Prophets

The cornerstone of any divine message is to worship and serve the one and only God: Allah. Such a message has been inspired to every prophet:

﴿ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ ﴾

[الأنبياء: ٢٥]

Not a messenger did We send before thee without this inspiration sent by Us to him: that there is no god but I; therefore worship and serve Me.

Al-Anbia'a 21 : 25

Such a message was the advice that Abraham and Jacob gave to their children:

﴿ وَوَصَّىٰ بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ بَنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ يَبْنَئِي إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ لَكُمْ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا

وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴾ [البقرة: ١٣٢]

And this was the Legacy that Abraham left to his sons, and so did Jacob; "O my sons! Allah hath chosen the Faith for you; then die not except in the state of submission (to Allah).

Al-Baqara 2 : 132

﴿ أَمْ كُنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ إِذْ قَالَ لِبَنِيهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ بَعْدِي

قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ إِلَهَكَ وَإِلَهَ آبَائِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِلَهُهَا وَاحِدًا وَنَحْنُ لَهُ

مُسْلِمُونَ ﴾ [البقرة: ١٣٣]

Were ye witnesses when Death appeared before Jacob? Behold he said to his sons: "What will ye worship after me?" They said: "We shall worship thy God and the God of thy fathers, - of Abraham, Isma'il and Isaac, - the One (True) God: to Him we bow (in Islam)."

Al-Baqara 2 : 133

The same message was given to Moses:

﴿ إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدْنِي وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِذِكْرِي ﴾ [طه: ١٤]

"Verily, I am Allah: there is no god but I: so serve thou Me (only), and establish regular prayer for celebrating My praise.

Ta Ha 20 : 14

Jesus told the children of Israel to worship Allah his lord and their lord:

﴿ وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَلَأُحِلَّ لَكُم بَعْضَ الَّذِي حُرِّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَجِئْتُكُم بِآيَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ﴾ [آل عمران: ٥٠]

"(I have come to you), to attest the Law which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (before) forbidden to you; I have come to you with a Sign from your Lord. So fear Allah, and obey me.

Al-Imran 3 : 50

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴾ [آل عمران: ٥١]

"It is Allah Who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a Way that is straight."

Al-Imran 3 : 51

The rewards of Tawheed

- 1- To worship Allah alone with no partners is a pre-requisite for our deeds to be accepted and for our sins to be forgiven:

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ

فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا ﴾ [النساء: ٤٨]

Allah forgiveth not that partners should be set up with Him; but He forgiveth anything else, to whom He pleaseth; to set up partners with Allah is to devise a sin most heinous indeed.

An-Nesa'a 4 : 48

And:

﴿قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ ۖ فَمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ

رَبِّهِ ۖ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ ۚ أَحَدًا﴾ [الكهف: ١١٠]

Say: "I am but a man like yourselves, (but) the inspiration has come to me, that your God is one God: whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteousness, and, in the worship of his Lord, admit no one as partner.

Al-Kahf 18 : 110

In contrast, if we worship others besides Allah, our deeds will fail and we will be among the losers:

﴿وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكَ لَئِن أَشْرَكْتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ وَلَتَكُونَنَّ

مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ﴾ [الزمر: ٦٥]

But it has already been revealed to thee, - as it was to those before thee - "If thou wert to join (gods with Allah), truly fruitless will be thy work (in life), and thou wilt surely be in the ranks of those who lose (all spiritual good)."

Az-Zumar 39 : 65

2- Only those who worship Allah alone will enter paradise:

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:

(Whoever dies in a state of worshipping Allah alone, he will enter paradise; and whoever dies in a state of shirk (worshipping others besides Allah) he will enter Hell)

Narrated by Muslim

3- If we are pure in worshipping Allah and do invoke others besides Allah, we are then granted the intercession of prophet Muhammad (PBUH):

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) when asked said:

(The one most happy with my intercession on the Day of Judgment is the person who says: "There is no god except Allah" and such a person is sincere and truthful in his heart and soul)

Narrated by Bokhari

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