

Back to the Basics

The Pillars of Islaam

A row of five white wooden blocks with black letters spelling 'STUDY' is placed on a wooden surface. The background is blurred, showing stacks of books and a teal wall.

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Islaam has pillars that it is based upon. The pillar is the strongest flank of something, without which it cannot stand. The pillars of Islaam are like the columns of buildings and they are its strongest side which is needed for it to stand.



والبيت لا يبنى إلا بأعمدة
ولا عماد إذا لم ترس أوتاد

The house is not built except upon pillars and there can be no pillars if it is not anchored by pegs.



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المقدمة

Islaam is submission to Allaah with tawheed. Whoever refuses to submit to Allaah is arrogant and whoever submits to other than Allaah along with Him is a pagan. Islaam contradicts two affairs: arrogance and polytheism.

There are five pillars of Islaam that need to be established. The greatest of these pillars and the highest in status is the testimony that nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah. This is the foundation of the religion and the basis upon which it is built.

المقدمة

عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ بُنِيَ الْإِسْلَامُ عَلَى خَمْسٍ عَلَى أَنْ يُعْبَدَ اللَّهُ وَيُكْفَرَ بِمَا دُونَهُ
وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ وَحَجِّ الْبَيْتِ وَصَوْمِ رَمَضَانَ

8 صحيح البخاري كتاب الإيمان باب قول النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم بني الإسلام على خمس

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Ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “Islam is built upon five: to worship Allah and to disbelieve in what is worshiped besides him, to establish prayer, to give charity, to perform Hajj pilgrimage to the house, and to fast the month of Ramadan.”

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 8, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 16

﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ﴾ الأنبياء ٢٥

We never sent a messenger before you 'O Prophet' without revealing to him: "There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Me, so worship Me 'alone'."

The focus of the da'wah of the Messengers عليهم السلام, the essence of their message and the first statement their people heard from them. The very first thing they addressed their people with was:

﴿اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ﴾ الأعراف ٥٩


Worship Allah—you have no other god except Him.



Ash-Shahadah

A row of five white wooden blocks with black letters spelling 'STUDY' is placed on a wooden desk. In the background, there are several stacks of books, some with colorful covers, and a teal-colored book spine is visible. The lighting is soft, creating a warm and studious atmosphere.

STUDY

A stack of books is visible on the left side of the image, with wooden blocks spelling out the word 'STUDY' in the foreground. The background is a dark teal color with a subtle pattern.

Shaykh Ibn Baaz urged when teaching the two testimonies of faith requires explaining their meanings, along with clarifying the conditions of “nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah”

In the statement “nothing has the right to be worshiped” is the negation for everything worshipped besides Allaah, and “except Allaah” is the affirmation for the worship of Allaah alone, without partners.

The Shahadah is a statement built upon two great pillars and two strong foundations. There is no Tawheed of Allaah without both, the negation and affirmation.

The negation is general, applying to everything that is worshipped other than Allaah, whether it is an inanimate object, an animal, or other than that. The affirmation is specific, affirming that worship in every sense of the word is only for Allaah alone.

Whoever negates but does not affirm is not a person of Tawheed and whoever affirms but does not negate is not a person of Tawheed.





It has been narrated that it was said to Hasan al-Basri, “The people say that the person who says “Nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah” will enter paradise. He responded, “Whoever says, “Nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah” and fulfills its rights and obligations will enter paradise.” (pg. 64)

﴿فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَى﴾ البقرة ٢٥٦

So, whoever disbelieves in ṭāghūt and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it.

“The trustworthy handhold” means the statement “nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah.” Tawheed is to disbelieve in all false deities and to believe in Allaah.

شروط لا إله إلا الله

١- العلم

Knowledge which negates ignorance

٢- اليقين

Certainty which negates doubt

٣- الإخلاص

Sincerity which negates shirk

٤- الصدق

Truthfulness which negates untruthfulness

العلم

Knowledge which negates ignorance.

This is to have knowledge of the statement's meaning of negation and affirmation, and the reality of what it entails of the tawheed Allaah and singling Him out with worship, making the religion sincerely for Him and disbelieving in everything worshipped besides Him.



﴿وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ﴾ البينة ٥

And they were not commanded except to worship Allah,
[being] sincere to Him in religion.

﴿وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا﴾ النساء ٣٦

Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him

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Knowledge Which Negates Ignorance

العلم المنافي للجهل

﴿اعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ﴾ محمد ١٩

Correct knowledge with a sound understanding that removes a person from ignorance of this statement.

If a person utters this statement without knowledge of its meaning and what it entails, then he will not benefit from it.

So know, [O Muhammad], that there is no deity except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin¹ and for the believing men and believing women.



اليقين

Certainty which negates doubt and uncertainty.

This is the completeness and perfection of knowledge.

It is a must that this statement originates from a heart that is certain, which does not waiver or doubt.

If a person doubts or waivers, then it will not be accepted from him, regardless of how many times he says it.



Certainty Which Negates Doubt

اليقين المنافي للشك

﴿إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا﴾ الحجرات ١٥

The believers are only the ones who have believed in Allah and His Messenger and then doubt not

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الإخلاص

Sincerity, which negates shirk and showing off.

Sincerity in which is pure and unadulterated, containing no impurities of shirk, showing off or anything like this.

Sincerity in the worship of Allaah, the lord of all that exist, is for the worship to be pure and unadulterated, not mixed with anything.

الإخلاص

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: " قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى: أَنَا أَغْنَى الشُّرَكَاءِ عَنِ الشِّرْكِ؛ مَنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلًا أَشْرَكَ مَعِيَ غَيْرِي، تَرَكْتُهُ وَشِرْكُهُ". مسلم ١٦ ١٦

On the authority of Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him), who said that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

Allah (glorified and exalted be He) said: I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus, he who does an action for someone else's sake as well as Mine will have that action renounced by Me to him whom he associated with Me. It was related by Muslim

Sincerity Which Negates Shirk

الإخلاص المنافي للشرك

﴿وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ﴾ البينة ٥

And they were not commanded except to worship Allah,
[being] sincere to Him in religion.

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الصدق

Truthfulness which negates untruthfulness

This is for the person to say it truthfully from his heart.

Muadh رضي الله عنه narrated The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم made it a condition that this statement is sincere, and sincerity means that what he says with his tongue is the same in his heart. As for the one who says it with his tongue without believing in what it entails in his heart, then this person is a hypocrite.



Truthfulness Which Negates Untruthfulness

الصدق المنافي للكذب

قال الله تعالى

﴿وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَا هُمْ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ، يُخَادِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَمَا يُخَادِعُونَ إِلَّا أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ، فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ مَرَضًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْذِبُونَ﴾ البقرة ١٠-٨

“And there are some who say, “We believe in Allah and the Last Day,” yet they are not ‘true’ believers. They [think to] deceive Allah and those who believe, but they deceive not except themselves and perceive [it] not. In their hearts is disease, so Allah has increased their disease; and for them is a painful punishment because they [habitually] used to lie.”

Back to the Basics: Conditions of لا إله إلا الله

جزاكم الله خيرا وبارك الله في وقتكم آمين



STUDY

٥- المحبة

Love which negates hate

٦- الانقياد

Compliance which negates refusal

٧- القبول

Acceptance which opposes rejection

And disbelief in that which is worshipped
besides Allaah

٨- الكفر بما يعبد من دون الله

And disbelief in that which is worshipped
besides Allaah

المحبة

Love which negates hate. The person who says this statement must love Allaah وسبحانه وتعالى and His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم, the religion of Islaam and the Muslims who establish the commands of Allaah and observe the limits set by Him. They must hate what opposes the statement and what negates it.



Signs of Love

The sign that the slave of Allaah loves his Lord is that he submits to what Allaah loves, even if it opposes his desires and that he also hates what his Lord hates, even if his desires are inclined to it.

The slave of Allaah is loyal to whomever Allaah and His Messenger ﷺ are loyal to and he has enmity towards whomever has enmity towards Allaah.



Signs of Love

The slave of Allaah follows His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم, imitates his examples and accepts his guidance. All of these signs are the presence of the conditions of love. It is not possible to have love without its conditions being present.



Love Which Negates Hate

المحبة التي تنافي البغض

﴿وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَتَّخِذُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْدَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ﴾

البقرة ١٦٥

“And of mankind are some who take (for worship) others besides of Allaah as rivals (to Allaah). They love them as they Love Allaah. But those who believe love Allaah more (than anything else).

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عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " كَانَ مِنْ دُعَاءِ دَاوُدَ يَقُولُ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ وَالْعَمَلَ الَّذِي يُبَلِّغُنِي حُبَّكَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حُبَّكَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ نَفْسِي وَأَهْلِي وَمِنَ الْمَاءِ الْبَارِدِ " . قَالَ وَكَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا ذَكَرَ دَاوُدَ يُحَدِّثُ عَنْهُ قَالَ " كَانَ أَعْبَدَ الْبَشَرِ

الترمذي ٣٤٩٠

Abu Ad-Darda' narrated that: the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: “It used to be from the supplication of Dawud that he would say: ‘O Allah, indeed, I ask You for Your love and the love of those who love You, and for the action that will cause me to attain Your love, O Allah, make Your love more beloved to me than myself, my family and cold water (Allāhumma innī as’aluka ḥubbaka wa ḥubba man yuḥibbuka wal-`amalalladhī yuballighunī ḥubbak. Allāhummaj`al ḥubbaka aḥabba ilaiyya min nafsī, wa ahlī wa minal-mā’il-bārid) He said: “And when the Prophet ﷺ would mention Dawud, he would narrate about him, saying: “He was the best in worship out of all men.



عَنْ أَنَسٍ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ أَنْ يَكُونَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا، وَأَنْ يُحِبَّ الْمَرْءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ، وَأَنْ يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يَعُودَ فِي الْكُفْرِ كَمَا يَكْرَهُ أَنْ يُقْدَفَ فِي النَّارِ " .

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet ﷺ said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith:

1. The one to whom Allah and His Apostle becomes dearer than anything else.
2. Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake.
3. Who hates to revert to Atheism (disbelief) as he hates to be thrown into the fire."



الانقياد

Compliance which negates refusal. Compliance is submission and obedience to the command of Allaah

سبحانه وتعالى

Nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah means that the slave submits to Allaah and complies with His legislation and obeys His commands.



الانقياد

﴿وَمَنْ يُسَلِّمْ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ﴾

لقمان ٢٢

“And whoever submits his face [i.e., self] to Allah while he is a doer of good – then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold.”



الانقياد

The “most trustworthy handhold” mention in the previous ayah is the statement “nothing has the right to be worshipped except Allaah”



Allaah also says in Surah Zumar (54)

﴿وَأَنِيبُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَسْلِمُوا لَهُ﴾

And return [in repentance] to your Lord and submit to
Him

This means to comply with and obey His commands



STUDY

القبول

Acceptance which opposes rejection. Which means to accept this statement and what it entails, including tawheed of Allaah and making the religion sincerely for Him.



Acceptance Which Opposes Rejection

القبول الذي ينافي الرد

Allaah said about the pagans:

﴿إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ، وَيَقُولُونَ أَأَنْتَ لَتَارِكُو آلِهَتِنَا لِشَاعِرٍ مَّجْنُونٍ﴾

Indeed they, when it was said to them, "There is no deity but Allah," were arrogant. And were saying, "Are we to leave our gods for a mad poet?"

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الكفر بما يعبد من دون الله

Disbelieving in what is worshipped besides Allaah

Allaah said:

﴿فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ﴾ البقرة ٢٥٦

So whoever disbelieves in taghut and believes in Allah
has grasped the most trustworthy handhold



Disbelief in that Which is Worshipped Besides Allaah

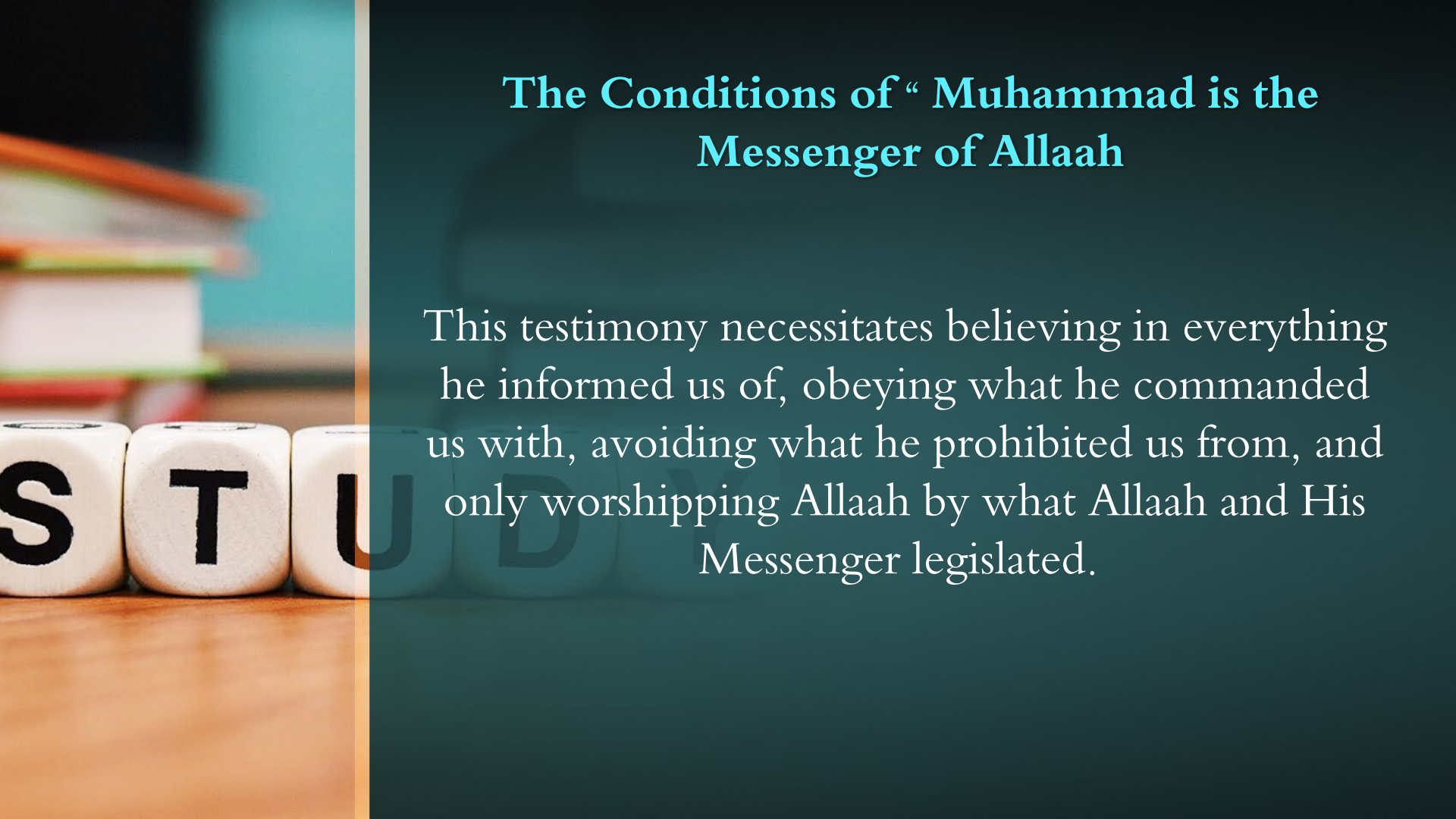
الكفر بما يعبد من دون الله

عَنْ أَبِي مَالِكٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَكَفَرَ بِمَا يُعْبَدُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ حَرَّمَ مَالُهُ وَدَمُهُ وَحِسَابُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ " مسلم ٢٣

It Is narrated on the authority of Abu Malik:

I heard the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ say: He who professed that there is no god but Allah and made a denial of everything which the people worship beside Allah, his property and blood became inviolable, and their affairs rest with Allah.

S T U D Y



The Conditions of “ Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah

This testimony necessitates believing in everything he informed us of, obeying what he commanded us with, avoiding what he prohibited us from, and only worshipping Allaah by what Allaah and His Messenger legislated.

The Conditions of “ Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah

﴿ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ﴾ سورة النساء ٦٤

Allaah says “And We did not send any messenger except to be obeyed by permission of Allaah.”

It is for the person to obey the Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم in what he commands, to avoid what he has prohibited, and to believe in what he has informed us of. This is because the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم came with three affairs: commands, prohibitions and information.

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The Conditions of “ Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah

﴿ فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴾ سورة
النساء ٦٥

Allaah says “But no, by your Lord, they will not [truly] believe until they make you, [O Muhammad], judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [full, willing] submission.”

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The Conditions of “ Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah

﴿ مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ ﴾ سورة النساء ٨٠

Allaah says “He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allaah”

S T U D Y

The Conditions of “ Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ، قَالَتْ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَنْ أَحَدَثَ فِي أَمْرِنَا هَذَا مَا لَيْسَ مِنْهُ فَهُوَ رَدٌّ " صحيح البخاري ومسلم

'A'isha reported Allaah's Messenger ﷺ saying:

He who innovates things in our affairs for which there is no valid (reason) (commits sin) and these are to be rejected.

The Conditions of “ Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah

Sincerity & Following the Messenger of
Allaah ﷺ

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Back to the Basics: Conditions of لا إله إلا الله

جزاكم الله خيرا وبارك الله في وقتكم آمين



STUDY