

Allaah the Perfect and Most High is not pleased that anyone else should be associated in worship with Him

المسألة الثانية: أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَرْضَى أَنْ يُشْرَكَ مَعَهُ أَحَدٌ غَيْرُهُ فِي عِبَادَتِهِ

The second matter: that Allaah is not pleased that anyone else should be associated with Him in worship of Him⁷

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This matter is connected to the first matter, because the first one was an explanation of the obligation of worshipping Allaah, and of following the Messenger *sallallaahu'alaihivasallam* and it is the meaning of the *shahaadatain* (two testifications), the meaning of the testification that, 'None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah', and the testification that, 'Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah'. And the second matter is that worship, if it has *shirk* mixed with it, then it will not be accepted, because it is essential that worship is done purely for the Face of Allaah the Mighty and Majestic.

So therefore whoever worships Allaah, and worships something else along with Him, then the worship of him is futile or null and void. Its presence is just the same as its absence, because worship will not benefit except with *ikblaas* (i.e. it is done purely for Allaah) and *tamheed*. So if it is mixed with *shirk* then it is corrupted, just as he the Most High said:

﴿وَلَقَدْ أَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكَ
لَئِن شَرَكْتَ لِحَبَطَنَ أَعْمَالِكَ وَلَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ﴾ الزمر: ٦٥

And it was revealed to you (O Muhammad) and to those Messengers who came before you, that if you associate anything with Allaah then all your deeds will be rendered null and void, and then you would certainly be from the losers. [39:65]

And the Perfect said:

﴿وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحَبَطَ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾ الأنعام: ٨٨

And if they committed *shirk* (associated anything along with Allaah) then whatever deeds they had done would be rendered null and void. [6:88]

So worship is not called worship except along with *tamheed*, just as the *salaah* (prayer) is not called *salaah* except along with purification. So if *shirk* is mixed with worship, it corrupts it and nullifies it, just as is the case with purification, if it is mixed with one of those things which break the *nudoo*' then that corrupts it and nullifies it, and therefore Allaah in many *ayaahs* of the Qur'aan joins the command to worship Him and the prohibition of *shirk*.

He the Most High said:

﴿وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا﴾ النساء: ٣٦

And worship Allaah and do not associate anything along with Him [4:36]

And He said:

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

And they were not commanded except that they should worship Allaah making the religion purely and sincerely for Him, upon the true religion of *tawheed*, turning away from *shirk*. [98:5]

And He the Mighty and Majestic said:

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

And We did not send before you a Messenger except that We revealed to him that none has the right to be worshipped except Me so therefore worship Me alone. [21:25]

So His saying, He the Most High:

﴿لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا﴾ الأنبياء: ٢٥

None has the right to be worshipped except Me [21:25]

This contains two matters: it contains a negation of *shirk* and it contains affirmation of worship for Allaah the Most High.

And He the Most High said:

﴿وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ﴾ الإسراء: ٢٣

And your Lord commanded that you should not worship except Him [17:23]

﴿وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ﴾ النحل: ٣٦

And We sent a Messenger to every nation, commanding worship Allaah and avoid at-Taaghoot (all false objects of worship). [16:36]

So He joined between the worship of Allaah and avoiding the Taaghoot (all the false objects of worship), because the worship of Allaah will not be worship except with avoiding the Taaghoot, and that is *shirk*. He the Most High said:

﴿فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا
وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ﴾ البقرة: ٢٥٦

So whoever rejects the Taaghoot and truly believes in Allaah, and that Allaah alone has the right to be worshipped, then he has clung on to the firmest hand-hold which will never break [2:256]

So truly believing in Allaah is not sufficient except with rejection of at-Taaghoot, otherwise the *musbrikoon* (the people of *shirk*) they believed in Allaah, however they associated others in worship with Him:

﴿وَمَا يُؤْمِنُ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بِاللَّهِ إِلَّا وَهُمْ مُشْرِكُونَ﴾ يوسف: ١٠٦

And most of them do not believe except that they associate others in their worship of Allaah [12:106]

So He the Perfect makes it clear that they had belief in Allaah, however they corrupted it with *shirk* (association of others in worship of Allaah), and Allaah's refuge is sought.

This is meaning of the saying of the Shaikh, that whoever worshipped Allaah and obeyed the Messenger, then he may not associate anything in worship along with Allaah, because Allaah is not pleased that anything be associated with Him in His worship.

He *sallallahu'alaihiwasallam* said in that which he reported from his Lord, the Mighty and Majestic, Allaah the Most High said:

أنا أغنى الشركاء عن الشرك ، من عمل عملاً أشرك معي فيه غيري تركته وشركه

“I am the One having no need of any association of worship. Whoever does an action in which he associates anyone else along with Me, then I will abandon him and his *shirk*.”¹²

So there are people who pray the *salaah*, and they bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah, and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah, and they do that plentifully, and they fast and they perform the *Hajj*. However, they make supplication to tombs, and they perform worship of Al-Hasan and Al-Husain and Al-Badawee and so-and-so and so-and-so, and they call for relief from the dead. Those

¹² Reported by Muslim as a hadeeth of Aboo Huraira *radiyallahu'anhu*.

people their worship is false and futile, because they have associated others with Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, they have mixed worship with shirk so their deeds are futile and nullified, until they single out Allaah the Mighty and Majestic with worship and they make worship purely for Him and they abandon the worship of everything else besides Him.

Otherwise they will be upon nothing, so it is obligatory to draw attention to this, because Allaah is not pleased that anything should be associated with Him in His worship, anyone no matter who it is. He the Perfect is not pleased that anyone should be associated with Him no matter who it may be, so that no-one should say, "I take the beloved servants of Allaah, the righteous people and the good people as intercessors. I do not worship the idols and images as they used to do in the times of ignorance. I only take these ones as intercessors, I do not worship them." So we say to him: This was the saying of the people in the times of ignorance, they took them as intercessors with Allaah because they were righteous people and beloved servants from the beloved servants of Allaah. But Allaah is not pleased with this.

لَا مَلَكٌ مُّقْرَّبٌ وَلَا نَبِيٌّ مُرْسَلٌ

Neither any angel brought near, nor any Messenger sent.⁸

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His saying, “Neither any angel brought near, nor any Messenger sent”: the angel brought near – this is the most excellent ones from the angels such as Jibreel *‘alaihis-salaam*, and the bearers of the Throne, and those around it, and the angels drawn close to Allaah the Perfect and Most High. So despite the closeness of their place to Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, and their drawing close to Him with worship and their status with Allaah, if anyone were to associate them along with Allaah in worship then Allaah will not be pleased that an angel drawn close is associated with Him, nor any Prophet sent, such as Muhammad *sallallaahu‘alaihiwasallam*, and ‘Eesaa and Nooh and Ibraaheem, those Messengers who are firmest in resolve. He is not pleased that anyone should be associated with Him even if it be one of the most excellent of the angels, even if it be one of the most excellent of mankind.

So He is not pleased that anyone should be associated along with Him from the angels nor from the Messengers. So how about other than them from the beloved servants of Allaah and righteous people, so other than the angels and the Messengers it will be even more the case that Allaah is not pleased that they be associated with Him in worship. And this is a refutation of those people who claim that they take the righteous people and the beloved servants of Allaah as intercessors with Allaah in order to draw them closer to Allaah, just as the people of the days of ignorance used to say:

﴿ مَا نَعْبُدُهُمْ إِلَّا لِيُقَرِّبُونَا إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَى ﴾ الزمر: ٣

We do not worship them except so that they should draw us closer to Allaah (by interceding for us with Allaah) [39:3]

Otherwise they believed that those ones whom they took, they do not create and they do not give provision and they do not possess power over death nor life nor resurrection. Rather their intention was just to take them as intermediaries with Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, and therefore they directed some worship towards them to draw them closer to them, so they made sacrifices for the graves, and they made vows for the graves and they supplicated for aid and called upon the dead.