

# Chapter: To feed others is a part of Islam [12]: narrated `Abdullah ibn `Amr:

أَنَّ رَجُلًا، سَأَلَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَيُّ الْإِسْلَامِ خَيْرٌ قَالَ " تُطْعِمُ الطَّعَامَ، وَتَقْرَأُ السَّلَامَ عَلَى مَنْ عَرَفْتَ وَمَنْ لَمْ تَعْرِفْ "

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Feeding the poor and those in need. Relieving them of their hunger.

This is from the characteristics of Islam.\* Allaah encourages this.

“أَيُّ الْإِسْلَامِ خَيْرٌ”

i.e. which is best

(tafde<sub>l</sub>)

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Questioner knows about various deeds in Islam – asking what’s best

5 pillars – already knew that he was aware of this. Tailored his (ﷺ) advice.

Other examples – advise me... (?)

...say I believe in Allah

...don’t get angry

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Feed – poor and needy

Maybe better than giving money. Huge reward in warding off their hunger.

“Protect yourself from the Fire even if only with half a date”

Example of Salaf – would leave food at their door anonymously.



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Give Salaam to those you know and those you don't

Hadeeth – “from the signs of the Hour is that people will only give Salaam to those whom they know”

(Supererogatory; Cf previous hadith)







Chapter: to wish for your brother what you wish for yourself is a part of faith  
[13]: narrated Anas:

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Is this an obligatory or supererogatory part of faith (?)

Obligatory

Reward if you do it and sin if you don't

Supererogatory

Reward if you do it and no sin if you don't



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Give up what you have??

Wish and want the same for your brother.

Don't selfishly want only yourself to have the blessing

(e.g. ibn Abbaas, ash-Shaafi`ee)

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Also: hate for them what you would hate for yourself

“The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever.”

[Bukhari and Muslim]



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“none of you will have faith” (?)

This phrase only for something which is obligatory (or obligatory to leave something haram)

“he is not one of us who...”

Heart should be free of any kind of jealousy, selfishness, envy etc.

