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The train of Ramadan: From Heedless to Sincerity

Sincerity : the lost jewel

Allah the Almighty said in Surat 98 ALBAYYINAH (The Clear Proof) v. 5.

" Yet they are ordered to do nothing more than to serve Allah, to worship Him alone with sincerity and purity of faith, to attend to their prayers and to pay the Zakat. That is surely the Faith of the upright nation i.e the right Faith."

In this verse, Allah is Teaching us that: The religion is clear and the faith is simple throughout the ages. It is simply the worship of Allah alone, sincere and pure submission to Him, detachment from polytheism, the establishment of regular worship and the payment of the prescribed alms.

It is the sincerity which is the Fundamental base for the faith our. And to know of the hadith of prophet Mo hamed (S. A. W)

"Whoever leaves this world with sincerity to Allah Almighty, the One and Only, and Performs the prayers and pays the Zakah, will die in the pleasure of Allah."

To clarify the meaning of Sincerity, we will read from Surat AL Zumar (1-2) :-

1. "The revelation of this book (The Quran) is from Allah, the All-mighty - the All-Wise."

2. "Verily, We have sent down the Book to you (O Mohamed ﷺ) in truth; So worship Allah (alone), and do your deeds sincerely for Allah's sake only".

The address is to prophet Mohamed (S.A.W), the recipient of the book (The Quran) and to his followers: to worship Allah alone, sincere in our devotion and to conduct our life on this basis. It is a complete system, starting with a firm belief that is translated into a way of life for both the individual and the community.

i.e. A Sincere believer in Allah's Oneness submits only to Allah, bowing his head to none other, and asking nothing from others for him, Only Allah is the Powerful. Indeed, all other creatures are weak unable to do him or themselves, either harm or good.

3 It is Allah alone who gives, bestows favours or withholds them. What is the use, then, of turning to anyone other than Allah for help when all are weak, and Only Allah has all the Power?

A Sincere believer recognizes the unity of the system that conducts all affairs in the universe, realizes that, the code of Living which Allah has chosen for mankind is planned to achieve harmony between him and all of Allah's creatures i.e. all creatures are friendly towards him so he does not hurt, destroy or waste any one or anything. He is always in a peace regarding A life.

A sincere believer will obey all the commands of Allah ^{sake} will have all his actions and behaviour as a translation of the rules of the Quran and the Sunna of prophet Mohamed (S.A.W).

So, It was the declaration of prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) outlining the importance of sincerity, as mentioned in Surat 39 ALZumar V. 11- 16.

11- Say (O Mohamed ^ﷺ): Verily, I am commanded to worship Allah (Alone) by obeying Him and doing my deeds sincerely for His sake only "

12. And I am commanded this in order that I may be the first of muslims.

13- Say (O Mohamed): Verily, If I disobey my Lord, I am afraid of the torment of a great day 14- Say (O Mohamed): Allah (Alone) I worship

by doing my deeds sincerely for His sake. 15- So, worship what you

like besides Him. Say (O Mohamed): The losers are those who

will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Verily, that will be a manifest loss. 16- They shall have a covering of fire from above and beneath them, As Allah is frightening His slaves (My slaves, Fear Me!!)

This declaration by the prophet outlining what he is commanded to do with regard to worship, devotion and submission, is very important in keeping the belief in Allah's oneness pure, as Islam wants it to be.

The declaration was made once more, with the prophet's announcement that he will stick to his way, announcing:

I am addressing all worship to Allah and submitting myself to him, As for you, you can follow any way you want, worship whomever you wish, but this will lead you to the worst imaginable loss, a loss of oneself as one goes to hell.

According to the above, we can define sincerity

According to Surat AL-AN-AM 6 V. 162-163-164

162- "Say (O Mohamed (S.A.W)): 'Verily, my salat (prayer), my sacrifice, my living and my dying, are for Allah, the Lord all that exist.'"

163- "He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded

“and I am the first of the muslims.

164. Say “ Shall I seek a Lord other than Allah, while He is the Lord of all things? No person earns any (sin) except against himself (only). and no bearer of burdens shall bear the burden of another. Then unto your Lord is your return, so He will tell you that wherein you have been differing.”

- This expresses complete dedication and submission to Allah in the most absolute of terms: it combines obligatory and voluntary prayers, life and death. All is dedicated to God alone, the Lord of all the worlds.
- “ Am I to seek a Lord other than Allah to be my master who conducts my affairs and determines my course in life? ”
- Am I to seek a Lord other than Allah, when I am accountable to Him for my intentions and actions? ”
- Am I to seek a Lord other than Allah, when this whole universe is in His hand, and both you and ~~me~~ I

are sustained by Him?

• Am I to seek a Lord other than Allah when to Him we must return and face His reckoning of all that over which we are in dispute.

• Am I to seek a Lord other than Allah, when He is the One who grants grace and forgiveness to all those who repent of their misdeeds?

• Am I to seek a Lord other than Allah, when am in a test whether I am worshiping Him truly or not?

• Am I to seek a Lord other than Allah, when I have all these indications, inspirations and evidence pointing to the truth of Allah, being the only Lord of the universe?

This is the reality of sincerity which is that you live your life having one goal: to please Allah الذو الجلال والإكرام
i.e. to obey His commands and to have the reward only

from Him. i.e. I am a servant only to Allah, accordingly my reward is only from Him.

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