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## Messages of hope, (7)

### The most important goal in life.

- Today wishaAllah, we continue to Learn about the verses of the Quran related to "worship of Allah".

Surat 29 (V16, V56)

(S) 36 - √ 61

(S) 39 - √ 2-11-13

(S) 40 - √ 40-60-65-66,

S 43 - √ 64.

(S) 51 - √ 56

(S) 53 - √ 62

(S) 71 - √ 13 Noah

(S) 98 - √ 5

These <sup>(some of)</sup> are the verses of the Quran which are related to "worship of Allah".

Let's Learn its tafsir and lessons.

→ 1 = Several messengers, One message

Surat Hud (11) - V 2-25 - 50-61 = 84

Surat (43), V 64 - Surat 20-U (14) - (Surat 29, V 16)

It is the message of Prophet Nuh - up to Prophet Mohamed  
i.e All the Prophets.

(S.A.W) (A). Submission to Allah Alone

B. Worshipping Him without the association of any partners.

These two principles means that: all authority

in human life belongs to Allah alone. This

(2) is the fundamental principle for divine faith.

→ 2 - The first: to submit to Allah.

Surat AL-Zumar 39 (V.2)

The address here is to the Prophet; the recipient of

the book as it is bestowed from on high. A call

and command to worship Allah alone and with

Sincerity.

Surat Al-Zumar 39 (V. 11).

A declaration by the Prophet outlining what he is

commanded to do with regard to worship, devotion and submission.

In this respect, the Prophet (S.A.W) is one of Allah's servants (slaves). He does not exceed that position. In their servitude to Allah, all people stand in one rank, while Allah has His sublime position over all creation.

Thus the two concepts of God head and servitude are well established and clearly distinguished.

#### → 3. Surat Al Fatiha V. 5. The Most important declaration

- . A declaration by every believer that: You alone we worship. 17 times every day, the believer must repeat this fact that: Only Allah is The One to be worshipped by All.

. It is mentioned in the first Surat of the Quran. The Creator. after mentioning the names of Allah and that All Praise is to Him - Then This fundamental fact as a clarification of its importance fact

## Lessons from the verses of "Worship of Allah"

first : - Worship of Allah is the goal of our creation

In Surat (51) - V 56 - Allah said :-

" And I (Allah) created not the Jinn and mankind  
" except that : They may worship me (alone)

The Ultimate purpose of our creation (all mankind and jinn)  
is to worship Allah alone with no partners.

∴ In life there is

: ① The Master (Allah) + slaves (All humans)  
The One

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: ② The duty of all the slaves is to worship The Master  
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The duty ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ① to obey the Master,  
a reality which will make obedience to Allah easier because  
it is a must. ③ The reward of all slaves is to please The Master

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The reward ~ ~ ~ is from the Master.

④ None of the slaves can cause benefit or

prevent harm because they are just

slaves (no power - no will).

⑤ The only One can cause benefit or prevent

harm is The Master - The One because

(The basic of the feeling) He has all the power and the Will.  
of freedom) 7): No reason to fear, deceive or lie regarding the

relation with any of mankind as they are all just slaves who have no power. (irrespective of their position.. all are equal). This is the basics for the equality and justice between human beings.

b) As slaves, our deeds are up to the Commands of Our Master i.e. obedience of Him. For example as a Muslim wife, I am commanded to live my marriage as an act of worship i.e. to be a devoutly obedient to my husband. My reward is from my Master, The Lord, Allah. If my husband appreciate my good behaviour and deeds towards him, this is good, but if does not, still this attitude will not stop me from living my marriage as an act of worship to my Master.

The unexpected result is out of my equation, It is related to Allah's Decree which I accept with patience and perseverance

Conclusion: The goal of our creation is to worship Allah

Q: How can we achieve this purpose and fulfill  
this goal?

A: Many people think that ibaadah (worship) only  
refers to a number of rituals that Allah has  
Commanded should be done at certain times -  
such as prayer, fasting and hajj - and that  
is the end of the matter. But it is not as  
these people think.

How long does it take to do these rituals of  
worship every day and night? Indeed, how  
long it takes in person's life time? What  
about the rest of his life time? What  
about the rest of his energy?

The answer is that ibaadah: worship of  
Allah includes all words and deeds that

Allah loves and is pleased with, both inward and outward.

Forms of worship:

When a believer strives in the Land seeking provision, he is worshipping Allah, because Allah commanded him to do so.

"So walk in the path thereof and eat of His provision. And to Him will be the Resurrection (Surat Al-Mulk 67.115).

When the believer sleeps so as to gather strength to worship Allah. One of the Prophet (S.A.W) companion said: I seek reward for my sleep just as I seek reward for praying qiyam (night Prayer).

Indeed, the believer is not content, unless his pleasure in eating-drinking and marital relations is counted in the scale of his good deeds.

3- Seeking Knowledge is one of the highest types of worship.

The Prophet told his companions that "

"Seeking knowledge is a "religious" duty on every muslim". In another saying, he said

"Seeking knowledge for one hour is better than praying for 70 years".

4- Social cooperation are part of worship when done for the sake of Allah.

"Receiving your friend with a smile is a type of charity, helping a person to load his animal is a charity - Removing an obstacle from the road is charity".

So the definition of worship in Islam is one which is comprehensive, including everything perceives, thinks, intends, feels, says and does.

So we can define worship as: anything believed

felt outdone as an act of obedience to Allah.

This Islamic understanding of worship allows the whole of one's life to be an act of worship, as long as the objective of that life is : "The Pleasure of Allah", which is achieved by doing the good and refraining from the evil .

A person can turn everyday activities into acts of worship deserving of Allah's Reward

by following certain conditions :-

(1) The action must be accompanied by the proper intention i.e only for the sake of Allah i.e to obey Allah and to receive His Reward  
Prophet Mohammed (S.A.W) said

Actions are but by intentions, and a person gets only what he intends"

This means the purity of the intention regarding

- (A) the reason for the act or the saying
- (B) the reward ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Both must be for Allah and from Allah only.

2) The action must be <sup>lawful</sup> ~~good~~ in and of itself i.e. not prohibited.

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Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

"Allah is pure and good and He accepts only what is pure and good"

for example, to work in a Riba bank can't be an act of worship to Allah, Who prohibits Riba.

. to sell intoxicants, then to give charity of its money, is not an act of worship.

3) The dictates of Islamic Law must

be completely observed. Deception, and oppression must be avoided. He who deceives us is not one of us)

D) The activity should not keep the person from performing his or her religious obligations

"O you who believe, do not let your wealth and children distract you from remembrance of Allah" Quran(63.9).

for example working from 6 AM to 6 PM while forgetting about prayers at time , but just praying them at the end of the day , after returning home , these hours of work ( 12 hours ) can't be an act of worship so long they keep you from performing your prayer.

Again caring for the baby , cooking , cleaning the house and sleeping can't be an act of worship if you delay your <sup>forget about</sup> prayers or <sup>neglect</sup> recitation of the Quran because these actions occupy your time .

When one lives their life fulfilling those aspects which Allah has commanded - leaving those things that Allah has forbidden, so their life from morning until evening is turned into worship for which they will be rewarded.

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Allah said in Surat 6: 162

This expresses complete dedication, with every pulse and every life movement. It is a form of submission to Him (Allah) in the most absolute of terms. All is dedicated to Allah, who controls and sustains them all and conducts and determines all their affairs.

→ An important fact which we must remember is that,

Worship, obedience of Allah and servitude to Him are not similar to slavery because they actually liberates human from all types of subjugation. A person break free from the chains of society, peers, and family and liberates him to please

## Worship & Servitude

Worship differs from servitude in that it must be coupled with Love - trust and reverence.

No act of obedience is regarded as an act of worship unless it is coupled by these feelings.

For this reason, it must be emphasized that: Worship is a right which is so only for Allah. Islam adheres to the strictest form of monotheism and does not tolerate that any act of worship be directed towards other than Allah.

If it is Allah alone who demands our obedience and it is Allah alone who deserves our love, trust and reverence

Allah said in (Quran 19:93).

It is One True Lord. This is true freedom that brings about security and contentment.

Worship to Allah is the ultimate source of freedom.

InshaAllah next week we will learn from

The verses of the Quran:

The worship of shaytan.

The reward of living our life as an act  
of worship.

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