



Mudhakkirah al-Hadeeth an-Nabawee

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The Consequence of Supplicating to Other than Allaah, the Most High

From Ibn Masood (radiallaahu anhu) that the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said:

“Whoever dies while still supplicating to other than Allaah as a rival (to Him), will enter the Fire.”

Reported by al-Bukhaari¹

And from Jaabir (radiallaahu anhu) that the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) said:

“Whoever meets Allaah without associating anything with Him will enter paradise and whoever meets Him associating anything with Him will enter the Fire.”

Reported by Muslim².

The Reporters of the Ahadeeth

Abdullaah bin Masood bin Ghaafil bin Habeeb Al-Hudhalee, Abu Abdur-Rahmaan, from the Saabiqoon Al-Awaloon (the first and foremost to embrace Islaam) and one of the eminent scholars from the Companions. His virtues are numerous and Umar appointed him ruler of Kufah. He died in Madinah in 32AH.

¹ Kitaab ut- Tafseer no. 4497

² Kitaab ul-Imaan no. 151-152

Jaabir bin Abdullaah bin Amr bin Hiraam, Al-Ansaari, then As-Salami, the Companion, son of a Companion. He fought 19 battles with the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam). He died in Madinah aged 70.

The Meaning of the Ahadeeth

The hadeeth explains the status of supplication and that it is from the greatest of the types of worship and from the greatest of the rights of Allaah, such that if the slave directs it to other than Allaah, then he becomes a mushrik. He has taken a rival and equal for Allaah in Uloohiyah and in His right to be worshipped alone. And this is rebellion against Allaah and opposition to His Prophets and denial of His Messengers whose dawah and message all agreed upon the obligation to single out Allaah alone for worship, and the greatest aspect of worship is supplication.

The Messenger of Allaah said: "Supplication is worship."

And Allaah, the Most High, said

"Invoke your Lord with humility and in secret. He likes not the aggressors."
[7:55]

And He, the Most High, said

"And your Lord said: "Invoke Me, I will respond to your invocation...."
[40:60]

And He said, prohibiting supplication to other than Him:

"And invoke not besides Allaah any such that will neither profit you nor hurt you, but if you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Dhalimoon (transgressors, wrongdoers)." [10:106]

And He said:

"So invoke not with Allaah another ilaah (diety) lest you should be among those who receive punishment." [42:213]

So calling upon other than Allaah acknowledges Uloohiyah to the one called upon. And Allaahs refuge is sought.

He, the Most High, said reprimanding the Mushrikeen:

“This is because when Allaah alone was invoked, you disbelieved, but when partners were joined to Him, you believed. So the judgement is only with Allaah, the Most High, the Most Great!

It is He Who shows you His ayaat and sends down provision for you from the sky. And none remembers but those who turn in repentance.

So call you upon Allaah making worship pure for Him, however much the disbelievers may hate it.” [40:12-14]

And He, the Most High, said, giving the ruling of misguidance and failure upon whoever supplicates to other than Allaah:

“And who is more astray than one who invokes besides Allaah, such as will not answer him till the Day of Resurrection, and who are unaware of their invocations to them? And when the people are gathered they (the false deities) will become their enemies and deny their worshipping.” [46:5-6]

And He, the Most High, said:

Such is Allaah, your Lord; His is the kingdom. And those whom you invoke or call upon instead of Him own not even a *Qitmir* (the thin membrane over a date stone).

If you invoke them, they hear not your call; and if they were to hear, they could not grant it (your request) to you. An on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them. And none can inform you like Him Who is the All-Knower. [35:13-14]

And from these texts and their likes from the noble Qur’aan and the purified Sunnah, the importance of du’aa (supplication) and its status in the Islaamic aqeedah becomes clear to the one whose vision has been opened, his heart enlightened and his chest expanded by Allaah.

And due to this status, Allaah has promised that whoever does not submit to Him through supplication will enter the Fire, humiliated and disgraced. So He said:

“Verily those who are too proud to worship Me will enter the Fire in humiliation.” [40:60]

And the one who supplicates to other than Allaah has been promised the Fire, as occurs in the Hadeeth, *“Whoever dies while still supplicating to other than Allaah as a rival (to Him) will enter the Fire.”*

The Benefits of the Hadeeth

- 1) The status of supplication and that it is the greatest of all the types of worship of Allaah.
- 2) Supplication to other than Allaah is major shirk and great oppression.
- 3) The one who supplicates to other than Allaah has only the Fire as recompense, if he dies upon that.