

Love of Allah

In the name of Allah Most gracious Most Merciful.

All thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and prayers be upon His messenger Muhammad.

Dear believers, Today's talk is about is about another condition of being a Muslim or another condition that is associated with the testimony of: "No God but Allah". This condition is: the **love of Allah**. For the greatest thing a human can get in this life; or the next life is to be loved by Allah. That is the ultimate aim for which all true and sincere strivers are competing for. To be loved by Allah; is heaven on earth. It is the joy, strength and life of the heart. Hearts will only do well, and can have joy, pleasure, peace and tranquility, only by knowing Allah. Knowing Allah is through love of Allah.

Love of Allah is the light, the recovery, the health and the happiness. Love of Allah is what carries people to lands they wouldn't otherwise be reaching except with great effort and fatigue. Love of Allah elevates people many levels for which without they can not reach. Believe this: those who got the love of Allah got the best of this life and the next.

The messenger (PPBU) said: {Three features; whoever possessed them will find the taste of faith: (1st) That Allah and his messenger are more loved to him/her than anybody or

anything else, (2nd) and to love someone for no reason other than for Allah's sake. (3rd) and would hate to go back into being a disbeliever, after being saved by Allah, as one would hate to be thrown into a fire.}

Allah created all creatures to worship Him. And worship can only be through loving Him, and submission to Him and abiding by His commands. Ebn-ALKay-yem said: "rightfully, worship is: loving Allah. In fact; it means specifically distinguishing Allah with love. All the love should be to Allah, and no one else is to be loved except Him. You only love others for Allah or for the sake of Allah. Just as one would love the prophets and angels; One's love for them is a complement of loving Allah, but is not the same as loving Allah"

Love is an inspiration to worship. Allah created all hearts naturally to be in peace and in love with Him alone. This who loves anything or anyone else as he/she loves Allah; then they would have taken a peer or a rival or an equal or an associate with Allah. Loving other than Allah is an ultimate sin of making association with Allah (or Shirk). Allah says: {and some people make peers with Allah, love them as they love Allah; while the faithful have greater love to Allah} 2:156. This shows that loving Allah is one of the main required conditions of faith. Loving Allah is the root of faith and its main foundation. Indeed, it is the root of all acts of faith and religion. Again Ebn-Taymiah said: "one of the reasons that would generate the love of an individual to Allah is all the thinking of all graces and mercies which Allah bestows upon him or her". The

more the individual pursues and investigates the seen and unseen mercies of Allah; the more love for Allah one will have in his/her heart. All the good that occurs to an individual only comes from Allah. In fact Allah's goodness to His slave happens in each and every moment of the human's life, and with each breath he/she takes. *{All thanks be to Allah}*.

One of the factors which will achieve the love of an individual to his God is reciting, studying and meditating the magnificent Koran. In fact there is nothing more beneficial than reciting the Koran with thoughts and analysis put into it. Reciting and loving the Koran is a cause which leads to the love of Allah towards His slave. One of the companions of the Messenger; kept reciting the chapter "Al-Ikhlās" in the Koran. He loved it. The messenger (PPBU) said: *{Tell him that Allah loves him.}*

Another factor that brings Allah's love to His slave is to constantly utter or speak His name. The messenger said: *{Allah (May He be exalted) says: I am with my slave wherever he/she speaks of Me and whenever his/her lips move with Me}*. Allah also says: *{Speak of me and I will speak of you, and give thanks to me and do not be disbelievers.}* 2:152. So, you can see that your share of Allah's love is directly relative to how much you speak of Him.

Another way for the slave to win Allah's love is through the voluntary prayers (Nafilas). The messenger (PPBU) said: *{Allah says: This who carries enmity to a supporter of mine then consequently I am in a declared war against him. And My slave*

continues making offerings to me with voluntary prayers until I get to love him (or her). And if I love him then I become the hearing with which he hears, and the sight with which he sees, and the hand with which he fights, and the foot with which he walks. If he asks me, I definitely give, and if he asks for my help I definitely help}

Another factor that brings the love of Allah to the individual is following and conforming to the messenger's example in words, deeds and general living. Allah; talking to His messenger (*PPBU*) says: {Say if you did love Allah then follow me; and Allah will love you, and He will forgive your sins; For Allah is forgiving and merciful} 3:31. The love of Allah to His slave is conditional to following the guidance of the messenger in public and privacy, external visible acts or internal within the heart, and believing in what he says, and obeying his orders, and responding to his call. One is not considered to love the messenger if they do not live by his example. And consequently Allah will not love such a person. Remember that the reward is of the same type as that of the act.

Every person who is disobedient to Allah, who disobeys His commands, and commits His prohibitions can not claim love for Allah. If he make such a claim then it is definitely false. Allah has put as a condition for loving Him is to show evidence of that. The evidence is obeying Him. Logically and legally, if no evidence is made to support a claim then it remains just a claim.

All love, praise and thanks be to Allah.