

Traits of the slaves of the Rahman.

6 - Believing in one god

In the name of Allah most gracious most merciful

The slaves of the Rahman as described in the Koran, those who are contented with Allah and Allah is contented with them. Allah describes them in chapter (surat) Al-Forkan when He says: {And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are:

Those who walk on the earth in humility, and;

When the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace!" and;

Those who spend the night in adoration of their Lord prostrate and stand;

Those who say, "Our Lord! avert from us the wrath of Hell, for its wrath is indeed an grievous affliction. Evil indeed it is; as an abode and as a place to rest in" and;

Those who, when they spend, are not extravagant and not stingy, but are moderate and in balance between extremes }

That is their positive characteristics. But, a religion is commandments to do things and commandments to refrain from other things. So, if that was how they deal and handle what Allah's commands to them do, then how do they deal with Allah's commandments to refrain from doing things. And the next Aya deals with that when Allah says: *{Those who invoke not, with Allah, any other god, nor slay such life as Allah has made sacred except for a just cause, nor commit adultery; and any that does this meets punishment.}* Looking at the first part of this Aya Allah differentiates between His slaves and those who associate partners with Allah (polytheists). Those who associate partners with Allah they would not think much in blood shedding, and in indulging into their sexual desires and instincts.

The first part of the verse (aya) describes the slaves of the Rahman that they do not seek nor address any one other than Allah when making supplications (Duaa) and requests. For a supplication is considered to be the fundamental part of worship, indeed it is worship.

The messenger of Allah (PPBU) said: {Duaa or supplication is worship}. Allah says: {and your Lord said "call me (with supplication) and I shall answer you". Those who are proud beyond worshipping me shall enter Hell with shame}. In this Aya Allah replaced the word worship with the word supplication.

For those who do not call others in association with Allah, they worship only Allah, and consider Holiness is to Allah alone. And make no requests or supplication to anyone but Allah. They (monotheists) kneel down to no one but Allah, Their Lord is Allah alone. Prophet Loqman advising his son in the Koran in Surat Luqman 13-31 says: {And as Loqman said preaching to his son: "My son, make no associates with Allah. For Associating with Allah is the highest wrong-doing or a great oppression"}. And in another location in the Koran Allah says: {For Allah does not forgive to make an association with him, and shall forgive any less than that to whoever He wishes }

The Messenger of Allah (PPBU) was asked: "Which sin is the biggest of all", He said: "To associate a rival with Allah who created you" He was asked "Then what is next?" He said: "To kill your child fearing that they would take share in food or otherwise." He was asked "Then what is next?" and he said: "to commit adultery with your neighbours wife". This supports the aya in the Koran that says: {Those who invoke not, with Allah, any other god, nor murder such life as Allah has made sacred except for a just cause, nor commit adultery; and whoever does this meets punishment. }

The slaves of the Rahman single out Allah for worship, and for asking for help. They understood the meaning in Al-Fatiha chapter of the verses that state: {إِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ، وَإِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ - Thee (it is you) do we worship, and Thine (your) aid we seek.} The prophet of Allah Hood in the Koran says: { . . . and my success (in my task) can only come from Allah. In Him I trust, and unto Him I look.} 11-88. to worship Allah alone, be remorseful to Allah, seeking help only from Allah, This is the truth of monotheism.

Monotheism is of two types:

1) The first is oneness of God. That is; believing that there is no other god but Allah. No creator, no sustainer except Allah. He created the heavens and earth and He owns them. This type of monotheism was accepted by the people of Quraish and other Arabs who they accepted that Allah is the lord of the heavens and earth. Yet despite this belief; they still associated other gods with Allah. They worshipped statues, idols, the sun, the moon etc.

2) The second type of Monotheism is worshipping no other god but Allah. Not to pray, not to seek help, and not to have hope or fear except from Allah alone. This is the monotheism for which Allah sent his messengers. What misguided humanity; is not disbelieving in god altogether; but making with Allah other partners and idols .

All messages of all messengers had this call: { . . . people, worship Allah; you do not have another god besides Him }. Also Allah says: {and We sent amongst every people a messenger in order to worship Allah and to abstain from evil }

The messenger used to finish all his letters sent to other kings and rulers and heads of the Christian belief; with this phrase of the Koran: {Say: "O People of the Book! come to common terms as between us and you: That we worship none but Allah. that we associate no partners with him; that we erect not, from among ourselves, Lords and patrons other than Allah." If then they turn back, say ye: "Bear witness that we (at least) are Muslims (bowing to Allah's Will). }

The Nimrood is an example when he said "I can give life and give death" and issued his orders to kill two men. Then he had one man executed, and gave a decree to the other man and let him go.

And Ferro who claimed to be God, when he said to his people: {I am your elevated Lord} and he also said: {and I know not of another god for you other than I }

There are many who claim to be gods without saying it in words, but in actions. They want to humiliate people and want people to worship them. They order people and want them to obey. They point at them and they pay

attention. And they lay down laws and rules for people and they follow. They legalise the Haram for them, and they forbid the Halal. The people never say "No" or "why?"

Auday ebn Hatem (عُدَيُّ بْنُ حَاتِمٍ) was a Christian, came to the messenger PPBU and read this verse from the Koran: {They took their rabbis and priests and the Messiah the son of Mariam; as gods apart from Allah. Yet they were commanded only to worship one god, No other god but Him; praise him above their claims of partnership}. Hatem said "They do not worship them". The messenger PPBU said: "Yes, they do, they forbade them what was allowed to them, and they made allowed what was forbidden to them, and they followed them. That is worshipping them". This is a type of worship; accepting some people to put what they wish as law for you. Allowing or forbidding what they wish. That is taking the role of Allah. That is why accepting no partners with Allah, or monotheism is a true liberator for humans.

The slaves of the Rahman are: {Those who invoke not, with Allah, any other god}, this is Islam.

The messenger warned against all types of believing in any form of partnership. There are major and minor forms of partnership. The major ones are being the clearly seen or evident of taking other gods as partners with Allah. The minor forms or the hidden forms are like asking the help from the dead; or using trees, or stones or other items as good omens. It is the point of believing that they can help or bring good luck. The minor type also includes the taking of an oath with anybody other than Allah. It is like taking an oath with the Prophet, or the Kaaba, or by the Shaik (or Molana) such and such. The messenger PPBU said: {Whoever makes an oath with anything other than Allah; then he/she has become an unbeliever (Kafer) or he/she has committed an act of taking a partner with Allah (or Shirk)}.

Other forms of the minor type of taking partners also manifest in saying for example: (If not for such person, then such things could have happened). The Muslim should be careful with what he/she may say. In this example he should say: "if not of Allah and such a person, then such and such could've happened".

A man said once to the Messenger PPBU: "if Allah is willing and if you are willing" and the messenger PPBU said: "Have you made me a foe or rival to Allah? Just say if Allah alone is willing". The messenger wanted to liberate the individual Muslim; so he/she seeks Allah and take refuge to Allah alone. The messenger even recommended that he is not to be over evaluated. He said: {do not glorify or boast me as the Christians glorified the son of Meriam, I am but a slave. Just say: the slave of Allah and his messenger}. And that's what we say in every prayer when we set down for "Tashahud". Many times in the Koran, the messenger was called "the slave"; and this is what the messenger boasts about, being the slave of Allah.

Some people came to the messenger and said: "Messenger of Allah, you are the best of us, and the son of the best in us, you are our master the son of our master", he said: "people, you keep saying this and Satan will lead you on. I am Mohammad the slave of Allah and his messenger. I would not like you to glorify me above my status that Allah has bestowed upon me."

The minor form of Shirk can also involve making a vow to other than Allah, and sacrificing an animal to other than Allah, charms and spells. Islam liberates humanity from all forms dependency and slavery to other than Allah.