

Meaning

إِفْرَادُ اللَّهِ بِالْعِبَادَةِ وَتَرْكُ عِبَادَةِ مَا سِوَاهُ

The singling out of Allaah in [all] worship

Explanation

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So what is *tawheed* - the one that is of this importance and this station?

At *tawheed* is taken from *wahhada* - [to *wahhada*] a thing is to make it *waahid* (one). "One" is the opposite of two, three or more - so in short, it is the opposite of plurality. Thus the thing that is *waahid* ("one") is separate and alone - the one for which nothing other than it is a partner to it.

As for in the Legislation, then *tawheed* is: "The singling out of Allaah in [all] worship", with the meaning that all worship is made solely for Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic.

"And the religion – the obedience and the worship - is for Allaah, purely and sincerely, to exclusion of anyone other than Him." ¹

Sooratul Anfaal (8) aayah 39

And with the proof as His saying, He the Most High:

"And I did not create the jinn or mankind except to worship Me alone."

Soorah Dhaariyaat (51) aayah 56

And His saying, He the Most High:

"And worship Allaah alone; and do not set up any partner with Him in His Lordship nor in worship of Him, glorifying it as you would glorify Him." ²

Sooratun Nisaa (4) aayah 36

¹ Tafseer of at-Tabaree

² Tafseer of at-Tabaree

And His saying:

“So call upon Allaah, making the Religion purely and sincerely for Him, not being people who associate anything other than Him as a partner in obedience to Him – even if the disbelievers detest your worship of Him.”³

Soorah Ghaafir (40) aayah 14

This is [meaning of] *tawheed* in the Legislation: the singling out of Allaah in [all] worship and abandoning the worship of whatever is besides Him.

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³ Tafseer of at-Tabaree