

The Three Fundamental Principles



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May Allah hasten his release

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All praises due to Allah who says: *{“Every soul will taste death, and you will only be given your [full] compensation on the Day of Resurrection. So he who is drawn away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise has attained [his desire]. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.”}* [Quran 3:185]

And May the Peace and Blessings be upon the seal of the Prophets who says: *{“Three things follow a dead person: Members of family, his property and his deed. Two of them return; and one remains with him. The people and his wealth return; his deeds remain with him.”}* [Sahih Muslim & Bukhari]

So here, my brothers, is the reminder of the afterlife. This is the location of the reminder for doing good deeds, and being prepared for the Day of meeting [your Lord].

The dead person is asked, in the first stage of the stages of the afterlife. He is asked about three. This is what our scholars named: **The Three Fundamental Principles**.

He will be asked, trialled and tested. So the one who is truly Sa’eed [Happy] is the one who Allah gives success and guidance to answer the questions firm and correctly.

And the one, who is Miserable, is the one who is trialled/tested, but is blocked from giving the firm and correct answer.

Know my brothers, know; may Allah bless you that success and firmness in answering correctly is not from memorization. Because a lot of Kufaar know this information, and a lot of Murtadeen [apostates] who claim to be Muslim know it too.

And a lot of those who fight this religion know these answers as well. The success and firmness in answering the questions correctly, and to get to the path of those who are Sa’eed, is to live this Three [Principles].

This Three [principles], to be asked about your Religion, your Prophet, and your Lord. First you will be asked: *“Who is your Lord.”*

All of us know that our Lord is Allah [Subhanahu Wata’ala]. And all of us will answer this question if he’s asked in this Dunya [Worldly Life].

But will Allah [Subhanahu Wata’ala] give a person success, in this grave? Will Allah give him success to answer this question correctly, this question, which we see as easy right now, when he lived his life away [from the guidance of] Allah?

Will he be given success [to answer], when he has heard Allah being insulted, Allah’s religion being abused, and Allah and His messenger being fought against, while he ignored it? And he didn’t defend the Shari’ah and Religion of Allah at all?

Will he be given success [to answer], when he lives his life and dies, and he doesn't pray to Allah, nor has he bowed or prostrated to Allah [Subhanahu Wata'ala] once, and his face never changed colours [out of anger] for the sake of Allah's Religion, and his heart never moved for that sacred things of Allah which are being violated day and night? Will he be given success, to say: *"My Lord is Allah [Subhanahu Wata'ala]."*

In order to Allah to be your Lord, you have to get angry for the sake of Allah, more then you get angry for the sake of yourself, your family, your children, your spouse and your parents. Right now, one of us, I mean a lot of people, I seek refuge in Allah for it to be one of us, a lot of people when his father and mother are insulted, his face changes colours, he gets angry and goes crazy. But he might walk by and hear the insult of Allah, and the insult of this Religion, and the mockery of this Religion and mockery of the Messenger [Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam].

This is the time [we are living in] that the generous Messenger is made fun of, Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam, and he does nothing. He spends his life in play and amusement, someone like that is not given success by Allah to give the correct answers to these Three Questions. The Three Fundamental Principles.

Who is your Lord? In order for Allah to be your Lord, you have to live for the Religion of Allah and die for the Religion of Allah. *{ "Say, "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds. No partner has He. And this I have been commanded, and I am the first [among you] of the Muslims." }* [Quran 6:162-163]

In order for you to say: My Religion is Islam, you have to live for Islam, and die for Islam. Don't live for your nationalism, democracy, and falsehood or for these Tawageeth [Tyrants, False Idols/Gods etc]. Live for the Religion of Allah, and you'll be given Success to say: My Religion is Al-Islam.

Live upon the Guidance of the chosen one [Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam]. Following his Sunnah [acts & sayings], follow his Guidance, follow his life, you'll be given Success to say: *"Mubammad is the Messenger of Allah [Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam]."*

You have to live these Three [Principles] in your life, in order for Allah to give you Success O brothers, to answer the question correctly in this place [i.e Grave].

The issue isn't about memorizing the answers; the issue is living them, and implementing them in your daily lives. Your face colour changes, and you are angry for the sake of the Religion of Allah, you Love for the Sake of Allah, and Hate for the Sake of Allah.

Give for the Sake of Allah, and keep for the Sake of Allah, advance for His Sake, progress for His Sake, for the Religion of Allah you carry out your whole life and death. You live for Allah, Die for Allah.

Tawheed [The Oneness] of Allah is our Goal in the beginning and in the end. As soon as you enter this Religion, you enter with: **La illaha illa Allah** [There is none worthy of worship, Except Allah], and if you want to be of those who are Sa'eed, then you [have to] end your life with: La illaha illa Allah, as it came in the Hadith: *{“Whoever his last words are: La illaha illa Allah, enters Paradise.”}* [Sunan An-Nasa'I from Abu Darda]

So Tawheed of Allah is not first only, it's First and Last. Tawheed is First and Last, Allah's religion is First and Last, not those modern terms that people talk about nowadays: Jordan is First, Syria is First, U.A.E is First.” All this falsehood that they make fun of the peoples intelligence with, **LEAVE IT!**

Throw it behind your back and make Tawheed of Allah, First and Last, if you want safety and happiness in this place [the grave].

Live for Raising La illaha illa Allah, and for the victory of the Religion of Allah, and live upon the Sunnah and Guidance of the prophet [Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam], or else, I swear by Allah, this life has no value, if we leave the Religion of Allah being insulted this time and we leave the messenger [Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam] being insulted, and our face don't change, and we have put nothing forth for the Religion of Allah.

I swear by Allah, the Hadith of the prophet [Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam] applies to us when he said: *{“The Hour will not come, until a person goes by the grave of another, and says: ‘I wish I was in his place.’”}* [Sahih Al-Bukhari]

I swear by Allah, the inside of the earth has become better then the outside of it, if we are quiet when the Prophet [Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wasalam] is insulted right, if we are quiet about the delay of Implementing the Book of Allah, and if we are quiet when the Religion of Allah is mocked in front of us. We have to be, O brothers, Truly sons of this Religion.

We have to truly be worshippers of Allah, our faces should colour and we get angry for Allah's Religion and we don't bring near us except those who love Allah. And we humiliate those who hate the Religion of Allah, and insult the Religion of Allah, even if he is the closest person to us.

These milestones are the greatest milestones of this Religion my brothers. The Milestones of **al-Wala Wa'l Baraa** [Love and Hate for the Sake of Allah], the strongest handhold of Imaan [Faith].

The Imaan has handholds. This means the Handholds that people grasp on. There are people who hold on to the Handhold of the voluntary acts of worship and the different branches and leave the trust worthiest Handhold

This trust worthiest Handhold, the strongest handhold of faith, Loving for [the Sake] of Allah, Hating for [the Sake] of Allah, Allegiance for His Sake, and Enmity for His Sake.

Who are your friends? Who are those you Love? Who are your protectors? Who do you bring close to you? Who do you ally? Who do you aid? And ask yourself about these questions. Hold yourself to account.

Look at whom you give too, and whom you refrain from. For who is your giving, your love, your restraint, your closeness, your distance, this should be for Allah and Allah Alone.

The closest people to you are those, who give victory to this Religion and those who Love this Religion, and those who follow the Religion. And the farthest people from you are the enemies of this Religion, those who fight this Religion, even if it's your closest family member.

Don't let any other scales, the scale of Family, and the scale of Closeness, the Scale of Nationalism and Countries; don't let these be your scale over the Scale of Imaan and Religion. There is no scale above the Scale of Imaan.

And contemplate, the Messenger of Allah, the Kindest of creation, contemplate on his situation. How this Religion, how this Belief separated between a man and his son, and one of the greatest examples of this is the example of Noah [‘Alayhi Assalam].

When Allah said to him about his son: *{“He said, “O Noah, indeed he is not of your family; indeed, he is [one whose] work was other than righteous.”}* [Quran 11:46]

The Three Fundamental Principles, our Scholars named it this because it is the greatest of Principles. To accomplish Tawheed of Allah, and follow the Religion of Allah the way Allah loves and is pleased with, to follow the prophet [Sallallahu ‘Alayhi Wasalam], and to make him your role model. And making his was your life and inner secrets.

These three we should truly live them in this life, so Allah can give us success, and make us of those who are Sa’eed in this place [i.e. the grave], and so we don't regret, in the hour when regret won't do us any good.

I ask Allah [Djalla Wa ‘Allaa] he forgives our living and our dead, those who are absent, our men and women, and may the Peace and Blessings be upon Muhammad, his household and his companions.

Speech of the Sheikh may Allah hasten his release, given at a funeral.