

The Influence of Worship

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All praise due to Allah alone, we praise him, seek his aid and seek his forgiveness. I testify that there's no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is his slave and messenger.

“O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared and die not except as Muslims [in submission to him]”

“O you who believe! Fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice. He will then amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and his messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.”

Ramadan is known as the month of worship. So we should feel the influence of this worship to Allah, to our lord. Lots of people think that worship is hard, because they didn't meditate the good influence of it, some people might ask: why do we worship Allah, they think there's only 1 or 2 good results of worship. Today I'll try to focus on lots of effective things:

- We worship Allah because He ordered us so. That's why the first order came in the Qur'an was to worship Allah. (O mankind, worship your lord who created you and those before you). 2:21
- We worship Allah because that's the goal of creating us; that's why we are here on this earth. Allah says: *And I didn't create the jinn and mankind except to worship me.* 51:56
- Allah loves his worshippers, that's why the nearest place for a servant to his lord is when he's prostrating. Allah called his Messenger (pbuh) in best places with the slavery (and if you doubt what we have revealed to our servant). 2:23
- Slavery to Allah gives the man honor and freedom, that's why the da'awa of our Prophet (pbuh) is to liberate people from all kinds of slavery, but slavery to Allah.
- Slavery to Allah gives the slave strength, not only in his spirit, but also in his body. Look what Allah said in the Qur'an, when Hud talked to his people: *And, O my people, ask forgiveness of your lord and repent to him.* 11:52
- Slavery to Allah gives the man happiness and peace of mind. Allah says: *Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allah.*

*Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured. 13:29 You won't be happy even if you had billions. You might feel happy, but the happiness is not only in the body, it's in the soul. It's a greater happiness. That's why Allah said: *Whoever does righteousness, male or female, while he is a believer we will surely cause him to live a good life, and we will surely give them their reward in the hereafter according to the best of what they used to do.**

- Slavery to Allah gives the man provision, how do you expect from a man don't worship Allah to have provision? They might have it, but that's because they'll not get anything in the hereafter. But the Muslim, will find this in life and after that.
- Worship is the way to paradise; we all wish to be in paradise; we all wish that we meet the Prophet (pbuh) and his Companions there. And there's no way but worship, it wasn't useful for Abu lahab that he was the Prophet's uncle, and there'll be nothing useful for us except our good deeds.