

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

The Virtue of the Kalimah

In Surah Ale Imran, verse 18, the Qur'an declares that:

شَهَدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَرَبِّهِ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلِكُ كَمَا وَأُولُو الْعِلْمُ قَاتِلُوا مَا بِالْقِسْطِ لَرَبِّهِ

إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ط

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَمُ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أَوْتُوا الْكِتَبَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا

جَاءُهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بِغَيْرِ بَيْنِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَكُفُّوْرِيَّا يَقِنَ اللَّهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ

الْحِسَابِ ٢٦

“Allah has given witness that there is none worthy of worship (*God*) except Him – and the Angels and the scholars also give witness, established with justice (*with truth*)

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there is no God except Him, the Almighty, the Wise. Indeed the only true religion in the sight of Allah is Islam; those who had received the Books differed only after the knowledge came to them, due to their hearts’ envy; and whoever disbelieves in the signs of Allah, then Allah is Swift at Taking Account.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sa’eed bin Jubair - *may Allah be pleased with him* -narrates that, “Inside the Ka’ba, there were three hundred sixty idols and when the above mentioned verse of the Qur’ān was revealed, all of these idols fell into Sajdah.” (Tafseer Qurtabi)

Hadrat Sayyiduna ibn Kaysaan states that, “Allah Almighty has certainly through His Divine Plan, His Divine perfect Creation and through His Divine Laws have clearly stated that there is none to be worshipped and there is no deity except His Divine Being.” (Tafseer Zaadul Maseer, Ibn Jouzi)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ghalib Qattaan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - states that. “Once on the purpose of some business, I established my camp near Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Amash - *may Allah be pleased with him*. One night, as I intended to go to Basrah, this great Imam was busy performing his Tahajjud Salaah. When he reached this verse of the Qur’ān (mentioned above), he declared, ‘I also bear witness to this on that which Allah Almighty has borne Witness to. I also place this testimony in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty and this is my trust with the Allah Almighty.’ He then recited this verse a few times. I also thought that maybe he had heard something about this verse. I then also joined him in Salaah. As I was leaving, I mentioned to him that I had heard him reading this verse a few times and I also asked him whether he had heard anything about the excellence of this verse. However, he mentioned, ‘By Allah! I will not reveal anything about it except after one year.’”

He waited one year to seek knowledge.

I then recorded this day and waited for one year to pass by. After one year had passed, I asked him, “O Abu Mohammed! The year has been completed.” He then declared, “This has been told to me by Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Waa’il - *may Allah be pleased with*

him - who heard these words from Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with them* - that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “On the DAY of Judgement, the one who has recited this verse will be brought and Allah Almighty will declare, “I have a promise of this servant with Me and I am the One Who certainly fulfils his trust, (O Angels), allow my slave to enter Jannah.” (Al Mujam Kabeer)

It is mentioned that whosoever reads this verse before going to sleep, Allah Almighty will create an Angel who will continue to make Istighfaar for this person until the Day of Judgement.” (Tafseer Qurtabi)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdulla ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* – said that pertaining to the 3rd verse in Surah Mo’min, which is:

غَافِرُ الذَّنَبِ وَقَابِلُ التَّوْبِ شَدِيدُ الْعَقَابِ ذِي الطَّوْلِ لَدَالِهِ إِلَّا هُوَ إِلَيْهِ
المَصِيرُ

“The Forgiver of sin, and the Most Acceptor of Repentance, the Severe in Punishing, the Greatly Rewarding; there is no God except Him; towards Him only is the return.”

that by being the Acceptor of repentance and the One Who forgives sins, clearly proves His Divine Oneness.”

The words that He is “severe in punishment” clearly proves that He will severely punish that person who does not accept His Divine Oneness.

In the morning and evening, one should make this pact with the Creator.

The Mufassir of the Qur'an, namely Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Ahmed Ansaari Qurtabi - *may Allah be pleased with him*, explaining the importance of this Ahed or pact, elucidates that Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Mas’ud - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace*

and blessings be upon him - once advised the blessed Ashaab, “Are you helpless in making a pact with the Allah Almighty every morning and evening?” They then asked how this should be done and he advised that every morning and evening, a person should read the following:

“O Allah, the Creator of the heavens and earth. O that Being Who is able to reveal what is hidden. I make a pact with You in this life and it is this, ‘I bear witness that besides You, there is no other deity. You are Alone. You have no partners and I also bear witness that Muhammad (- *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*) is Your slave and Messenger. Please do not turn me to my Nafs. If (I am turned towards my Nafs), then it would distance me from goodness and bring me closer to evil. I do not rely on anything except Your Divine Mercy. Please protect this affirmation as a pact and promise and please grace me on the Day of Judgement with its full reward. There is no doubt that You do not go against Your Promise.”

Whoever utters these words, Allah Almighty will place a seal on this and place it below the Divine Throne. When the Day of Judgement arrives, then a person called will call out, “Where are those people who have a pact with Allah Almighty.” That person will stand up and he will be allowed to enter Jannah.” (Tafseer Qurtabi)

What is the pact or promise with Allah Almighty?

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that, “The pact or promise is to bear witness that besides Allah Almighty there is no other deity.” (Al Mujam Awsat)

In Surah Fatha, verse 26, the Qur'an declares that:

إِذْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْحَمِيمَةَ حَمِيمَةَ الْجَهَلِيَّةِ فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ وَعَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالزَّمْهُمْ كَلِمَةَ التَّقْوَىٰ وَكَانُوا أَحَقُّ بِهَا وَ أَهْلَهَا وَ كَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ﴿٢٦﴾

“Whereas the disbelievers had set up in their hearts an obstinacy - the same obstinacy of the days of ignorance - so Allah sent down His solace upon His Noble Messenger and upon the believers, and decreed upon them the words of piety, and they were more deserving and suitable for it; and Allah is the All Knowing.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that by the words “words of piety” in this verse is meant the Kalimah or *Laa ilaaha illal laahu.*” (Al Mustadrak)

In Surah Al An’am, verse 160, the Qur’an declares that:

مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا
مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ١٦٠

“For one who brings one good deed, are ten like it; and one who brings an ill-deed will not be repaid but with one like it, and they will not be wronged.”

In this verse also, by “good deeds” is meant the Kalimah. Sadrul Afaadil - *may Allah be pleased with him* - explains in the *Khaza’iinul Irfaan* that, “For every single good deed, a person will be given ten rewards. At the same time, this is not the actual limit of reward. Allah Almighty will also give a person even more than this if He chooses. He can also give seven hundred rewards for one single good act or deed. There is no doubt that the extent of reward is dependent on the Infinite Mercy of Allah Almighty. This is the belief of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah. If He gives more than this, this is also His Infinite Mercy.”

The Kalimah is indeed a powerful weapon and a strong fortification!

Some ‘Ulama state that, “The Kalimah is indeed a very strong weapon and a very powerful fortification.

Whoever reads the Kalimah, he protects himself from all evil. This is the reason that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "Increase the Divine Praise on Allah Almighty through the recitation of the Kalimah. The reason is that Allah Almighty has stated that, 'The *Laa ilaaha* is My Fort and he who enters My Fort, he is protected from all punishment.'" (Ihya ul Uloom)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with them* - narrates that, "If a sinful person only understands the reward of reciting *Laa ilaaha*, then he would certainly increase its recital. In one day and night there are twenty four hours and in the words *Laa ilaaha illal laahu Mohammadur Rasooullah* there are twenty four letters. For every one letter, it is a Kaffarah or expiation for one hour of sin."

It is mentioned that when a person recites the Kalimah at any time during the day or night, then whatever sins and transgression is recorded in his book of deeds, they are cancelled. And in its place, goodness is recorded. (Musnad Abi Ya'la)

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "The best words which have been uttered by me and all the previous Prophets is *Laa ilaaha illal laahu*". (Al Mu'atta Imam Malik - *may Allah be pleased with him*)

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "I have been commanded to make Jihad on people until they bring faith on the Divine Oneness of Allah Almighty". (Sahih Muslim)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "The person who reads *Laa ilaaha illalaahu* will not experience fear in the grave when he is arises alive from the grave and nor on the Day of Judgement. I can see them dusting the sand from their hair when they arise from the grave and saying *Laa ilaaha illal laahu*, they will enter Jannah. They will then say: 'All Praise is for Allah Almighty Who has removed our sadness. Without doubt, our Lord is One Who forgives and the One Who accepts gratitude.'" (Taarik-e-Baghdad)

Once it was asked in the blessed court of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, "What is the best of action?" He replied, "When you pass away, your tongue should be wet with the Dhikr of Allah Almighty." (Al Ihsaan, ibn Habban)

The person whom the Allah Almighty loves Himself.

The beloved of Allah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "Allah Almighty commands the Angels to bring those closer to him to Him who recite the Kalimah and that without doubt, He loves them." (Firdousul Akhbaar, Imam Daylimi)

There is no doubt that when a person recites the Kalimah, he is standing in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty. As for that person in whose destiny is written obedience and servitude to Allah Almighty, he will certainly be the friend of Allah Almighty. In the Qur'an also it is mentioned that they love Allah Almighty and Allah Almighty loves them also.

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "You should recite the Kalimah as Talkeen to those of you (who are about to pass away away). Without doubt (the Kalimah) nullifies all sins." (Ibn Abu Dunya)

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "He whose final words are *Laa ilaaha ilal laahu*, he will enter Jannah." (Sunan Abu Daud)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sanaabih - *may Allah be pleased with him* -narrates that, "I was with Hadrat Sayyiduna Abaadah bin Thaabit - *may Allah be pleased with him* - at the time near his passing. (When I saw his state, I began to weep). He remarked, 'Keep silent and why are you weeping? By Allah Almighty, if a witness is asked of me, then I will present you as a witness and if I am asked to intercede, I will intercede for you and whatever is possible, I will allow that advantage to come to you.' He then said, 'I swear by Allah Almighty that that whatever Hadith I have heard and which was of benefit to you, I have mentioned those to you, however, there is one Hadith which I have not mentioned and today I will reveal that Hadith Shareef. I have also had this within my heart.' He then mentioned, 'I heard the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - say that, 'Whoever bears witness on these words that besides Allah Almighty, no

one else is worthy of worship and that I am the Messenger of Allah Almighty, the Fire of Hell becomes Haraam upon that person.”” (Al Musnad, Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him*)

Even though the person is someone who commits adultery or is a thief!

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abul Aswad - *may Allah be pleased with him* - reports that Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Zarr Ghifaari - *may Allah be pleased with him* -narrated to him that, “I was once present in the blessed court of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - and he was also resting and on him, there was a white piece of cloth. I then came the second time, and he was still resting. I then approached him a third time and he was awoke. I then sat next to him. He then declared, “Whoever says *Laa ilaa ilal laahu* and in this state, he passes away, he will enter Jannah.” I then asked, ‘Even though he commits adultery and is a thief.’” He replied, “Even though he commits adultery or is a thief.” I asked this on three occasions and on three occasions, he said the same thing. On the fourth occasion, he replied, “The nose of Abu Zarr be filled with dust.” (One must bear in mind that these words were said in love and affection). Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Zarr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then left his blessed presence all the while saying, “The nose of Abu Zarr is full of dust.” (Sahih Muslim Shareef)