

Allaah is the Rabb and thus He alone deserves all worship

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

You may ask that if it is so well known to this extent, even Aboo Jahl¹ was not ignorant about it, then why are we studying it and why is it mentioned in the Book (of Allaah) and the Sunnah (of the Prophet, *May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*)?

The answer is that Tawheed-ur-Ruboobiyyah² is being studied and it is mentioned in the Book and the Sunnah in order to use it as a proof for the obligation of Tawheed-ul-'Ibaadah³. So it is therefore to be said that since Allaah is One in Tawheed-ur-Ruboobiyyah, meaning that if you believe that He alone is the Creator, the Provider, the One who gives and withholds, the Disposer of the affair of all things, then it becomes obligatory upon you to do all worship purely for Him alone. Because the one who possesses these qualities, he alone is the one deserving of worship. And as for the weak, poor and helpless created being, then he is not deserving of worship but rather the One who is able to do all things, the One who is not in need of anything, the Self-Sufficient Master Whom all creatures need, He alone is the One deserving of all worship. Hence we use Tawheed-ur-Ruboobiyyah as a proof for Tawheed-ul-'Ibaadah.

الشيخ رحمه الله: لك أن تسأل إذا كان هو معروفاً إلى هذه الدرجة، أبو جهل لم يجله، لماذا ندرسه ولماذا يذكر في الكتاب والسنة؟ الجواب: يدرس توحيد الربوبية ويذكر في الكتاب والسنة للاستدلال به على توحيد العبادة من باب الإلزام. فيقال: إذا كان الله قد انفرد بتوحيد الربوبية، أي إذا آمنتم بأنه وحده هو الخالق الرازق المعطي المانع مدير الأمور يلزمكم أن تفرّدوه بالعبادة. لأن من هذه صفاته هو وحده المستحق للعبادة. أما المخلوق الضعيف الفقير العاجز لا يستحق العبادة. بل القادر على كل شيء الغني عن كل شيء الصمد الذي يصمد إليه كل شيء هو وحده الذي يستحق العبادة. إذا نستدل بتوحيد الربوبية على توحيد العبادة

¹ Aboo Jahl and his likes believed in Allaah as their Creator and Sustainer and that He created the heavens and the earth. But this belief availed them nothing because they ascribed partners to Allaah by worshipping idols.

² To affirm that Allaah alone is the Creator, Sustainer and Owner (the Rabb) of everything.

³ Tawheed-ul-'Ibaadah or also Tawheed-ul-Uloohiyyah is to do all worship, such as du'aa, prostration, bowing, offering sacrifices, making vows etc, purely for Allaah alone and for nobody else.