

Three important principles in Allaah's Names and Attributes

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

The following are three points that must be considered as principles in this topic:

- **[Firstly:]** Affirming what Allaah has affirmed for Himself or what His Messenger, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), affirmed for Him, because the most knowledgeable to describe Allaah is Allaah Himself:

[Are you more knowledgeable or Allaah]¹

Just as no one can describe Allaah, who is more knowledgeable of Allaah after Allaah, than His Messenger, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), whom Allaah said in regards:

[Nor does he speak of (his own) desire. It is only a Revelation revealed]²

- **[Secondly:]** Exalting Allaah from resembling things with His Attributes, in light of the saying of Allaah the Elevated:

[There is nothing like Him, and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer]³

This Ayah consists of an exaltation of Allaah as well as an affirmation [of His Attributes] as you can see.

- **[Thirdly:]** Abstaining from trying to comprehend the reality of His Attributes, just as you cannot comprehend the reality of His Existence [or Self], the Glorified, believing in His saying:

[And they will never encompass anything of His Knowledge]⁴

[Do you know of any who is similar to Him?]⁵

¹ Soorah al-Baqarah [2:140]

² Soorah an-Najm [53:3-4]

³ Soorah ash-Shoorah [42:11]

⁴ Soorah al-Baqarah [2:255]

⁵ Soorah Maryam [19:65]