

What is Tawheed al-Asmaa was-Sifaat?

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

Question: "What is Tawheed al-Asmaa was-Sifaat?"

Answer: "It is to have 'Eemaan in the Most Perfect Names and Lofty Attributes that Allaah described Himself with in His Book and that which His Messenger [(sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] described him with, and conveying them as they have been reported without asking how. And Allaah, the Most High, has mentioned affirmation of His Names and Attributes along with negation of asking how they are in many places in His Book. Such as His, the Most High, saying,

[He (Allaah) knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them (in the Hereafter) but they will never compass anything of His knowledge.]¹

He, the Most High, said,

[There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.]²

He, the Most High, said,

[No vision can grasp Him, but He grasps all vision. He is al-Lateef (the Most Kind), well acquainted with all things.]³

And at-Tirmidhee reported from Ubay ibn Ka'ab that the mushrikeen said to the Messenger of Allaah, when he spoke about their deities, "Tell us about the ancestors of your Lord." So Allaah, the Most High, revealed,

[Say, "He is Allaah, (the) One. Allaah the Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need.]⁴

The One who,

[Begets not, nor was He begotten.]⁵

¹ Soorah Ta-Ha [20:110]

² Soorah ash-Shuraa [42:11]

³ Soorah al-An'aam [6:103]

⁴ Soorah al-Ikhlâas [112:1-2]

⁵ Soorah al-Ikhlâas [112:3]

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This is because nothing is born except that it dies and nothing dies except that it is inherited, and verily Allaah, the Most High, does not die and is not inherited,

[And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him.]⁶

He mentioned that there is no one like or similar to Him."

⁶ Soorah al-Ikhaas [112:4]