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## Why Allaah sent Prophets and Messengers?

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Ever since people innovated the dogma of joining others in worship along with Allaah, Allaah had been sending Prophets and Messengers to His devotees in order to invite them to the worship of Allaah and Allaah Alone, to order them not to ascribe partners unto Him and bring them out of the darkness of polytheism and into the light of Monotheism. All the Prophets preached the belief in the Oneness of Allaah. The following verses from the Noble Qur'aan illustrate this fact:

[Indeed, We sent Nooh (Noah) to his people and he said: 'O my people! Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but him. (Laa ilaaha ill Allaah, none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah). Certainly, I fear for you the torment of a great Day!']<sup>1</sup>

[And to 'Aad (people, We sent) their brother Hood. He said: 'O my people! Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but Him. (Laa ilaaha ill Allaah, none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah). Will you not fear (Allaah)?']<sup>2</sup>

[And to (the people of) Madyaan (Midian), (We sent) their brother Shu'ayb. He said: 'O my People! Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but Him. (Laa ilaaha ill Allaah, none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah). Verily, a clear proof (sign) from your Lord has come unto you, so give full measure and full weight and wrong not men in their things, and do not make mischief on the earth after it has been set in order, that will be better for you, if you are believers.']<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> سورة الأعراف – Soorah al-A'raaf, The Heights [7:59]

<sup>2</sup> سورة الأعراف – Soorah al-A'raaf, The Heights [7:65]

<sup>3</sup> سورة الأعراف – Soorah al-A'raaf, The Heights [7:85]

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**[And to Thamood (people, We sent) their brother Saalih. He said: ‘O my people! Worship Allaah! You have no other Ilaah (God) but Him. (Laa ilaaha ill Allaah, none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah).’]<sup>4</sup>**

**[And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): Worship Allaah (Alone) and avoid (or keep away from) Taaghoot (all false deities etc. do not worship Taaghoots besides Allaah).]<sup>5</sup>**

Every Prophet was sent unto his own nation for their guidance, but the Message of Prophet Muhammad (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam – peace be upon him) was general for all mankind and jinn (a being created from smokeless flames).

**[Say [O Muhammad (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam)]: ‘O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allaah.’]<sup>6</sup>**

So the aim of sending these Prophets and Messengers to mankind and jinn was only that they should worship Allaah Alone, as Allaah said:

**[And I (Allaah) created not the jinn and men except they should worship Me (Alone)]<sup>7</sup>**

And to worship Allaah means to obey Him and to do all that He has ordained, – and to fear Him by abstaining from all that He has forbidden. Then those who will obey Allaah will be rewarded in Paradise, and those who will disobey Him will be punished in the Hell-fire.

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<sup>4</sup> سورة الأعراف – Soorah al-A’raaf, The Heights [7:73]

<sup>5</sup> سورة النحل – Soorah an-Nahl, The Bee [16:36]

<sup>6</sup> سورة الأعراف – Soorah al-A’raaf, The Heights [7:158]

<sup>7</sup> سورة الذاريات – Soorah Adh-Dhaariyaat, The Winds that Scatter [51:56]