

Worship in Islam

In Islam, worship is not accepted unless it is performed sincerely for the sake of Allah, and in accordance with what the messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) brought. For example: Prayer is an act of worship which can only be strictly performed for Allah, and likewise it must be performed in the manner which the messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) taught and this is due to many reasons, from them:

- 1- Allah has declared that He should be worshipped alone. Worshipping others alongside with Him is considered polytheism. Allah says, "Worship Allah (alone) and associate nothing with Him" (al-Nisa, 36)
- 2- Legislation belongs to Allah alone, and it is His sole right. So, whoever worships Allah with other than what He has legislated then they have made themselves as a rival to Allah.
- 3- Allah has completed the religion for us. So, whoever invents an act of worship, in reality, has accused the religion of being deficient.
- 4- If it was allowed for people to worship what and however they desired, everyone would worship in their own particular way due to them being different in their tastes.

The pillars of Islam: The pillars of Islam which Allah has ordered with are five:

- 5- The testimony that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.
- 6- Establishing the prayer. Giving Zakat (charity).
- 7- Fasting the month of Ramadhan.
- 8- Performing the pilgrimage to the sacred house of Allah in Mecca.

What does Islam require from us?

Islam does not require from the Muslim that he abandons the life of this world and spend all of one's time worshipping Allah, or isolating himself in the mosques or spending his life in a cave. Islam promotes to Muslims to live in the here and now. To seek wealth in abundance, be the most knowledgeable when it comes to knowledge, every Muslim should know the rights of his body when it comes to food and exercise, his right to entertainment, as long as it is not something forbidden, the rights of his family in taking care of them, good companionship, the rights of his children in cultivating and raising them, directing them and being lenient. The rights of the community in that he works towards what is in its best interests and rectifies it, just as he knows the rights of Allah in worshipping Him and being obedient to Him.

Islam expiates what came before it

From the blessings and mercy of Allah is that he has made Islam as an expiation for previous sins. When a person becomes a Muslim, Allah forgives for him everything he did in his days of disbelief until he becomes sinless. The door of repentance in Islam is always open, no matter how many sins the Muslim accumulates. The need of mankind for repentance is constant because every son of Adam commits sins, and the best of those who sin are those who always seek repentance just as the prophet (peace be upon him) said. Mankind is fallible, and due to this Allah has opened the doors of repentance for His servants and has ordered with it.

How does one enter the religion of Islam?

Entering Islam is compulsory upon everyone as there is no path to paradise and saving oneself from the fire on the day of judgement by other than it and embracing it. So, if you wish to enter Islam then you must believe that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. He pronounces these words and believes them, and then begins to learn the most important affairs of the religion and apply them. Like establishing the prayer, fasting, and other than that. The books authored in this regard are numerous and can be found in bookshops and Islamic centres.