



Kitab al-Tawhid

Introduction Part 2:

We previously read the Introduction given to us by Shaykh Nasir bin Sa'di Alhamdulillah, during this introduction he began by praising Allah. You will notice that the Shaykh (may Allah be pleased with him) has called Allah by His many names and attributes throughout his introduction. Let us continue to read what the Shaykh has mentioned inshaAllah:

Among their fundamental beliefs is endeavoring and striving in Matters that benefit in religion and in the world, while seeking Allah's Help. So they aspire to what benefits them, and they seek help from Allah.

By this they achieve sincerity for Allah in all of their works, and they follow the Messenger of Allah (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam), being sincere to the one they worship, sincere in adherence to the Message, and giving sincere advice to the believers following their path.

They testify that Muhammad is His worshipper and his Messenger, sent by Allah with guidance and the true religion to guide the entire creation, and that he is more worthy of the believers than they themselves are. He is the last of the prophets, sent to humans and jinns, warning and bring good news, inviting to Allah by His permission with an illuminating torch, sent by Him to restore the religion, as well as the world, and so that the creatures could abide in worshipping Allah, seeking His help from what He provided for that.

They know the He (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) is the most knowledgeable of creatures, the most truthful of them, the most worthy of giving advice about them, loving him more than they love any other creature, and following him in the foundations and branches of their religion. They rank his sayings and guidance above that of any other person.

They believe that Allah embodied in him virtues, special traits, and a completeness that was not embodied in any other. So he holds the highest of positions among all creatures, he is the most dignified among them, and he is the most perfect of them in every virtue. He (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) did not leave behind any good without telling his ummah about it, nor any evil without warning them against it.

Similarly, they believe in all the Books of Allah revealed, and all of the Messengers that Allah sent, not making a distinction in this regard between any of the messengers.

They believe in all the elements of the Divine will. That all of the worshipper's actions, whether good or bad, are surrounded by Allah's knowledge, aforementioned by His Pen, permeated by His will, and are all based upon His wisdom. And that He created a will and intent for his worshippers, by which their sayings

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and actions occur in accordance with his plan for them, they are not forced by it, but they are the choosers. This is particularly so for the believers, because He loves faith for them and decorated their hearts with it, and He hates disbelief, immorality, and disobedience for them due to His justice and wisdom.

Among the foundations of Ahl-Sunnah is that they practice their religion upon *nasihah* (sincerity) to Allah, to His book, to His Messenger, to the imams and the body of the Muslims. They command the good and forbid the evil in accordance to the obligations of the *shari'ah*. They command righteousness and maintaining the ties of the womb, kindness to the neighbors, to the rulers, to average people, honouring the right of any who has a right, and a kindness to all creatures.

They invite to the best and most noble conduct, and they prohibit vile and evil manners. They believe that the most complete among the believers in faith and certainty, is the best among them in deeds and manners, the most truthful among them in speech, the most pious to every good and virtue, the one most remote from every type of vulgarity.

They command maintaining the rites of their religion, according to whatever comes from their Prophet about them, and about their descriptions and regulations. And they warn against that which would cause harm to them and decrease their value.

They believe that *jihad* in the cause of Allah continues to be valid with every leader of theirs, both righteous and sinner. And that it is the highest limb of the religion. A *jihad* of knowledge and proofs, as well as *jihad* with the sword. And that it is obligatory upon every Muslim to defend the religion with all that he is able to and capable of.

Among their fundamental beliefs is the importance of uniting the Muslims, and struggling to draw their hearts together and bring love between them. They warn from separation, enmity, and hatred between each other, and against all that draws them closer to this.

Among their fundamental beliefs is that they prohibit wronging anyone, be it in their blood, their wealth, their honour, or any of their rights. They command justice and fairness, and they encourage beneficence and good virtue in all of their dealings.

They believe that the best of nations is the nation of Muhammad () and the best of them are the companions of Allah's Messenger (), particularly

- the rightly guided *khalifahs*,
- the ten who were promised paradise
- the warriors at *Badr*
- those who gave the pledge of *Ridwan*
- The earlier of those who migrated
- And the *Ansar*

So they love the companions as an expression of their faith in Allah. They teach about the best of them and they refrain from any of the bad that may be said about any of them.

They express their faith in Allah by honouring the guiding scholars, the just Imams, and anyone who holds a noteworthy position of religion or virtue among all of the Muslims. They ask Allah that He protect them from doubt, from shirk, from harshness, from hypocrisy, and from evil conduct. They ask Allah to strengthen them upon their Prophet's religion until their death.

In all of these fundamentals they have faith, and in them all they believe, and it is on them that they invite.

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, may He mention Muhammad and his family and grant him greetings of peace.



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Lesson Worksheet 2: Fill in the Blanks

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6. They believe that the best of nations is the _____ (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam) and the best of them are the companions of Allah's Messenger (salla allahu alaihi wa salaam), particularly _____ (name those who were mentioned).