

﴿THE KEY TO KNOWLEDGE﴾

How to Understand Islaam Correctly

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After praising Allaah and sending salaah and salaam upon His Messenger (sallallaahu`alayhi wasallam) and those who followed him, our Shaykh and teacher, Muhammad Al-Malki welcomed the students to today's class. We will deal with: **How to Increase Your Belief in the Angels and the Books**

The `Ulamaa say that there is a way to increase your belief in the angels (`alayhimus-salaam) and the books.

BELIEVING IN THE ANGELS AND THEIR DIGNIFIED STATUS

First of all we must believe in them and their existence. Secondly, by believing that they are many in number, and only Allaah Ta`Aalaa knows that number. As He Subhaanahu waTa`Aalaa said:

﴿ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ جُنُودَ رَبِّكَ إِلَّا هُوَ ﴾

...And none knows the soldiers of your Lord except Him... (Al-Muddathir 74:31)

Also, by the dignity of the angels—their high standing and nobility in the sight of their Lord should also be accorded necessary recognition. As Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ الرَّحْمَنُ وَلَدًا سُبْحٰنَهُ ۗ بَلْ عِبَادٌ مُّكْرَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ لَا يَسْـَٔفُونَ ۗ ﴾

﴿ بِأَقْوَابٍ وَهُمْ بِأَمْرِهِ يَعْمَلُونَ ﴾

And they say, "The Most Merciful has taken a son." Exalted is He! Rather, they are [but] honored servants. They speak not until He has spoken, and they act on His Command. (Al-Anbiyaa` 21:26-27)

Allaah Ta`Aalaa showed us their dignity by naming them (كِرَامًا كَاتِبِينَ *kiraaman kaatibeen*), as Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ بِأَيْدِي سَفَرَةٍ كِرَامٍ بَرَرَةٍ ﴾

In the hands of scribes (angels). Honourable and obedient. (Abasa 80:15-16)

And Allaah Ta`Aalaa mentioned them in many verses of the Qur'aan showing their dignity. Also from the ways of how to get the advantage of believing in the angels is that one should believe that the angels have a superiority in terms of their positions in the Sight of Allaah Subhaanahu waTa`Aalaa, as established in the religious texts of Allaah Ta`Aalaa in the Qur'aan:

﴿ اللَّهُ يَصْطَفِي مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا وَمِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴾

Allaah chooses Messengers from angels and from men. Verily, Allaah is All-Hearer, All-Seer. (Al-Hajj 22:75)

And Allaah Ta`Aalaa also said:

﴿ لَنْ يَسْتَنْكِفَ الْمَسِيحُ أَنْ يَكُونَ عَبْدًا لِلَّهِ وَلَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ وَمَنْ

﴿ يَسْتَنْكِفْ عَن عِبَادَتِهِ وَيَسْتَكْبِرْ فَسَيَحْشُرُهُمْ إِلَيْهِ جَمِيعًا ﴾

Never would the Messiah disdain to be a servant of Allaah, nor would the angels near [to Him]. (An-Nisaa` 4:172)

So Allaah Ta`Aalaa told us that these angels are always worshipping Allaah, they are a massive creation but still, they are obedient to their Lord.

LOVING THE ANGELS

Also, from the ways of increasing and getting benefit of the Eemaan in the angels is that we must love the angels with all patronage and advocacy, and we should not perceive them as enemies.

As Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ﴾

The believers, men and women, are *Auliya'* (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another... (At-Tawbah 9:71)

And the angels are from the *Mu`minoona*. And we must love them because they never disobey Allaah. As Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴾

...They do not disobey Allaah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded. (At-Tahreem 66:6)

We also love them because they always pray to Allaah to send blessings upon us, the believers. Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَلِّي عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَلَائِكَتُهُ لِيُخْرِجَكُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ ﴾

He it is Who sends *Salat* (His blessings) on you, and His angels too (ask Allaah to bless and forgive you), that He may bring you out from darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of Belief and Islamic Monotheism)... (Al-Ahzaab 33:43)

THE ANGELS ARE CREATED BY ALLAAH

Also, from the ways of increasing your belief in the angels is by believing that angels are mere creatures of Allaah, and they have no say neither in the creation of the universe, nor in the running of its affairs. They are but forces of Allaah All-Mighty. They act on Allaah's orders only. The disposition of all affairs is totally in the Hands of Allaah; no one shares any position thereof with Him Subhaanahu waTa`Aalaa. Moreover, it is unlawful to devote any act of worship to the angels, rather their Creator who has also created all other creatures and has neither a partner, nor a peer in His Lordship, Divinity, Names and Attributes should alone be worshiped. Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ وَلَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تَتَّخِذُوا الْمَلَائِكَةَ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ أَرْبَابًا أَيَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالْكَفْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴾

Nor could he order you to take the angels and prophets as lords. Would he order you to disbelief after you had been Muslims? (Aali`Imraan 3:80)

So by these ways, we can increase our Eemaan in the angels.

THE BOOKS ARE THE WORDS OF ALLAHAH

Firstly, believing conclusively that the books were all sent down from Allaah Ta`Aalaa, and we must believe that they are really His words; not the words of anyone else. And that He Allaah the Almighty actually uttered them exactly as He willed, in a manner He has chosen. Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ﴿٢﴾ نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنجِيلَ ﴿٣﴾ مِنْ قَبْلُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَنزَلَ الْفُرْقَانَ ﴿٤﴾ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ ذُو انْقِصَابٍ ﴿٥﴾

Allaah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of existence. He has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad-sallallaahu`alayhi wa sallam], the Book in truth, confirming what was before it. And He revealed the Torah and the Gospel. Before, as guidance for the people. And He revealed the Qur'an. Indeed, those who disbelieve in the verses of Allaah will have a severe punishment, and Allaah is exalted in Might, the Owner of Retribution. (Aali `Imraan 3:2-4)

This is one way of increasing the eemaan in the books and getting the advantage of believing in the books.

THE BOOKS CONTAIN THE MESSAGE OF TAWHEED

Secondly, believing that the books have invited the people to worship Allaah Alone—that is the purpose of sending these books, it is the purpose of sending the prophets, and it is the purpose of sending Jibreel (`alayhis-Salaam) with the revelation—only to worship Allaah Ta`Aalaa Alone.

As Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ مَا كَانَ لِبَشَرٍ أَنْ يُؤْتِيَهُ اللَّهُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحُكْمَ وَالنُّبُوَّةَ ثُمَّ يَقُولَ لِلنَّاسِ كُونُوا عِبَادًا لِّي مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ﴿٧٩﴾

It is not for a human [prophet] that Allaah should give him the Scripture and authority and prophethood and then he would say to the people, "Be servants to me rather than Allaah..." (Aali `Imraan 3:79)

And He Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ ﴿٣﴾ مِنْ قَبْلُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ ﴾

has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad -sallallaahu`alayhi wasallam], the Book in truth, confirming what was before it. And He revealed the Torah and the Gospel. Before, as guidance for the people... (Aali`Imraan 3:2-4)

So we believe that Allaah Ta`Aalaa sent down all of these books.

THE BOOKS CONFIRM ONE ANOTHER

Thirdly, believing that the books of Allaah confirm one another, and as such, no contradictions exist between them. Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ وَأَنزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيْمِنًا عَلَيْهِ ﴿٥٨﴾ ﴾

And We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad -sallallaahu`alayhi wasallam], the Book in truth, confirming that which preceded it of the Scripture and as a criterion over it... (Al-Maa`idah 5:48)

Also, by believing in the five books of Allaah which He has specifically named: The Tawrah which He revealed to Moosaa (`alayhis-Salaam), the Injeel which He Ta`Aalaa revealed to `Eesaa (`alayhis-Salaam), the Zaboor which He revealed to Dawood (`alayhis-Salaam), the Suhuf which He revealed to Ibraaheem and Moosaa (`alayhimas-Salaam), and the Qur'aan which He revealed to Muhammad (sallallaahu `alayhi wasallam). And also, by believing strongly that the glorious Qur'aan has abrogated all other scriptures that came before it which Allaah previously revealed to His messengers. It is not allowed after the Qur'aan was revealed that anyone from the human beings, nor the jinn, people of the past scriptures and others alike, should worship Allaah or seek justice through something other than this Qur'aan—proofs in the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of Rasoolullaah (sallallaahu `alayhi wasallam). As Allaah Ta`Aalaa said:

﴿ تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا ﴾

Blessed is He who sent down the Criterion upon His Servant that he may be to the worlds a warner. (Al-Furqaan 25:1)

And as Allaah Ta`Aalaa also said:

﴿ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا
كُنْتُمْ تُخْفُونَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَعْفُو عَنْ كَثِيرٍ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ
مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٥﴾ يَهْدِي بِهِ اللَّهُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانَهُ
سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ وَيُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَيَهْدِيهِمْ إِلَى
صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴾

O People of the Scripture, there has come to you Our Messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture and overlooking much. There has come to you from Allaah a light and a clear Book. By which Allaah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darknesses into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path. (Al-Maa'idah 5:15-16)

So Allaah Ta`Aalaa told us how to believe in the books, and by these understandings we can strengthen our belief in the pillars of Eemaan.

We now end by praising Allaah and sending salaah and salaam upon the Messenger of Allaah.

﴿END OF DARS THIRTEEN﴾