



# Worships



## Worships (Ibadaat & Manaasik)

Arabic word Ibadat (العبادة) has been derived from word Abd عبد stands for a slave. Ibadat literally means slavery and servitude which can further be depicted as to be the slave to Allah.

Then slavery lies in few steps to become a true slave:

### 1- Recognizing the Lord (Allah)

It refers to the introduction to the Lord (Allah). This can be found through the Islamic belief of Towheed.

### 2- Submission as a slave to the Lord (Allah)

It refers to admitting the slavery and then completely submitting ourselves to Him. This can be done by the claim of being a Muslim.

### 3- Respect & reverence for the Lord (Allah)

It refers to the theory of the greatness and the status of the Lord which can be considered by His attributes. It leads to this fact that the Lord being "Lord of all the worlds" deserves the due respect and the slaves should always be afraid of His anger.

### 4- Obedience to the Lord (Allah)

This article refers to the natural and the logical result of submission to the Lord. It is the demand of the slavery without which, concept of slavery cannot exist. The entire life of a slave should be spent as per the commandments of lord.

### 5- Fidelity to the Lord (Allah)

It is the faithfulness with Allah that prevents the slaves from all other associations. Being a slave, man has to condemn all the powers and authorities except Allah.

All these are the parts of the Islamic concept of Ibadat which is the only objective behind the creation of entire mankind and Jinn as Allah the Exalted states:

#### Reference:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ (الذاريات: 56)

*I did not create the Jinn and the human beings except for the purpose that they should worship me.*

As per the Islamic teachings, Ibadat can be categorized further into two categories:

## 1- Direct worship

These are the actual worships man has been created for and the centre of Islamic teachings. According to the Islamic jurists, there are five major worships in Islam declared in the light of Qur'an and Sunnah.

### Major worships of Islam:

1. Salah (Prayers)
2. Zakah (Charity)
3. Saum (Fasting)
4. Hajj (Pilgrimage)
5. Jihaad (The Holy War)

## 2- Indirect worship:

Actually, this is not worship. Instead, these are the human necessities of life which man is bound to perform to live a life. For instance, eating, drinking, sleeping, talking, dressing & undressing etc, even using washroom are the necessities of life. But, being Muslim, when a person performs all these activities in accordance to the way lived and taught by prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) which is called as Sunnah, it is well appreciated and rewarded by the Lord and is considered as worship in Islam.



## As-Salah (prayer)

Arabic word that literally means Prayer.

### Obligatory order:

Salah is mandatory for every Muslim five times a day. Allah says,

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ (الروم: 31)

*And establish Salah and do not be among those who associate partners with Allah.*

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَوْقُوتًا (النساء: 103)

*Surely, Salah is an obligation on the believers that is tied up with time.*

### History:

Salah has not been obligated upon this Ummah only, but upon all the nations before Islam who accepted the divine guidance.

### Example:

Ibrahim (Alaihis Salam):

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ (إبراهيم: 40)

*My Lord, make me steadfast in Salah and my offspring as well.*

Isma'il (Alaihis Salam):

وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ ۖ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا (مريم: 55)

*He used to enjoin Salah and Zakah upon his family, and was favourite to his Lord.*

Bani Isra'il:

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا ۚ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ (البقرة: 83)

*And say to the people what is good, and be steadfast in Salah, and pay Zakah.*

Eisa (Alaihis Salam):

وَأَوْصِيَنِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا (مريم: 31)

*And He has enjoined Salah and Zakah upon me as long as I am alive.*

### Philosophy:

It is the best way to show the height of slavery from human beings and the sovereignty of lord.

Salah, at a glance, is a typical movement with no special features. Then, why has it been declared as a pillar of Islam and a major worship even the entire human beings have been created for the purpose?

To answer this question, if we consider all the possible ways ever opted by the human beings to show respect and regards to someone and to show the self submission, we find the followings possibilities,

- 1- Standing before someone with hands tied on front which is the sign of being ready to obey all the commandments.
- 2- Bowing down to someone to show respect and to pay regards to him.
- 3- Getting on knees for the same purpose mentioned above.
- 4- Putting head in the feet of someone which is the height of humility and humbleness and the utmost respect & regards.

All these are the manners we can find in the royal courts of the kings and the emperors in the ancient eras to show respect and regards to them.

Allah, the Lord of all the worlds and the emperor of entire kings and rulers, deserves much more as He is above all, but, there is no other possible way to show respect and to pay regards to Him. Otherwise, that too would have been opted by the kings and rulers.

Salah contains all these mentioned above specially the last one which is repeated twice in every Rak'at. So, this is how man has been commanded to show regards for Allah and also not to bow down before anyone else than Him. Allah, the Exalted, is the one and alone in the entire universe deserving for this kind of regard and respect. Bowing down before anyone else is prohibited in Islam strictly. Indeed, it is the height of slavery.

**Importance:**

- 1- Pillar of Islam
- 2- Last will of the Prophet.
- 3- Difference between believer & disbeliever.

**Impacts:**

- 1- Salah restrains one from shameful and evil acts.
- 2- Punctuality in lives.
- 3- Physical fitness.

## As-Saum (Fasting)

### Meanings:

This is an Arabic word which means, to stop, to save.

### Definition:

To refrain from eating, drinking and intercourse from early morning till sunset.

### Status in Islam:

Fasting is obligatory for every Muslim every year for a period of one holy month of Ramadan.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ (البقرة: 183)

*O you who believe, the fasts have been enjoined upon you as they were enjoined upon those before you, so that you may become God-fearing.*

### Importance:

It is the fourth pillar Islam is based on.

### History:

Fasting is not something obligatory upon this Ummah only, but every nation has the concept of fasting in some way even those of religions which are considered as non revealed religions. So far as revealed religions are concerned, Allah says:

كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ

*As they (Fasts) were enjoined upon those before you.*

### Objective & Philosophy:

لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

To gain Taqwa (piety and God-Fearing), as Allah told us, "So that you may become God-fearing". Al-Baqarah: 183)

### Note:

Eating and drinking are the necessities of life without which one cannot be alive. But in fasting, you are imposed to refrain from all these things throughout the day. Sometimes, it seems to be as unintelligible commandment. So that Allah Himself has described the objective behind this commandment.

### Benefits and rewards:

- 1- To gain taqwa.
- 2- Pleasure of Allah Almighty.
- 3- Forgiveness in the Hereafter.

#### 4- Shield from the fire of Hell.

**References:**

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَ احْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

*Whoever observed fasts of Ramadan with faith and the intention of attaining reward, all of the sins he has committed before are forgiven. (Bukhari, Muslim)*

الصَّيَّامُ جُنَّةٌ وَ حِصْنٌ حَصِينٌ مِنَ النَّارِ

*Fasts are the shields and the impregnable fortress for (saving from) fire (of Hell).*



## Az-Zakah (Charity)

### Meanings:

Arabic word that means, to purify.

خُذْ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ صَدَقَةً تُطَهِّرُهُمْ وَتُزَكِّيهِمْ بِهَا وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ (التوبة: 103)

*Take Sadaqah (obligatory alms) out of their wealth through which you may cleanse and purify them, and pray for them.*

### Definition:

To pay 2.50% of specific money, jewellery, property and wealth annually as charity to the specific people mentioned in Qur'an.

### Status:

Zakah is an obligatory order for those Muslims who fulfil the criteria.

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ (البقرة: 43)

*And be steadfast for Salah (prayers) and pay Zakah (alms) and bow down with those who bow down.*

### Importance:

Zakah is the second pillar of Islam as it is revealed in Hadith about pillars of Islam.

### History & background:

Isma'eel (Alaihis Salam):

وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا (مریم: 55)

*He used to enjoin Salah and Zakah upon his family, and was favourite to his Lord.*

Bani Isra'eel:

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ (البقرة: 83)

*And say to the people what is good, and be steadfast in Salah, and pay Zakah.*

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ إِنِّي أَنبِئُكُمْ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَيْتُمُ الزَّكَاةَ وَآمَنْتُمْ بِرُسُلِي وَعَزَّرْتُمُوهُمْ (المائدة: 12)

*Allah said, "I am surely with you, if you establish Salah, and pay Zakah, and believe in My Messengers, and hold them in reverence.*

Eisa (Alaihis Salam):

وَأَوْصَيْنِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا دُمْتُ حَيًّا (مریم: 31)

*And He has enjoined Salah and Zakah upon me as long as I am alive.*

### Philosophy:

1- It reminds us the ownership of Allah

لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ (البقرة: 284)

*To Allah belongs what is in the heaven and what is in the earth.*

إِنَّ الْأَرْضَ لِلَّهِ يُورِثُهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ (الأعراف: 128)

*Surely, land belongs to Allah; He lets whomsoever He wills inherit it from among His servants.*



2- To express slavery and humility to Allah.

3- To help the poor and needy people.

وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَى حُبِّهِمْ مُسْكِنِينَ وَبِئْسَ مَا لَنَا يَوْمَئِذٍ (الدھر: 8)

*And they give food, out of their love for Him, to the needy, the orphan and the captive.*

4- To purify the inner self of one.

وَسَيُجَنَّبُهَا الْأَتْقَى ۚ الَّذِي يُؤْتِي مَالَهُ يَتَزَكَّى (اللیل: 17, 18)

*And saved from it (Fire) will be the most God-fearing one. Who gives his wealth (as charity) to become purified.*

### **Benefits:**

- 1- Pleasure of Allah Almighty.
- 2- Increase of wealth.
- 3- Protection from losses.
- 4- Safety from calamities.
- 5- Protection from wrath of Allah.
- 6- Shelter on the Day of Judgment.
- 7- Shield from the fire of hell.
- 8- Gives longevity.
- 9- Saves from fear and grief.

## Al-Hajj (Pilgrimage)

### Meanings:

This is an Arabic word which means, to intend, to resolve.

### Definition:

To leave for some specific places to perform some specific actions in some specific time period as taught by Allah and His Prophet Mohammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam).

### Status & Importance:

Hajj is the fifth and the last of the pillars of Islam. It is obligatory once in a life upon those of Muslims who fulfil the criteria for its obligation.

وَلِلّٰهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ اِلَيْهِ سَبِيْلًا (آل عمران: 97)

*As a right of Allah, it is obligatory upon people to perform Hajj of the house, whoever has the ability to manage the way to it.*

اِنَّ اللّٰهَ فَرَضَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْحَجَّ فَحُجُّوْا

*Surely, Allah has made Hajj obligatory upon you, so do perform it. (Muslim)*

### Criteria:

Hajj is not obligatory for every Muslim, but for those only who can manage to reach for it. There are two requirements for it.

- 1- To be healthy & fearless. (Medically fit & peaceful)
- 2- To be wealthy. (Having enough expenses)

### History:

1- At first, it was made obligatory upon Ibraheem (Alaihis Salam) as Qur'an reveals,

وَاذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ (الحج: 27)

*And announce among people about (obligation of) Hajj. (Al-hajj: 27)*

2- Then, upon his son Isma'eel (Alaihis Salam) and his next generation. It continued till the age of Prophet Mohammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam).

### Objective:

- 1- To show the superiority of Allah.
- 2- To generate the passion for love to Allah.
- 3- To follow the footstep of Ibraheem (Alaihis Salam).

### Benefits & rewards:

- 1- Passion for Love to Allah.
- 2- Pleasure of Allah.
- 3- Forgiveness of All sins.
- 4- To show the man power of Muslims.

- 5- Gathering of Muslims.
- 6- Awareness about the Muslims of different parts of world.
- 7- Equality to all Muslims.

**References:**

مَنْ حَجَّ فَلَمْ يَرْفُثْ وَ لَمْ يَفْسُقْ رَجَعَ كَيَوْمِ وَلَدَتْهُ أُمُّهُ

*Whoever performed Hajj as there was no obscenity and no sin in it, he turned back same as he was on the day his mother gave birth to him. (Sinless and forgiven) (Bukhari, Muslim)*

الْحَجُّ الْمَبْرُورُ لَيْسَ لَهُ جَزَاءٌ إِلَّا الْجَنَّةُ

*The full of good deeds and accepted Hajj, there is no compensation for that except Heaven.*



## **Preaching of Islam & Jihaad**

Islam is the religion with Allah the Exalted which He has selected for entire mankind to follow, but Satan, the worst enemy of mankind, misguides them and urges them for immodest and evil deeds which cause the deviation from the right path.

So, it is always needed to invite the slaves to Allah to the right path of Him, and this is the responsibility of all those who are the true slaves to Allah and are on the right path.

Preaching of Islam can be categorized into two categories,

- 1- Preaching among Muslims
- 2- Preaching of Islam to Non Muslims

### **Preaching among Muslims:**

Inviting Muslims to complete teachings of Islam is an important task set by Islam for all the Muslims. As per the nature, man becomes lazy and starts avoiding Islamic teachings. Besides, Satan insists him for shameful and evil acts and as a result man deviates from the obligations and the duties set by the Lord.

Islam teaches us to exhort other Muslims and make them remind for their obligations and duties so that they may become dutiful. This section of Islam is called as "*AMR BIL MAROOF AND NAHI ANIL MUNKAR*" (to bid the fair and forbid the unfair)

Islam stresses very much upon this teaching and declares it as a key to success.

Allah says:

"(I swear) by the Time, man is in a state of loss indeed, except those who believed and did righteous deeds, and exhorted each other to follow truth, and exhorted each other to observe patience". (Al-Asr)

Allah further says:

"You are the best Ummah ever raised for mankind. You bid the Fair and forbid the Unfair, and you believe in Allah. If the people of the Book had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them, there are believers, while most of them are sinners". (Aali-Imran, 110)

Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said:

"I swear by the One (Allah who) holds my soul, you must bid the fair and must forbid the unfair, otherwise Allah shall send soon His torment upon you, then you may beg Him but He may not accept". (Tirmizi)

He further said:

"Whoever of you observes any evil, he must change it by force, if he is unable then by words (advise), even then if he is unable then by heart, and this (last) is the lowest of faith".

There are three steps of forbidding the evil prescribed by Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) in this hadith, the first step refers to use of force, this step is recommended for the competent authority.

The second step refers to the advice which is recommended for the general public, while the third is conditional. It is recommended for specific circumstances when adviser feels unsecured. Islam, in this specific condition, recommends isolation from these acts of evil.

### **Preaching of Islam to Non Muslims:**

Islam is the religion with Allah the Exalted and human beings are slaves to Him. Islam, looking to the favour of mankind, has advised the true Muslims to invite the Non Muslims to Islam as it is the only key to success in actual sense. Allah says:

"Say, .O people of the Book, come to a word common between us and between you, that we worship none but Allah, that we associate nothing with Him and that some of us do not take others as Lords instead of Allah. Then, if they turn back, say, bear witness that we are Muslims". (Aali Imran, 64)

Muslims have been decreed to invite them to the right path as it is very important, because Islam has been sent down to dominate over all other religions. Allah reveals,

"He is the one who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, so that He makes it prevail over all religions".

(Al-Fat'h: 28, At-Taubah: 33)

### **Methodology of Preaching:**

Allah says:

"Invite (people) to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good counsel, and argue with them in the best of manners. Surely, your Lord knows best the one who deviates from His way, and He knows best the ones who are on the right path." ( An-Nahal, 125)

Preaching of Islam to Non Muslims can further be divided into two types, Individual and collective, and the above mentioned Ayah provides guidance for both.

In early times of Islam, both types of preaching were practiced, for instance, Usman Ghani (Razi Allahu Anhu) accepted Islam by Individual efforts of Abu Bakr Siddiq (Razi Allah Anhu) while Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) wrote letters to the heads of the states inviting them to Islam.

### **Individual preaching of Islam:**

This is one on one preaching which is based upon the interaction in between the two on the grounds of working or any other relationship. This kind of preaching requires deep Islamic knowledge and strong Islamic character more than a strong relationship. Strong Islamic character and ethics make disbelievers attracted to Islam as Islam is the religion with nature. Besides, the ayah mentioned above guides you to the best of preaching.

### **Collective preaching of Islam:**

This is state to state preaching of Islam on grounds of neighbourhood. Disbelieving in Allah is the greatest disease of all and the most destructive on all humanity, while Islam is the complete cure. There are three steps for this kind of preaching of Islam to the Non Muslims.

- 1- To write invitation letters to them inviting them to Islam by expressing the common qualities of Islam which are similar to them and remove their objections about Islamic teachings until it becomes clear to them.
- 2- To invite them to come under Islamic rule and pay Jizyah(tribute) if they reject the invitation to Islam.
- 3- To make a war against them if they deny it too This is called as Jihaad.

## **Jihaad in Islam**

### **Meanings:**

This is an Arabic word derived from (جهاد) which means, to struggle, to strive, to make an effort, to work hard.

### **Definition:**

Scholars of Islam, as Islamic terminology, have interpreted Jihaad in different ways, for example,

*"Calling towards the true religion and fighting with one's soul and wealth against those who reject it. (Al Inayah Sharh al Hidaya)*

*"Jihad is a Muslim waging war against non-Muslims who have no peace agreement with Muslims and the fighting for the sake of the word of Allah to make them prevail. Jihad is also fighting the non-Muslims who attack Muslim territory and it is also the Muslims attacking the non-Muslims in their land". (Mawahib al Jaleel fi Sharh Mukhtasar Al-Khalil)*

### **Objective:**

- 1: To make the words of Allah prevail with reference to the Ayah,  
Allah says:

"He is the one who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, so that He makes it prevail over all religions".

2: To remove *Fitnah* (disorder, mischief, polytheism, disobedience of Allah) from the surface of earth with reference to Ayah,

"And fight them until there is no more *Fitnah* and total obedience becomes for Allah". (Al-Anfaal: 39, Al-Baqarah: 193)

Prophet Muhammad said:

"I have been commanded to fight people until they bear witness that there is no god except Allah and Mohammad is Messenger of Allah and they perform *Salah* and pay *Zakah*". (Bukhari & Muslim)

### **Philosophy of Jihaad:**

Jihad cures the society by eliminating the source of corruption and oppression. Leaving the disbeliever unharmed increases the disease and strengthens it and allows the cancer to spread. Therefore Islam cannot flourish and Muslims cannot live in peace unless the disease is cured. If it is possible to cure the disease by using a medicine then be it. Otherwise the infected portion must be amputated even though the amputation could cause pain and suffering for the body. But then no one could claim that the amputation as cruel or inhumane or terrorism. It was necessary for the survival of the body. Jihad has been obligated but to rescue the mankind from such kinds of social sores. That is precisely the role of Jihad in Islam

Besides, to run the vehicle of human life successfully, along with all other essentials, an unblocked open way is also required. Jihad is just like a way opening operation to unblock the way to success for entire mankind.

### **Types of Jihaad:**

Jihad can be categorised into two types,

#### **1: Offensive Jihad**

Muslim attacking upon disbelievers land to dissolve their power that causes mischief on this earth is called as offensive Jihad. Disbelievers, by their Lord, have been declared as the friends of Satan, the worst enemy of mankind, and whenever they attain power, fight for Satan's cause and prevent others from the path of Allah as He stated.

Allah Says:

"Allah is the Protector of those who believe. He brings them out of the depths of darkness into the light. As for those who disbelieve, their friends are the devils. They bring them out from the light into the depths of darkness. Those are people of the Fire. There they will remain forever".(Al-Baqarah, 257)

And He says:

"The believers fight in the way of Allah, and the disbelievers fight in the way of Taghut. So, fight the friends of Satan. No doubt, the guile of Satan is feeble". (An-Nisaa, 76)



## 2: Defensive Jihad

When the non-believers descend on Muslim territory, defending it is called as defensive jihad.

### Note :

Word Jihad is a terminology in Islam and is used for armed struggle against disbelievers, but linguistically, it can be used for any kind of struggle whether it is against inner-self or by tongue. Jihad, in Qur'an and Hadith, has been utilized as a terminology in the sense of war, so, classifying it into minor and major Jihad or jihad bin-nafs or bil-lisaan is an unappreciated effort especially on the base of a hadith *"We returned from the minor Jihad to the major Jihad"* which is said to be a **fabricated**. It hasn't been narrated by any of the scholars of *hadith*.

**Ibn Taymiyah states:** "The hadith *"We returned from the minor Jihad to the major Jihad"* is fabricated and is not narrated by any of the scholars who have knowledge of the words of *Rasulullah*, his actions and his Jihad against the nonbelievers. In fact Jihad against *Kufar* is among the greatest of deeds. Indeed it is the greatest voluntary deed a human could do.

### Status & Importance:

Allah says:

*"Those among the believers, who sit back, except the handicapped, are not equal to those who fight in the way of Allah with their riches and their lives. Allah has raised the rank of those who fight with their riches and their lives, over those who sit; and to each, Allah has promised good. Allah has given precedence to those who fight over those who sit in giving them a great reward. High ranks from Him and forgiveness and mercy. Allah is Most-Forgiving, Very-Merciful".*

The Messenger of Allah said:

*"Two eyes will not be touched by Hellfire: An eye that cries from the fear of Allah, and an eye that spent the night in a guard post in the path of Allah."*

And he said:

*"Whoever shoots an arrow in the sake of Allah will be rewarded like one who has freed a slave".*