

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Infamy of Shirk

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ. مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ. وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ. وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ. وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. أَمَا بَعْدُ

In previous post, we explained the meaning of shirk and some of the shirk's beliefs and practices prevalent in this ummah. In that post, we have stated the command of Allah that for the one who dies in the state of shirk, Allah Almighty has declared eternal Hell as obligatory and Paradise as forbidden. In this post, we will further point out from the Qur'an and Hadith, In Sha Allah, what a heinous act shirk is. In Surah An'am, Allah Almighty mentions eighteen chosen Prophets (peace be upon them) i.e. Isaac, Jacob, Noah, David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Zechariah, John, Jesus, Elias, Ishmael, Jesus, Jonah and Lot.

وَأِسْمَاعِيلَ وَالْيَسَعَ وَيُونُسَ وَلُوطًا وَكُلًّا فَضَّلْنَا عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ۝

__and Ismai'l and Yasa_ and Yunus and LuT, and all of them We made to excel over all the people of the world (in their respective times).

(Al Anaam : 86)

وَمِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ وَأَخْوَانِهِمْ ۚ وَاجْتَبَيْنَاهُمْ وَهَدَيْنَاهُمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

And [some] among their fathers and their descendants and their brothers - and We chose them and We guided them to a straight path.

Al An'am : 87

ذَلِكَ هُدَى اللَّهِ يَهْدِي بِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۗ وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحِطَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

That is the guidance of Allah by which He guides whomever He wills of His servants. But if they had associated others with Allah, then worthless for them would be whatever they were doing.

(Al An'am: 88)

Allah said in Surah Az-Zumar:

وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ لَئِنْ أَشْرَكْتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ وَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

And it was already revealed to you and to those before you that if you should associate [anything] with Allah, your work would surely become worthless, and you would surely be among the losers."

(Surah Az-Zumar:65)

The Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them all) were never polytheists, but they came to put an end to shirk. Here to define the grave crime or enormity of shirk (shirk) 18 prophets are mentioned by name and then in Surah Zumar it has been said by addressing the Prophet ﷺ, Allah forbid, if our Prophet ﷺ would have committed shirk or subordinated anything or anyone in Allah's divinity, all his deeds, his prayers, his (Salat ul Tahajud) late night prayers, his fasting, his striving to go out in the way of Allah would have been crumbled and he would have been among the losers in the sight of Allah.

The Mushrik's nations are destroyed:

قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ كَانُوا أَكْثَرَهُمْ مُشْرِكِينَ

Say, "Travel through the land and observe how was the end of those before. Most of them were associators [of others with Allah].

(Surah Ar-Rum:42)

It is stated in this verse that the punishment of Allah comes upon the nations in which people start associating shirk frequently. The Qur'an and Hadith mention many nations that Allah destroyed them with this punishment. In the verse of Surah An'am, it has been told that for whom is peace and guidance:

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ أُولَئِكَ لَهُمُ الْأَمْنُ وَهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ ۚ

They who believe and do not mix their belief with injustice (Shirk) - those will have security, and they are [rightly] guided.

(Surah Al-An'am:82)

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ لَمَّا نَزَلَتْ {الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ} قَالَ أَصْحَابُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَيُّنَا لَمْ يَظْلِمْ فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ {إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ}.

(بخاری، کتاب الايمان ، باب: ظلمٌ دون ظلمٍ)

Narrated 'Abdullah:

When the following Verse was revealed: "It is those who believe and confuse not their belief with wrong (worshipping others besides Allah.)" (Surah Al-An'am:82) , the companions of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked, "Who is amongst us who had not done injustice (wrong)?" Allah revealed: "No doubt, joining others in worship with Allah is a great injustice (wrong) indeed." (Luqman : 13) (Sahih Bukhari, Book of Belief, Chapter: Dhulm (wrong) of one kind can be greater or lesser than that of another)

That is, faith is the only valid one in there is no trace of shirk. If there is a claim of faith and disbelief and shirk are also taking place, then such faith is not acceptable in the sight of Allah Almighty. It is stated in Quran Majeed that

وَمَا يُؤْمِنُ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بِاللَّهِ إِلَّا وَهُمْ مُشْرِكُونَ

And most of them believe not in Allah except while they associate others with Him.

(Surah Yusuf: 106)

In this verse of the Qur'an, Allah Almighty has made it clear that despite believing in Allah, the majority of people are involved in shirk. That is, the claim that our trust is in Allah Almighty, but they hang amulets to cure diseases, increase in earnings, and bind imam zamin for protection, then tell us what kind of faith this is. When reliance or trust diverted from Allah and to other things, then it has become shirk, so Allah sends punishment on the nations in which shirk is practiced.

It is also forbidden to pray for the forgiveness of a Mushrik.

Allah said:

مَا كَانَ لِلنَّبِيِّ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُوا لِلْمُشْرِكِينَ وَلَوْ كَانُوا أُولِي قُرْبَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُمْ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ

the People of the Book. Remember that this is only a leave, otherwise the ruling is not to marry a polytheist.

At the end of this post we are quoting a verse from Surah Al-Hajj which will give you an idea of the fate of the shirk:

حُنَفَاءَ لِلَّهِ غَيْرَ مُشْرِكِينَ بِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَكَأَنَّمَا حَرَّمَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَتَخَطَفُهُ الطَّيْرُ أَوْ تَهْوِي بِهِ الرِّيحُ فِي مَكَانٍ سَحِينٍ

Inclining [only] to Allah, not associating [anything] with Him. And he who associates with Allah - it is as though he had fallen from the sky and was snatched by the birds or the wind carried him down into a remote place.

(Surah Al-Haj:31)