

# The Status of Having Knowledge

of

## ‘*Asmaa* Allaah and His *Sifaat*

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‘*Fiqh* of *al-‘Asmaa al-Husna*’

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Shaykh AbdurRazaaq bin AbdulMuhsin al-Badr said:

‘There are many *Ayaat* which come in the Qur’aan with the command to learn this noble knowledge of *Tamheed* and to have a concern with this great principle.

Allaah said: << **فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ** >>

<< then know that Allaah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. >> [al-Baqarah: 209]

Allaah said: << **وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عَالِمٌ** >>

<<and know that Allaah is All-Aware of everything.>> [al-Baqarah: 231]

Allaah said: << **وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ** >>

<< know that Allaah is All-Seer of what you do.>> [al-Baqarah: 233]

Allaah said: << **وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ حَلِيمٌ** >>

<<And know that Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Forbearing.>> [al-Baqarah: 235]

Allaah said: << **وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ** >>

<< and know that Allaah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.>> [al-Baqarah: 244]

Allaah said: << **وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ** >>

<< And know that Allaah is Rich (Free of all wants), and Worthy of all praise.>> [al-Baqarah: 267]

Allaah said: << **أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ** >>

<<Know that Allaah is Severe in punishment and that Allaah is Oft -Forgiving, Most Merciful.>> [al-Maidah: 98]

Allaah said: << **فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَوْلَاكُمْ نِعْمَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ** >>

<<then know that Allaah is your *Mawlâ* (Patron, Lord, Protector and Supporter, etc.), (what) an Excellent *Mawlâ*, and (what) an Excellent Helper!>> [Anfal: 40]

Allaah said: << **وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ** >>

<<and know that Allaah is with *Al-Muttaqeen*.>> [al-Baqarah: 194]

Allaah said: << **وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ فَاحْذَرُوهُ** >>

<<And know that Allaah knows what is in your minds, so fear Him. >> [al-Baqarah: 235]

Allaah said: << **فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ** >>

<<So know that *Lâ ilâha ill-Allâh* (none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah)>>

[Muhammad: 19]

There are nearly thirty *Ayaat* with these meanings.

As for the mention of Allaah, regarding His '*Asmaa* and His *Sifaat* in the Qur'aan then there are many. There cannot be a comparison of His mentioning about His '*Asmaa* and *Sifaat* with any other topic, since His '*Asmaa* and *Sifaat* are the greatest thing mentioned in the Qur'aan and the best thing and the most exalted.

Shaykh ul-Islam Ibn Taymeeyah (d.728) -*Rahimullaah*- said:

'The Qur'aan has more of a mention of the Names of Allaah and His *Sifaat* and His Actions, than the mention of food, drink and marriage in Paradise.

The *Ayaat* which include the mention of the Names of Allaah and His *Sifaat* are greater in amount than the *Ayaat* of the Day of Judgement.

That is why the greatest *Ayaah* in the Qur'aan is the *Ayaat-ul-Kursi* which consists of the Names and *Sifaat* of Allaah. As is established in the authentic hadeeth which is narrated by Muslim from the Prophet -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- that he said to Ubayy bin Ka'ab:

'Do you know which *Ayah* in the Book of Allaah is the greatest?'

He answered: << **اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ** >>

<<Allaah! *Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Ever Living >> [al-Baqarah: 255]

The Prophet -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- patted him on his chest with his hand and

said: ‘Knowledge congratulates you Abu al-Mundhir.’

And the best *Soorah* is the *Soorah Umm al-Qur’aan* (Al-Faatihah), as is established in the hadeeth of Abu Sa’eed bin al-Mu’ala in Bukhari. [This wording is by Imaam Ahmad in ‘Musnad’ with an authentic chain]

The Prophet *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* said:

In this *Soorah* there is a greater mention of the Names of Allaah and His *Sifaat* than the mention of the Last Day.

It is established in the Saheeh of Bukhari from the Messenger *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* from more than one narration that *Soorah Al-Ikhlaas* << قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ >> <<Say: ‘He is Allaah, (the) One. >> is equivalent to a third of the Qur’aan, and it is established in the Saheeh of Bukhari that the Messenger *-sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam-* gave good news to the one who used to read this *Soorah* when he said: Indeed I love this *Soorah* because it contains the *Sifaat* of *ar-Rahman*; so due to that Allaah loved this person.

So this hadeeth explains that Allaah loves the one who loves the remembrance of the *Sifaat* of Allaah Subhaanahu wa Ta’ala, and this matter is a detailed one.’

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