

Faith in Scriptures

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In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful.

All thanks be to Allah, and may peace and prayers be upon His messenger Muhammad.

In previous talks, the Imam talked about faith into Allah, His names, and His characteristics. Imam also talked about belief into angels, their names, characteristics and what they do. Today, the Imam talked about the third part of faith. It is the faith in the books and scriptures.

Believing in the scriptures is firmly having faith that Allah Has books which He sent down upon his messengers destined for his slaves, and also believing that those books or scriptures contain the words of Allah. He spoke of those words as He saw fit. And believing that those books have the truth and the light and the guidance for people in this life and next. Believing in those scriptures includes three matters:

First: believing that it is true that they came down from Allah

Second: having faith into what Allah named those books. Like the holy **Koran** which was brought down upon our prophet Muhammad (ppbu). And the **Torah** upon Moses, and the **Bible** (or Enjeel) upon Isa, and the **Scriptures** (or Suhuf) upon Abraham, and the **Zadora** upon David, peace be upon them all.

Third: believing into what right text it contains, like the **Koran**.

Believing into the books is one part of faith. Allah says: **{you, who believe, do believe in Allah, and his messenger, and the book He brought down upon his messenger, and the book which He brought down before}**. That is a clear command from Allah to believe into Him, and His messenger, and the book (meaning the Koran) and the other books He sent down in the past. The messenger (ppbu) said about faith: **{faith is to believe into Allah and His angels, and His books, and His messengers, and the day after and to believe in fate, the good and the bad}**.

Allah told us in the holy Koran that the people of the book, the Jews and the Christians have changed their books. So, those books are no longer in the same form as when Allah sent them down. The Torah and the Bible in the hands of the people of the book now contains the wrong religions, and incorrect account of events, and false stories. We do not believe what's in those books except which was affirmed by the Koran or by the messenger. And we must deny of it, what the Koran or the messenger deny.

A Muslim is not permitted to read any of it except what is to be used as a story which is not to be believed or denied. Omar brought a book once thinking it was good. The messenger (ppbu) was quite annoyed and said: **{are you going to get astray in it? Allah my witness, I have brought it to you so pure and untarnished white. Do not ask them about nothing. They may tell you something which is true and you deny, or they may tell you something which is false and you may believe in it. By Almighty Allah, if Moses was alive today, he would have no choice except to follow me}**. The people of the book used to read the Torah in Hebro and translate it into Arabic for the Muslims. The messenger (ppbu) said: **{neither believe them nor deny them, just say (As in the Koran): {We believe in Allah, and believe in what He sent down to us and in what He sent before us}}**. Allah has favoured this nation as He favoured its prophet and favoured its book above all other books.

Allah has favoured the holy Koran, which is the word of Allah, brought down to His slave and messenger Muhammad (ppbu), who worships by reciting it. Each sentence in this book is a miracle. Koran is a special name of Allah's book, no other book was ever given this name. It is named ***the Koran***, it is named the ***Forkan*** (meaning the one that sorts and identifies the truth and false). It is named: ***Al-Ketab*** (manning the Book). It is named ***Al-Thekr*** (meaning the spoken words), ***Tanzeel*** (meaning the brought down words). Allah has protected it from change and forgery. Allah sent it down to be the dominant book and the final message, and the ever lasting law. It is kept safe from the day it was first brought down, to this day of ours, and to the day when Allah shall retake earth and everything upon it.

No extras are added, and nothing is missing. There was never a change not in a sentence, or a verse, not even a word. Those who disbelieved in it failed to come up with one verse like it, never mind a chapter. Any thing it forecasted it happened in reality as clear as the breaking morning after a dark night. The Koran is Allah's thick strong tie, it is the ever clear light, and the useful recovery for the sick, immaculacy and preservation to those who hang on to it, and salvation and rescue to those who follow it. It never ceases to amaze. It gives peace and relaxation to the soul. It is recovery and mercy for those with faith. The poet, the scholar of his time and the greatest enemy of the Koran, *Al-Waleed* when heard the messenger (ppbu) reciting the Koran he said: "it is soft and smooth. What can I say? God knows there is no man who knows more than I do about poetry and literature, or Satanic poems, By God, what this man says is nothing like any of that. There is sweetness into what he says, and it has colour, the top of it gives fruit, and at down below it is so rich. It elevates and nothing elevates above it. And it destroys what is below it".

Allah has given Koran a number of **characteristics**:

- 1) The Koran included the extract of all the godly laws and rulings. Koran came endorsing and supporting what the old books commanded about worshipping one God. Koran supersedes and replaces all previous books.
- 2) All people of the world must hang on to the Koran. All creation should follow the Koran and live by it, unlike all previous books which were for specific nations or clans.
- 3) Allah Almighty has undertaken to take care of the Koran and keep and protect it so it will not be falsified or forged.

The **benefits of the Koran** too many to be numerated. The messenger (ppbu) said:

{The best amongst you is this who learns and Koran and teaches it}

{The one who knows the Koran by heart will be told: read and get higher levels, just as you used to recite in the first life. Your level in paradise is determined by the last verse you read}

{Koran comes on the day of resurrection as a mediator for those who have it}

{Whoever reads a character from the Koran will receive a good point for it. And each point counts for ten points. I say: “A” is a letter, “L” is a letter and “M” is a letter.}

{Satan runs away from a house where the chapter of *Bakarah* (chapter 2) is recited}

{The *Bakara* and *Al-Emran* chapters (2 and 3) come on the day of resurrection arguing on behalf of those who know them}

{This who recites the chapter Al-Kahf on a Friday will lighten up for them between the two Fridays}

{The chapter Al-Molk kept mediating for some man until he was forgiven}

{The one line chapter “قل هو الله أحد” is the equivalent of one third of the Koran}

{The last two chapters in the Koran are the best protection that can ever be}

Allah say: {If the sea was the supply of the words of Allah, then the sea would run out before the words of my Lord would}

Dear Muslims, believing **in the heavenly books has many effects:**

1. The care Allah pays to His slaves and the mercy.
2. The learning and gaining of knowledge about Allah’s rulings and laws.
3. Giving thanks to Allah for bring such books down to us. Those books are light and guidance in this life and the next.

What are **our obligations** towards the Koran?

We must love it, revere it and respect it. For indeed it is the word of the creator. It has the best and most truthful words. Allah says: **{if we brought down this Koran upon a mountain you would see the mountain humbling and collapsing in fear and respect of Allah. We give such examples so people may get to think}**.

We must give part of our time towards reciting, studying and analysing the Koran and its verses. Heed its lessons, and take its points and fathom its stories. We must follow its rulings and obey its commandments and consider its etiquette. A-isha said about the messenger (ppbu): His morals were the Koran. Meaning he was a practical implementation of the laws and rulings of the Koran. We ought to have our messenger (ppbu) as our example.

Please God, we ask you to make the Koran be the life of our hearts, and the light in our chests. And make it be what clears our gloom and sadness and takes away our worries.