

*Tawheed
for Children*



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In the name of **Allah** the most Beneficent the most Merciful; I testify that there is no true God worthy of worship except **Allah** and Muhammed *Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Salam* (ﷺ) is **Allah's** true slave and messenger.

Three Great Foundations of Islam

There are three great matters for all of us to know and live our lives according to them.

1) **Knowing Allah**

Who is **Allah** (ﷻ)?

Allah is the creator who created everything; who created the heavens, the earths, the night, the day, the sun, the moon, the seas, us, the one who sends rain; Therefore **He** is the one who should be obeyed and worshipped.

He hears, **He** sees, **He** knows everything. Nothing is hidden from **Him**; even if you whisper, even if you think of something **He** knows of it. **He** knows that you will think something before even you were created. **He** deserves to be worshipped alone, nothing to be worshipped except **Him**; we call on **Him** alone. We seek refuge with **Him** and we *Love Him*.

What is Love?

When we say we love **Allah** (ﷻ) and we Love Islam it really means that we follow what **Allah** tells us to follow, and what his messenger Muhammed *Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Salam* (ﷺ) tells us to follow. We keep away from what **Allah** and His messenger tell us to keep away from. This is the meaning of true Love.

So simply following this way will bring the love of **Allah**. Which means **Allah** (ﷻ) will love the Muslim who follows him and follows the teachings of the Prophet Muhammed *Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Salam* (ﷺ)

This is the meaning of love in Islam.

2) To know Islam

What is the meaning of Islam?

Islam means that we submit to Allah in Tawheed ; *we submit to Allah as the only true God who deserves to be worshipped alone.* Also it means to keep away from Shirk. *Shirk is to say or to believe such and such person or such and such thing is a partner with Allah; or to make dua to other than Allah, or to prostrate to an idol, or to call the dead, or to swear by other than Allah; such as to swear by the sun, by the moon, by any object, or even to swear by Prophet Muhammad Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Salam (ﷺ).*

This is the meaning of Islam.

It simply means to worship **Allah** alone, and to submit to him, and keeping away from all kinds of Shirk.

Allah says in *Surah Al Imran ayah 19*:

(إن الدين عند الله الإسلام)

Truly, the religion with Allâh is Islâm.

3) To know our Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ)

We learned in *Level One* many things about the Prophet (ﷺ). His name is Muhammed bin Abdullah the son of Abdul Mutalib the son of Hashim. Hashim was from the tribe of Quraish and Quraish is from the Arab tribes.

Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ) is the final and last and best of the messengers.

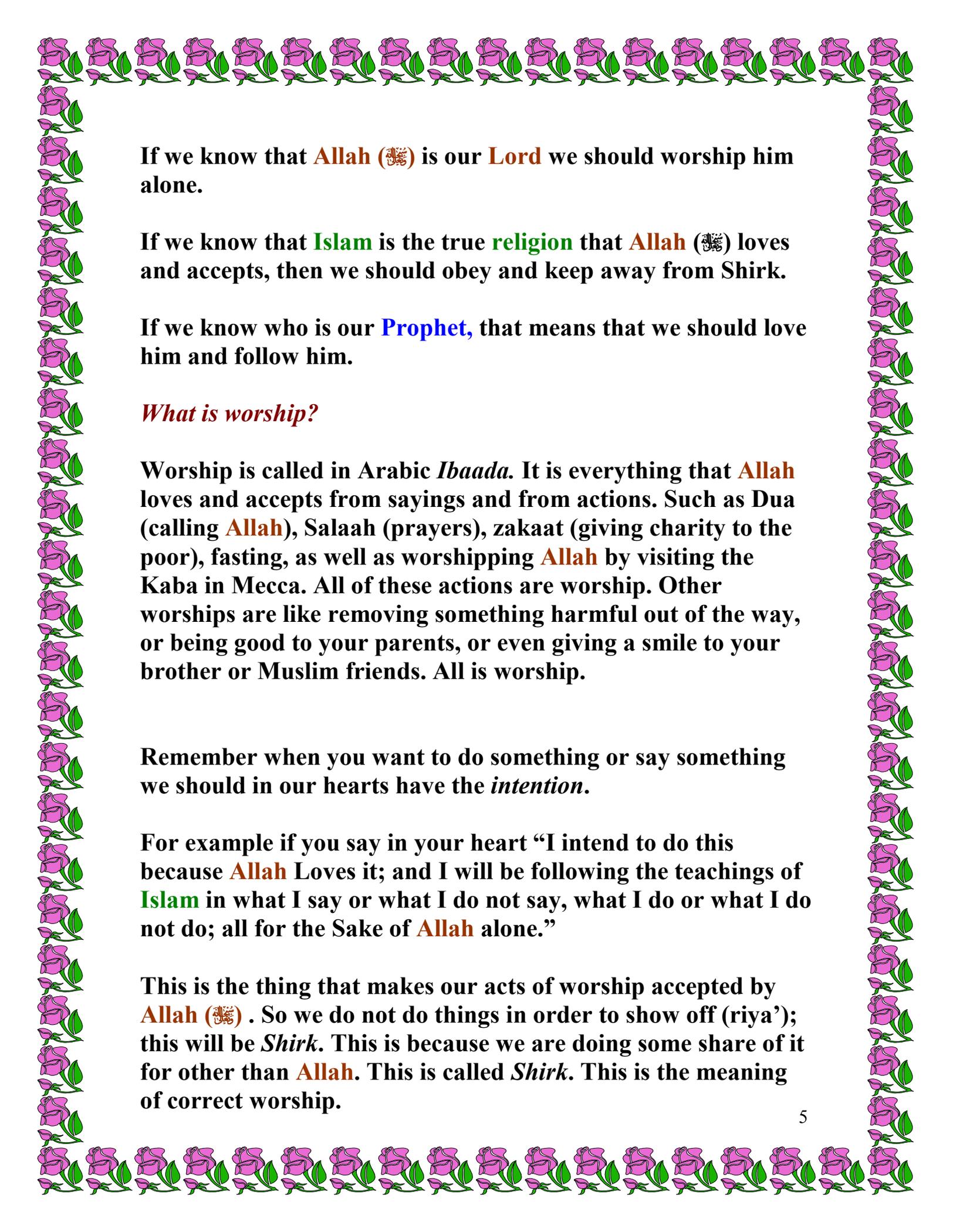
We love him and we follow his teaching. We know that what he taught us about Islam is correct and true. This means we follow his way and his way is the Sunnah.

This is the meaning of knowing Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ)
This is a matter that needs special attention. The person who dies will be asked about three things:

1-Who is your **Lord**?

2-What is your **Deen**?

3-And who is your **Prophet**?



If we know that **Allah** (ﷻ) is our **Lord** we should worship him alone.

If we know that **Islam** is the true **religion** that **Allah** (ﷻ) loves and accepts, then we should obey and keep away from Shirk.

If we know who is our **Prophet**, that means that we should love him and follow him.

What is worship?

Worship is called in Arabic *Ibaada*. It is everything that **Allah** loves and accepts from sayings and from actions. Such as Dua (calling **Allah**), Salaah (prayers), zakaat (giving charity to the poor), fasting, as well as worshipping **Allah** by visiting the Kaba in Mecca. All of these actions are worship. Other worships are like removing something harmful out of the way, or being good to your parents, or even giving a smile to your brother or Muslim friends. All is worship.

Remember when you want to do something or say something we should in our hearts have the *intention*.

For example if you say in your heart “I intend to do this because **Allah** Loves it; and I will be following the teachings of **Islam** in what I say or what I do not say, what I do or what I do not do; all for the Sake of **Allah** alone.”

This is the thing that makes our acts of worship accepted by **Allah** (ﷻ) . So we do not do things in order to show off (riya’); this will be *Shirk*. This is because we are doing some share of it for other than **Allah**. This is called *Shirk*. This is the meaning of correct worship.



The Levels of Deen (religion)

There are three levels

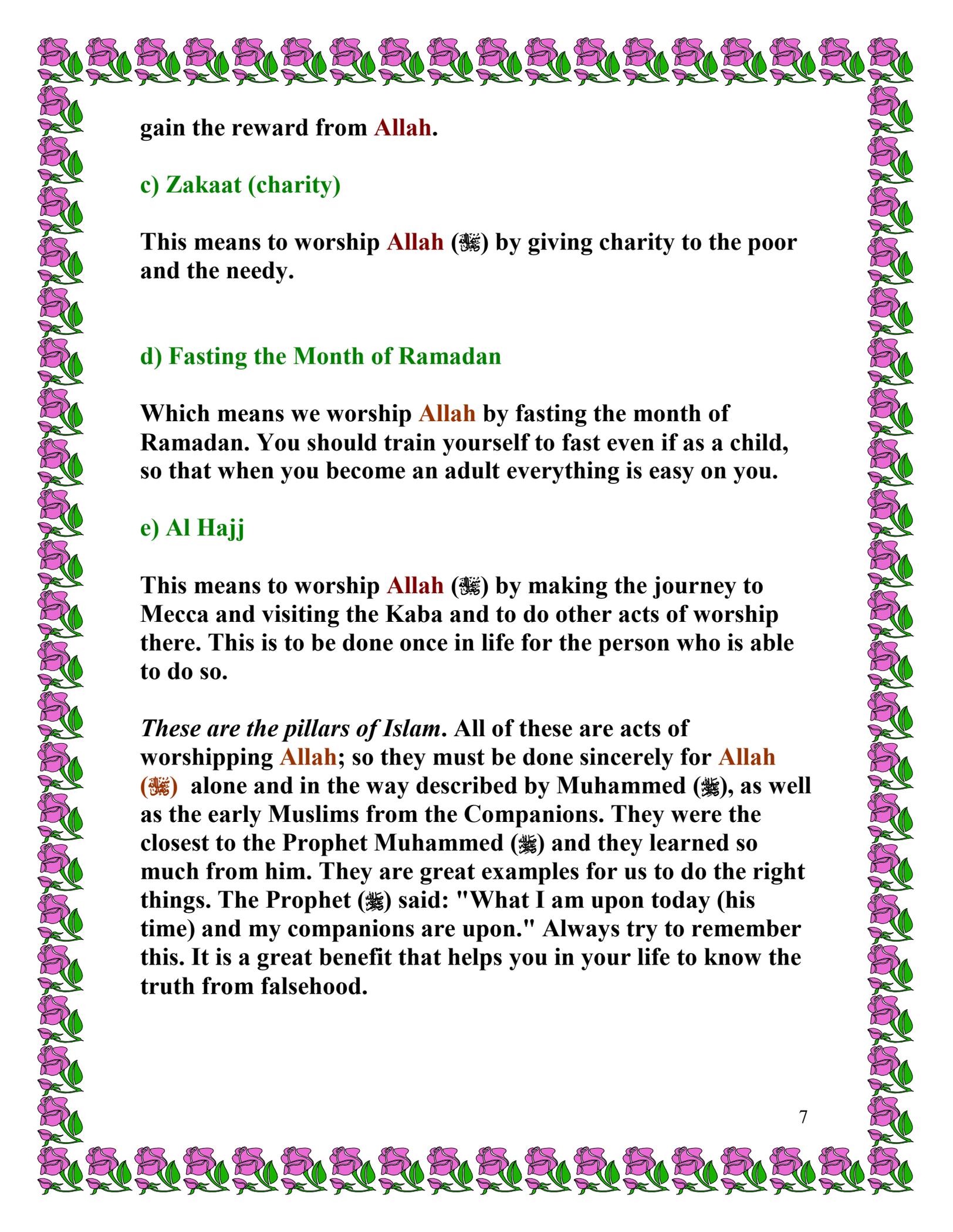
- 1) Islam
- 2) Emaan
- 3) Ihsaan

1) Islam is built upon Five Pillars. They are:

a) **The Shahaadah** *la illaha illallah muhammadun rasoolillah*, which basically means there is no true God who deserves to be worshipped except **Allah**, and Muhammed is His messenger. This is the shahaadah. It is the key for someone to enter in Islam. No one can enter into Islam from the non Muslims except that he should believe and testify the shahaadah and do the acts of worship.

b) **Salaah (prayers)**

This means to worship **Allah** (ﷻ) by doing all the prayers to **Allah** alone. How to pray? The way we pray to **Allah** is the way that Muhammed ﷺ showed us. He (ﷺ) said: "Pray as you had seen me praying." The companions saw him (ﷺ) praying and they related it to us. So we follow his way to do them so as to



gain the reward from **Allah**.

c) Zakaat (charity)

This means to worship **Allah** (ﷻ) by giving charity to the poor and the needy.

d) Fasting the Month of Ramadan

Which means we worship **Allah** by fasting the month of Ramadan. You should train yourself to fast even if as a child, so that when you become an adult everything is easy on you.

e) Al Hajj

This means to worship **Allah** (ﷻ) by making the journey to Mecca and visiting the Kaba and to do other acts of worship there. This is to be done once in life for the person who is able to do so.

These are the pillars of Islam. All of these are acts of worshipping **Allah**; so they must be done sincerely for **Allah** (ﷻ) alone and in the way described by Muhammed (ﷺ), as well as the early Muslims from the Companions. They were the closest to the Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ) and they learned so much from him. They are great examples for us to do the right things. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "What I am upon today (his time) and my companions are upon." Always try to remember this. It is a great benefit that helps you in your life to know the truth from falsehood.

2) Emaan

Emaan means to have firm belief in **Allah**, his *Angels*, his *Books*, his *Messengers*, the *Last Day* and in *Al Qadr* it's good and bad.

a) To believe in Allah

This means believing that **Allah** is the true and only God; that he deserves to be worshipped alone, without partner.

Also we believe in all of His Qualities which **He** described **Himself** with.

He (ﷻ) says **He Sees**, so we believe that He sees; however not like our seeing. Our seeing is weak and **Allah's** seeing is perfect.

Allah (ﷻ) says that **He Hears**; however **His** hearing is not like ours. Our hearing is weak and **His** hearing is perfect. So much so, that if all the people in the world spoke at the same time, each saying something different from the rest, **Allah** hears them all and knows what everyone said.

Allah says about Himself that **He arose above His 'Arsh** above the seven skies. So we believe that Allah is not on earth and that He is not in anyone or anything.

Allah (ﷻ) says that **He does not have sons or daughters**. He does not need children. So we believe that He has taken no son. So whoever says that someone is the son or daughter of Allah then he is a liar and disbeliever.

Allah says He has a magnificent **Face**; So we believe that He truly has a magnificent Face, but it is not like our face. Why?

Because **Allah** (ﷻ) says about himself “**Nothing is like Him**”

So we believe in ALL of his Names and ALL that which **He** described Himself with; and we believe that there is nothing like **Him** in all of that.

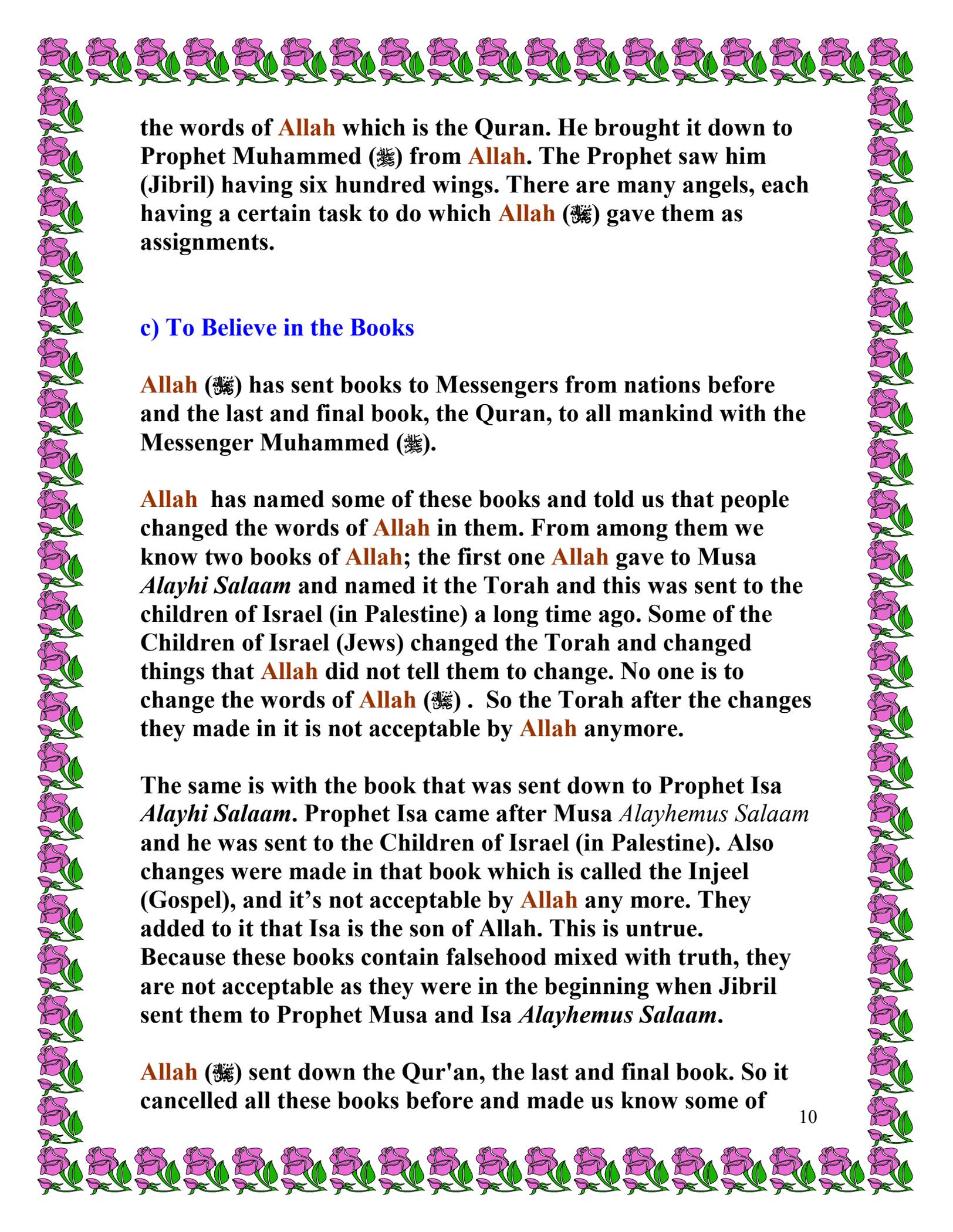
This is the belief in **Allah**



b) To believe in the Angels

We believe that **Allah** created them from light, and they do not stop worshipping **Allah**. Some have wings, two, three, and more.

The greatest of the angels is *Jibril Alayhi Salaam*; whom **Allah** sent to all of the Messengers telling them the words of Allah and to call people to Islam. *Jibril Alayhi Salaam* brought down



the words of **Allah** which is the Quran. He brought it down to Prophet Muhammed (ﷺ) from **Allah**. The Prophet saw him (Jibril) having six hundred wings. There are many angels, each having a certain task to do which **Allah** (ﷻ) gave them as assignments.

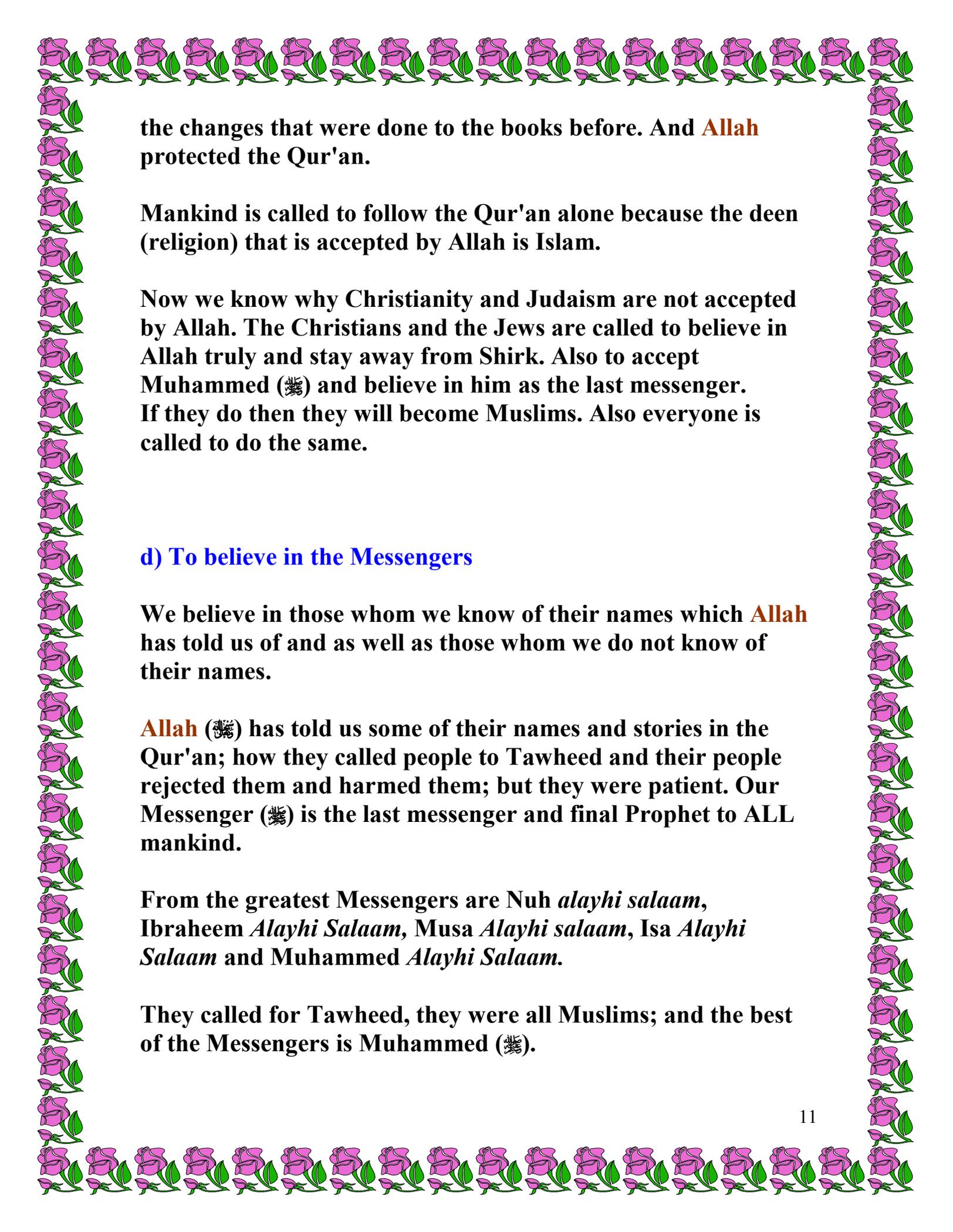
c) To Believe in the Books

Allah (ﷻ) has sent books to Messengers from nations before and the last and final book, the Quran, to all mankind with the Messenger Muhammed (ﷺ).

Allah has named some of these books and told us that people changed the words of **Allah** in them. From among them we know two books of **Allah**; the first one **Allah** gave to Musa *Alayhi Salaam* and named it the Torah and this was sent to the children of Israel (in Palestine) a long time ago. Some of the Children of Israel (Jews) changed the Torah and changed things that **Allah** did not tell them to change. No one is to change the words of **Allah** (ﷻ). So the Torah after the changes they made in it is not acceptable by **Allah** anymore.

The same is with the book that was sent down to Prophet Isa *Alayhi Salaam*. Prophet Isa came after Musa *Alayhemus Salaam* and he was sent to the Children of Israel (in Palestine). Also changes were made in that book which is called the Injeel (Gospel), and it's not acceptable by **Allah** any more. They added to it that Isa is the son of Allah. This is untrue. Because these books contain falsehood mixed with truth, they are not acceptable as they were in the beginning when Jibril sent them to Prophet Musa and Isa *Alayhemus Salaam*.

Allah (ﷻ) sent down the Qur'an, the last and final book. So it cancelled all these books before and made us know some of



the changes that were done to the books before. And **Allah** protected the Qur'an.

Mankind is called to follow the Qur'an alone because the deen (religion) that is accepted by Allah is Islam.

Now we know why Christianity and Judaism are not accepted by Allah. The Christians and the Jews are called to believe in Allah truly and stay away from Shirk. Also to accept Muhammed (ﷺ) and believe in him as the last messenger. If they do then they will become Muslims. Also everyone is called to do the same.

d) To believe in the Messengers

We believe in those whom we know of their names which **Allah** has told us of and as well as those whom we do not know of their names.

Allah (ﷻ) has told us some of their names and stories in the Qur'an; how they called people to Tawheed and their people rejected them and harmed them; but they were patient. Our Messenger (ﷺ) is the last messenger and final Prophet to ALL mankind.

From the greatest Messengers are Nuh *alayhi salaam*, Ibraheem *Alayhi Salaam*, Musa *Alayhi salaam*, Isa *Alayhi Salaam* and Muhammed *Alayhi Salaam*.

They called for Tawheed, they were all Muslims; and the best of the Messengers is Muhammed (ﷺ).

e) The belief of the Last Day

We believe that **Allah** will bring an end to this world; everyone will die. After that **Allah** will bring people from their graves and wherever they may be, and they will stand to know of what they did. Those who accepted Islam and followed the deen (religion) will end up in Paradise. As for those who died as *kaafirs* (non believers) or *mushriks* who took partners with Allah and died on that; they will end up in Hell.

No injustice will be done to anyone because **Allah** is All-Just, Most Merciful.

f) To Believe in Al- Qadar: it's good and bad

Al-Qadar means pre-decree. What does this mean?

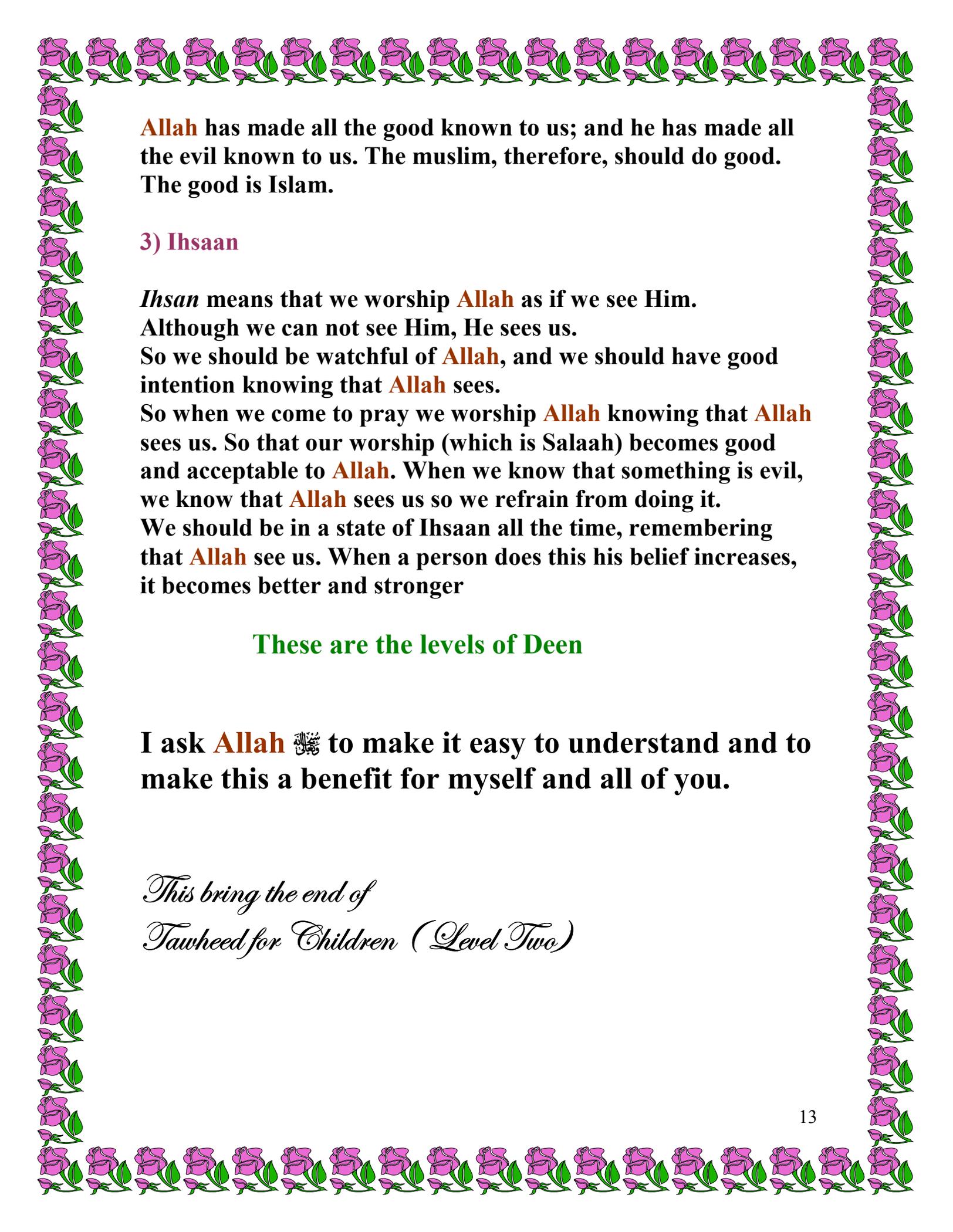
Allah said that **He** created everything by a decree. This means **He** set for everything a measure; **He** recorded everything in a book. Such as, for example, this person will be created on this day and die on this day. Everything we do is written in the Mother of the Books (*Ummul Kitaab*), known also as The Preserved Tablet *al-Lawhul Mahfoodh*.

He knows everything even before creating it, **He** knows everything about it.

Allah (ﷻ) knows what took place in the past and **He** knows what will take place in the future.

There is nothing hidden from **Allah** and there is nothing that takes place in this life, on earth or any place without the will of **Allah**.

We do not know what **Allah** has pre-decreed; it's hidden from us.



Allah has made all the good known to us; and he has made all the evil known to us. The muslim, therefore, should do good. The good is Islam.

3) Ihsaan

Ihsan means that we worship **Allah** as if we see Him.

Although we can not see Him, He sees us.

So we should be watchful of **Allah**, and we should have good intention knowing that **Allah** sees.

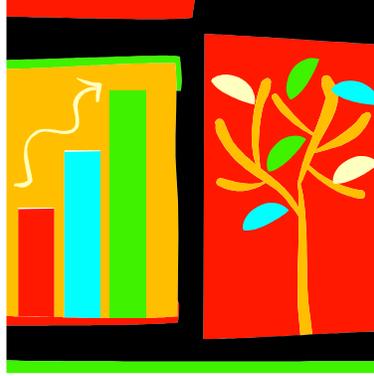
So when we come to pray we worship **Allah** knowing that **Allah** sees us. So that our worship (which is Salaah) becomes good and acceptable to **Allah**. When we know that something is evil, we know that **Allah** sees us so we refrain from doing it.

We should be in a state of Ihsaan all the time, remembering that **Allah** see us. When a person does this his belief increases, it becomes better and stronger

These are the levels of Deen

I ask **Allah** ﷻ to make it easy to understand and to make this a benefit for myself and all of you.

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