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IMPORTANCE OF THE QURAN AND THE SUNNAH

Dear Mumins!

Almighty Allah (swt) asks his servants to follow the commandments. The prophets are ideal examples of Allah's (swt) servants who showcase excellent examples to all of us. We always wonder "how to earn the love of Allah (swt)?" The answer to that question is very simple; always follow the examples of the prophets and nothing else.

The Quran states that "Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have a good example to follow for him. Who hopes for (the meeting with) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much." [1] There are two main sources in Islam. They are the Quran and the Sunnah. Our prophet (pbuh) taught us how to worship Allah (swt) after he fully understood the Quran and the teachings of Allah (swt). Almighty Allah (swt) says that "With clear signs and Books (We sent the Messengers) And We have also sent down unto you (reminder and the advice) Quran, that you may explain clearly to men what is sent down to them, and that they may give thought." [2] Another verse states that "O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those of you (Muslims) who are in authority. And if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allah and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for final determination." [3]



When problems arise we must always refer to the

Quran and the Sunnah, and never forget our prophet (pbuh) is our guide. Our prophet (pbuh) has a very essential role for us. Without him we would not be able to understand and practice the

teachings of the Quran. Without our prophet (pbuh) we would not know why the verses were sent, their meanings, and how to worship Allah (swt). Almighty Allah (swt) states clearly in the Quran the importance of our prophet (pbuh). To love our prophet (pbuh), to believe in him, to follow his teachings, and to stay away from whatever he bans are the commandments of Allah (swt). Quran tells us that "...And whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it, and whatsoever he forbids you abstain from it." [4] In another verse "Nor does he speak of (his own) desire it is only a Revelation revealed." [5] Our prophet's (pbuh) words and behavior are emphasized as important concerns for us. Not wanting to accept the fact that our prophet (pbuh) is very important, and not wanting to follow his teachings are big sins and these behaviors also oppose Allah (swt) and the Quran. Because our prophet (pbuh) gets his authority from the Quran, we, in order to be good Muslims

must be sincere and loyal to him. Believing in Islam and practicing Islam creates a very spiritual atmosphere for us. In order for us to have spiritual atmosphere, peace and continuation of this provision we must believe in Allah (swt) and his messenger (pbuh). We must always love, be faithful, loyal, and believe in Allah (swt) and our prophet (pbuh).

We must always stay away from the things that will damage our focus. To be brief; Our primary sources must be the Quran and the Sunnah. If we do not have sufficient information about the Quran and the Sunnah we may start to believe in wrong information about Islam that tends to circulate around. Observing wrong information about Islam will certainly create big problems for you, so make sure to stay away from an

environment which will create defects for you. I would like to finish my hutba with a verse from the Quran “And We have not sent you (O Muhammad p.b.u.h.)except as a giver of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind,but most of men know not..” (6)

1-Al-Ahzab,21 2-An-Nahl,44

3-An-Nisa,59 4-Al-Hashr,7

5-An-Najm,3,4 6-Saba,28