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IKHLAS

Dear Mumins!

Acceptance of worship by Allah depends on conducting it properly and demanding only Allah's pleasure. With the verses of **'He who spends his wealth for increase in self-purification, and who has (in mind) no favor from anyone to be paid back, except to seek the countenance of his Lord, the Most High. He surely will be pleased'**¹, it has been emphasized that only deeds done for Allah's pleasure would be accepted. The Prophet (s.a.w.) said: *'Allah does never accept but the deeds done for His pleasure'*² And also Quran has expressed that the prophets had carried out their conveying duties without expecting any charge from the people.³



Dear Mumins!

The intention transforms verbal and actual deeds to worship. And any worship without *ihlas* would not benefit the person anything. Therefore the religion of Islam has given special importance to the intention. Our Prophet (s.a.w.) has expressed that the deeds are valued according to the intentions.⁴ He (s.a.w.) also said while returning from Tabuk war as follows: *'Some people have remained behind us in Medina and we never crossed a mountain path or a valley, but they were with us (i.e. sharing the reward with us), as they have been held back by a*

*(legal) excuse.'*⁵ On the other hand, those who worship without *ihlas* has been warned with an intense expression in the following verses of Quran: **'So woe to those performers of Salât. Who are neglectful of their Salat. Those who do good deeds only to be seen of men...'**⁶

Dear Mumins!

Showing off is a spiritual disease nullifying the deeds. Allah (s.w.t.) has expressed this reality as follows: **'O you who believe! Do not render in vain your Sadaqah (charity) by reminders of your generosity or by injury, like him who spends his wealth to be seen of men, and he does not believe in**

Allah, nor in the Last Day. His likeness is the likeness of a smooth rock on which is a little dust; on it falls heavy rain which leaves it bare. They are not able to do anything with what they have earned. And Allah does not guide the disbelieving people.'⁷

Thus we should not forget that the worships earn value only by *ihlas* and every legal deed conducted with *ihlas* will convert to worship.

I will finish my khutba with a hadith: *'Verily Allah does not look to your bodies nor to your faces but He looks to your hearts.'*⁸

¹ Al-Lail, 92/ 18, 21.

² Nasâi, Jihad, 24; Ahmad b. Hanbal, IV, 126.

³ Ash-Shu'arâ, 26/109, 127, 145, 164, 180.

⁴ Buhari, Bad'ul-vahy 1; Muslim, Imârat, 155.

⁵ Buhari, Jihaad, 35.

⁶ Al-Mâ'ûn, 107 / 4, 6.

⁷ Al-Baqarah, 2 / 264.

⁸ Muslim, Birr, 33.