



Exemplary Foundations Concerning the Beautiful Names and Attributes of Allaah [Part 4]

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IF THE NAMES OF ALLAAH ARE TRANSITIVE, THEY FALL UNDER THREE AFFAIRS: FIRSTLY, AFFIRMING THAT NAME FOR ALLAAH THE MIGHTY AND MAJESTIC; SECONDLY, AFFIRMING THE ATTRIBUTE CONTAINED IN THAT NAME OF ALLAAH THE MIGHTY AND MAJESTIC; THIRDLY, AFFIRMING ITS RULING AND NECESSARY REQUIREMENT:

Due to this, the people of knowledge have allowed overlooking the punishment for the highway robbers who repent, using as proof the statement of Allaah the Exalted,

“As for those who repented before they fell into your power, then know that Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, the Bestower of Mercy.” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:34]

This is because the necessary requirement of these two Names is that Allaah the Exalted has forgiven them of their sins and bestowed mercy upon them by overlooking the prescribed punishment from them. An example of that is as-Samee' (the All-Hearing) which requires [i] affirming as-Samee' as a Name of Allaah the Exalted; [ii] and affirming *as-sama'* (hearing) as an Attribute for Him; [iii] and affirming the ruling and necessary requirement of that. And it is that He hears whatever is secret and confidential, as Allaah the Exalted said,

“And Allaah hears the dispute between you both. Verily Allaah is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.” [Sooratul-Mujaadilah 58:1]

AND IF THEY ARE NOT TRANSITIVE, THEY FALL INTO TWO CIRCUMSTANCES: FIRSTLY, AFFIRMING THAT NAME FOR ALLAAH THE MIGHTY AND MAJESTIC; SECONDLY, AFFIRMING THE ATTRIBUTE THAT THIS NAME OF ALLAAH THE MIGHTY AND MAJESTIC NECESSITATES:

An example of this is al-Hayy, which requires affirming al-Hayy as a Name of Allaah the Mighty and Majestic and affirming life as an Attribute of Him.

Footnotes:

[1] Imaam 'Abdul-'Azeez Ibn Baaz (d.1420H) – *rahimahullaah* – said, “The praise is for Allaah and may the peace and greetings be upon the Messenger of Allaah and upon his Family and whomsoever is guided by his guidance. To proceed:

So indeed, I have reviewed the valuable book that was written by the possessor of excellence, our brother, al-'Allaamah, Shaykh Muhammad Ibr Saalih al-'Uthaymeen concerning the Names and Attributes. He named it *al-Qawaa'idul-Muthlaa fee Sifaatillaahi wa Asmaa'ihil-Husnaa*. I have listened to it from its beginning to its end, so he wrote an illustrious book. Indeed, it contains a clarification of the creed of the *Salafus-Saalih* in the Names and Attributes. Likewise, it comprises of great foundations and collective benefits concerning the topic of the Names and Attributes. He clarified the meaning of *al-Ma'iyah* (Allaah's being with His creation in knowledge, whilst being above His Throne in His Essence) that is mentioned in the Book of Allaah the Mighty and Majestic in a specific and general sense according to *Ahlus-Sunnah waJamaa'ah*. Verily it is the truth in reality, it does not require a blend or mixture of the two creations. Rather, He is the One free from all imperfections, above His Throne, as He has informed about Himself, and as is connected to His Majesty. It only necessitates His knowledge, cognizance and acquaintance with them, and that He listens to their statements and movements, and He sees their conditions and situations, and He preserves and watches over His Messengers and His believing *awliyaa'* (close allies), and He grants them victory and success to other than that from whatever relates to the general and particular *ma'iyah*. It contains sublime meanings and realities that Allaah the Glorified has affirmed for Himself. Likewise, this book comprises of an opposition to the statement of the people of *ta'teel* (denial), *tashbeeh* (resemblance) and *tamthee* (likening), and the people of *al-Huloool waHttihaad* (incarnation and union between Allaah and His creation).

So may Allaah increase him in goodness and increase him and us in knowledge, guidance and success. May Allaah benefit all of the Muslims by reading his book. Verily He is the best Disposer for that and well-capable of it. So may the peace and greetings of Allaah be upon our Prophet Muhammad and His Family and His Companions. Stated by the one needy of Allaah the Exalted: 'Abdullaah Ibn 'Abdul-'Azeez Ibn Baaz – Head of the Department of Knowledge-Based Research, Religious Verdicts, Call and Guidance. 5/11/1404H." Refer to *al-Qawaa'idul-Muthlaa* (p. 4-5).

[2] **Translator's Note:** Stated Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen (d.1421H) – *rahimahullaah* – in his book, *Sharh Lumu'atul-'Iqaac* (p. 23), "The meaning of each of Allaah's Names applies to [i] Allaah Himself; [ii] the Attribute that such a Name implies, and; [iii] the effect of such an attribute, if it is transitive. Faith in Allaah's Names cannot be complete without affirming all of this. An example of those names that are not transitive is the Name al-'Adheem (The Most Great). One's faith is not complete until he believes that it is a name of Allaah whose meaning applies to Him Himself, as well as the attribute that it encompasses, which is His magnificence (*'adhamah*). An example of a name that is transitive is ar-Rahmaan (the Most Merciful). One's faith is not complete until he believes that it is a name of Allaah that applies to: [i] Himself; [ii] the attribute that it encompasses, which is his mercy, and; [iii] what results from that, which is that he grants mercy to whom He wills.

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