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Kitab al-Tawhid

Chapter 17: The intercession

Preview

In this lesson/chapter we will learn, insha Allah:

- What intercession is
- Who will be able to intercede for others
- Who intercession will be for (on the Day of Judgment) and why it will not be for all
- The manner of intercession on the Day of Judgment

Terms to Know

Memorize the Arabic for the following terms:

Term	Arabic
intercessor	شَفِيع
protector	وَلِيّ
permission	إِذْن
The Highest Place	المَقْمُ المَحْمَد

Read

1. Read the following pages in the text: pp. xxxxx
2. If you do not have the text, please refer to the summary at the end of this lesson.
3. Additional suggested reading: Tafsir for the ayaat in this lesson.

? Recall

1. Why will the intercession that the kuffar believe in be rejected?
2. To _____ belongs all intercession (39:44)
3. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His _____?
4. Those who others call upon besides Allah possess not even the weight of an _____ or an _____ in the heavens or earth. (34:23)
5. The happiest of people with the intercession of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) will be those who said _____ with pure _____ from his _____.
6. Intercession will not be for those who commit _____.
7. What is the Highest Place called? _____
8. Who will occupy (be there) it (the Highest Place)? _____

Match the English to the Arabic. Write the letter of the English word in the middle column to match the Arabic word.

a) intercessor		ولىّ
b) protector		إذن
c) permission		المقم المحمد
d) The Highest Place		شفيح

Activity

In a flow chart, show the steps of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam)'s intercession on the Day of Judgment.

Summary

Intercession

Intercession is defined in the dictionary as a "prayer to God on behalf (for) of another person." The Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) will intercede for Muslims on the Day of Judgment before Allah.

The Mushrikin believe that things that they worship will be able to intercede for them on the Day of Judgment, but they will not be able to. The intercession that they believe in will be rejected:

He knows what is before them, and what is behind them, and they cannot intercede except for him with whom He is pleased. And they stand in awe for fear of Him.. 21:28

And warn therewith (the Qur'ân) those who fear that they will be gathered before their Lord, when there will be neither a protector nor an intercessor for them besides Him, so that they may fear Allâh and keep their duty to Him (by abstaining from committing sins and by doing all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained). 6:51

Say: "To Allâh belongs all intercession. His is the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. Then to Him you shall be brought back." 39:44

Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His Permission? 2:255

And there are many angels in the heavens, whose intercession will avail nothing except after Allâh has given leave for whom He wills and is pleased with. 53:26

Say (O Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam] to polytheists, pagans): "Call upon those whom you assert (to be associate gods) besides Allâh, they possess not even an atom's (or a small ant's) weight either in the heavens or on the earth, nor have they any share in either, nor there is for Him any supporter from among them." Intercession with Him profits not except for him whom He permits. So much so that when fear is banished from their (angels') hearts, they (angels) say: "What is it that your Lord has said?" They say: "The truth. And He is the Most High, the Most Great." 32:22-23

How the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) will intercede on the Day of Resurrection

He will come and prostrate to his Lord and praise Him, and he will not begin with intercession n at first. It will be said afterwards: "Raise your head speak and it will be heard, ask and you will be given, intercede and intercession will be granted."

Who will the intercession of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) be for?

"The Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) made it clear that this intercession will not be for other than the people of Tauhid and Ikhlaas" (from the text)

Abu Hurayrah radia Allahu anhu asked the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) "Who will be the happiest of people with your intercession?" He (the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) said "Whoever said La ilâha illa Allah sincerely with pure intention from his heart.

So his intercession will not be for those who commit shirk.

The Highest Place

Allah has given permission to intercede as an honor to the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) and Allah will confer upon the Highest Place (Al Maqam Al Mahmud)

End of Summary/Lesson 17