



Kitab al-Tawhid

Chapter 15:

(The created one could not be an object of worship)

Preview

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

1. That created things should not be objects of worship.
2. The meaning and manner of Al Qunut of the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) to invoke Allah against someone.

Terms to Know

Write the definitions of the following words. Write the word in Arabic as well.

Term	Definition	Arabic
Qunoot		
Qitmir		

Read

1. Read the following pages in the text: pp. 92-97.
If you do not have the text, please refer to the summary at the end of this lesson.
2. Additional suggested reading: Tafsir for ayaat: 7:191-192 and 35: 13-14.

? Recall

1. What is Al Qunut?
2. What will those who are called upon other than Allah do on the Day of Resurrection?
3. List some of the atrocities (horrible actions) carried out or attempted by the Quraysh upon the Muslims?
4. The ones who were supplicated against in the Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam)'s qunoot were _____, not Muslims.

Summary

I. The created one is not be an object of worship:

Do they attribute as partners to Allah those who created nothing but they themselves are created). No help can they give them, nor can they help themselves.)
(7:191-192)

From Tafsir Ibn Kathir:

"Allah admonishes the idolaters who worshipped idols, rivals and images besides Him, although these objects were created by Allah, and neither own anything nor can they bring harm or benefit. These objects do not see or give aid to those who worship them. They are inanimate objects that neither

move, hear, nor see. Those who worship these objects are better than they are, for they hear see and have strength of their own."

Other ayaat which illustrate this:

(O mankind! A similitude has been coined, so listen to it (carefully): Verily, those on whom you call besides Allah, cannot create (even) a fly, even though they combine together for the purpose. And if the fly snatches away a thing from them, they will have no power to release it from the fly. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought. They have not estimated Allah His rightful estimate. Verily, Allah is All-Strong, Almighty)22:73-74

In the Tafsir, the following story is related:

Mu`adh bin `Amr ibn Al-Jamuh and Mu`adh bin Jabal, may Allah be pleased with both of them, were still young when they embraced Islam after the Messenger of Allah came to Al-Madinah. So they were attacking the idols of the idolaters at night, breaking, disfiguring them and using them as fuel for needy widows. They sought to give a lesson to their people to make them aware of their error. `Amr bin Al-Jamuh, who was one of the chiefs of his people, had an idol that he used to worship and perfume. The two Mu`adhs used to go to that idol, turn it on its head and tarnish it with animal waste. When `Amr bin Al-Jamuh would see what happened to his idol, he would clean it, perfume it and leave a sword next to it, saying, "Defend yourself.'" However, the two young men would repeat their actions, and he would do the same as before. Once, they took the idol, tied it to a dead dog and threw it in a well while tied to a rope! When `Amr bin Al-Jamuh saw this, he knew that his religion was false and said, "By Allah! Had you been a god who has might, you would not end up tied to a dog on a rope!" `Amr bin Al-Jamuh embraced Islam, and he was strong in his Islam.

(35:13-14)

".... And those, whom you invoke or call upon instead of Him, own not even a .) If you invoke them, they hear your call; and if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it to you. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them. And none can inform you like Him Who is the All-Knower.)

From the Tafsir for these ayaat:

(If you invoke them, they hear not your call;) means, `the gods upon whom you call instead of Allah, do not hear your supplication, because they are inanimate and have no soul in them.'

And if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it to you. means, `they are not able to do any of the things that you ask them for.'

And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them means, `they will disown you.

II. Al Qunut

The Prophet (salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam) made Qunut in prayers specifically naming the ones (disbelievers) who were being invoked against.

Al-Bukhari recorded that, Salim bin `Abdullah said that his father said that he heard the Messenger of Allah saying -- when he raised his head from bowing in the second unit of the Fajr prayer -- "O Allah! Curse so-and-so," after saying; Sami` Allahu Liman Hamidah, Rabbana wa lakal-Hamd. Thereafter, Allah revealed this Ayah,

(Not for you is the decision;) This was also recorded by An-Nasa'i.

Imam Ahmad recorded that Salim bin `Abdullah said that his father said that he heard the Messenger of Allah saying,

(O Allah! Curse so-and-so. O Allah! Curse Al-Harith bin Hisham. O Allah! Curse Suhayl bin `Amr. O Allah! Curse Safwan bin Umayyah.)

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