



DeenSahih Lecture Summary

Selected Chapters from Kitāb al-Tawḥīd

Lecture 1 – Introduction & Merits of Monotheism

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The lecture covers three main topics:

1. Overview of DeenSahih platform and this lecture series.
2. Brief biography of the great scholar Muḥammad ibn ‘Abd al-Wahhāb (may Allāh have mercy on him)
3. First chapter of Kitāb al-Tawḥīd (book of monotheism) – Definition and importance of Tawḥīd

Brief biography of Imām Muḥammad ibn ‘Abd al-Wahhāb (may Allāh have mercy on him):

1. He came from a scholarly household with both his father and grandfather being scholars and judges.
2. He sought knowledge at an early age and travelled to many places in pursuit of knowledge (‘ilm), such as the Hijāz region, Irāq, and other places.
3. Some of his teachers were – Muḥammad Ḥayāt al-Sindhi (from whom he benefited in ḥadīth), Muḥammad al-Majmū’y (from whom he benefitted in ‘aqīdah).
4. He was greatly troubled by the widespread nature of various Shirk (polytheism), Bid‘ah (innovation in religious matters) and associated rituals which were rampant in his area and surrounding regions.
5. In his studies and learning he was heavily influenced by Shaykh al-Islām ibn Taymīyyah and his student Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allāh have mercy on both).
6. He wrote this great book – Kitāb al-Tawḥīd – in order to disseminate the correct understanding of Tawḥīd (monotheism) as mentioned in the Qur’ān, Sunnah, and way of the early generations (salaf).
7. He wrote this book when he was in his early twenties that shows his stature and understanding even at this young age.
8. The book contains 66 chapters and discusses various aspects and categories related to Tawḥīd with a special focus on Tawḥīd al-‘Ulūhiyyah (to single out Allāh alone, that He is the sole Deity worthy of worship or Oneness of Allāh’s worship).

Definition and importance of Tawḥīd:

1. Importance of Tawḥīd – Proofs from Qurʾān and Ahadīth (narrations) of Messenger (may Allāh raise his rank and grant him peace).
2. Our Shaykh utilises the explanation of the great scholar of Jāzan (KSA), Aḥmad an-Najmi (may Allāh have mercy on him) in explanation of the first chapter of this book.
3. The three domains of beings and their relation to Tawḥīd [Angels (malāʾikah), Devils (shayāṭīn), Mankind (bashar)/Genies (jinn)].
4. The fiṭrah (innate nature) of each person and that it is naturally inclined to Tawḥīd (unless one corrupts it).
5. Mankind was upon Tawḥīd and then when they deviated and started committing Shirk, Allāh sent Messengers for their guidance.
6. Explanation of the verses from Surah al-Anʿām (151, 152, 153) which mentions a number of prohibitions, the first one being Shirk.
7. Command of worshipping Allāh and being obedient to parents combined in the same verse (āyah).
8. Person of Tawḥīd but who has major sins – if Allāh decides he may punish him (and the person would deserve it). He will be punished in a fire which is other than the fire for punishing the people of Shirk. He will eventually be in paradise (jannah).

Our Shaykh concludes by mentioning that this is the end of the first chapter of Kitāb al-Tawḥīd and once the other speakers cover their respective chapters, then he may return and conduct further sessions to cover other chapters – if Allāh wills.

Shaykh ends by making supplications (duʿā) that Allāh grants us success in understanding Tawḥīd and studying this noble book.

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