



## **Readings in al-Qawaa'id al-Arba'ah (The Four Principles) : Part 2**

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From this treatise:

When you acknowledge that Allaah has created you for His worship, then know that worship is not regarded as such unless it is accompanied by tawheed, just as prayer is not regarded as prayer unless it is accompanied by purification (taharah). So when shirk enters into worship it corrupts it just like an impurity invalidates purification

## Part 2: Explaining Haneefiyyah

Shaikh Salih al-Fawzaan says:

### TEXT

Know, may Allaah guide you to obeying Him, that Haneefiyyah is the religion of Ibraaheem: It is that you worship Allaah making the religion purely for Him, as He said, *"And I have not created the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (Alone)."* [adh-Dhaariyaat (51):56]

### EXPLANATION

**"Know, may Allaah guide you to obeying Him"**: This is a supplication from the Shaikh (may Allaah have mercy on him) and it is necessary for a teacher to supplicate for his students. And the meaning of obedience to Allaah is compliance to His commands and avoidance of His prohibitions.

**"that Haneefiyyah is the religion of Ibraaheem"**: Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, commanded His Prophet to follow the religion of Ibraaheem, He, the Most High, said:

*"Then, We have inspired you (saying): "Follow the religion of Ibraaheem Haneefa (to worship none but Allaah) and he was not of the Mushrikeen."* [an-Nahl (16):123]

Al-Haneefiyyah is the religion of al-Haneef who is Ibraaheem. The Haneef is the one who accepts Allaah with his heart, his actions and intentions, making all of that for Allaah, and he rejects everything besides Him. And Allaah has ordered us to follow the religion of Ibraaheem,

*"And He has not laid upon you in religion any hardship; it is the religion of your father Ibraaheem."* [al-Hajj (22):78]

And the religion of Ibraaheem, al-Haneefiyyah is: **"That you worship Allaah making the religion purely for Him."** He did not say **"that you worship Allaah"** only, rather he said **"making the religion purely for Him"**, which means that you avoid shirk, since when worship is mixed with shirk it becomes invalid. So it is not regarded as worship unless it is free from major and minor shirk. As He, the Most High, said, *"And they were commanded not, but to worship Allaah, and worship none but Him Alone Hunafaa."* [al-Bayyinah (98):5]

Hunafaa is the plural of haneef, the one who is sincere to Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic. And Allaah has ordered all the creation with this worship as He, the Most High, said: *"And I have not created the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (Alone)."* [adh-Dhaariyaat (51):56]

And the meaning of worship is to single out Allaah alone for worship. So the wisdom behind creating the creation is for them to worship Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, making the religion sincerely for Him. So amongst the creation are those who comply and those who do not. However, the wisdom behind the creation is this. So the one who

worships other than Allaah has opposed this wisdom behind creating the creation and opposed the command and legislation.

Ibraaheem is the father of those prophets who came after him, so all of them are from his offspring. And due to this He, the Mighty and Majestic, said:

*"And We ordained among his offspring Prophethood and the Book."* [al-Ankabut (29):27]

So all of them are from 'Bani-Israel', the offspring of Ibraaheem (may peace be upon him) except Muhammad (may Allaah's peace and blessings be upon him) who is from the offspring of Ismaa'eel (may peace be upon him). So all the prophets are the children of Ibraaheem (may peace be upon him), as an honour to him. And Allaah made him an Imaam, meaning an example to be followed, for the people.

*"He said (to him), 'Verily, I am going to make you an Imaam for mankind'."* [al-Baqarah (2):124]

i.e. an example to be followed.

*"Verily, Ibraaheem was an Ummah"* [an-Nahl (16):120]

Which means an Imaam who is taken as an example to be followed and Allaah ordered all of the creation to worship Him alone, as He, the Most High, said:

*"And I have not created the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (Alone)."* [adh-Dhaariyaat (51):56]

So Ibraaheem called the people to the worship of Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, as did the other prophets. All the prophets called the people to the worship of Allaah and to the abandonment of worship of others besides Him, as He, the Most High, said:

*"And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): 'Worship Allaah (Alone), and avoid Taaghoot (all false deities)'."* [an-Nahl (16):36]

As for the laws and rulings they are the commands and the prohibitions, the permissible and the impermissible and they differ from nation to nation in accordance with their requirements. Allaah legislates a shari'ah and then abrogates it with another shari'ah until the shari'ah of Islaam came, so it abrogated all the previous legislations and remains until the establishment of the Hour. As for the foundation of the deen of the prophets, which is tawheed, then it is not abrogated and it will never be abrogated. Their religion is one and it is the deen of Islaam, meaning sincerity to Allaah with tawheed. As for the legislations, then they differ and they are abrogated, as opposed to tawheed and aqeedah from the time of Aadam up to the last of the messengers. All of them called to tawheed and to the worship of Allaah alone, which is obedience to Him in every time, by doing that which He has ordered from His legislation. So when a legislation is abrogated then acting upon the abrogating legislation becomes worship and acting upon the abrogated is not worship of Allaah.