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The Greatest Divine Blessing!

Dear brother! Know that the Blessing of Guidance to Islam is the Greatest Divine Blessing that Allah, the Exalted, grants to human beings. Thus, He has mentioned it in the heart of Surat Al-Fatihah (the Opening Surah), which we recite dozens of times per day and night.

‘The Blessing of Guidance’ to Islam results in bliss and quietness in the Present Life, and its effect extends to the Hereafter Life. Thus, Allah, the Exalted, has attributed to Himself, since it is an honourable attribute.

Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur’an (meanings):

{This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion} [5:3]



A Jewish man came to ‘Umar Ibn Al-Khattab (May Allah be pleased with him) and said to him:

‘O Leader of the Believers! There is a verse in your Holy book (Qur’an) you read! Had it been revealed to us, we would have taken that day (on which it was revealed as a day of celebration! ‘Umar said: ‘What is it?’ The Jew said: {This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favor on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion.} (Al-Bukhari)

It explains in clear words: That Allah has completed His code of Shari'ah and the teachings of Islam and has made Islam the Preponderant and Prevailing Religion as promised.

Islam Wipes out all previous misdeeds!

Dear brother! Know that Islam demolishes and wipes out all previous sins and misdeeds, whatever they are.

“Amr Ibn Al-‘As (May Allah be pleased with him) said: I came to the Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) and said, “Stretch out your right hand and let me swear allegiance to you.” He stretched out his right hand, but I clenched my hand and he said, “What is the matter with you, ‘Amr?” I replied, “I want to make a condition.” He asked, “What condition do you make?” I replied, “That I should receive forgiveness.” He said, “Do you not know, ‘Amr, that Islam demolishes what preceded it.” (Muslim)

Good Deeds Before Embracing Islam

Dear brother! Know that Allah, the Exalted, would never make your good deeds before embracing Islam be lost. That is why Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said to Hakeem Ibn Hizam concerning his previous good deeds:

“You accepted Islam with all the previous virtues that you practised.”

(Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

An Unexpected Glad Omen

This Glad Omen states that when one embraces Islam, Allah, the Exalted, changes his previous misdeeds to good deeds as long as he abides by good deeds and avoids misdeeds. Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

{And those who do not invoke with Allah another deity or kill the soul which Allah has forbidden [to be killed], except by right, and do not commit unlawful sexual intercourse. And whoever should do that will meet a penalty. *Multiplied for him is the punishment on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein humiliated.*Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful. [24:68-70]

The Key to Paradise

Dear brother! Know that the Shahadah: "the Islamic profession of faith." the word by which you have become a Muslim is a great testimony:

There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

This Shahadah constitutes the basis of Islam and the key to Paradise. The Messenger of Allah (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said:

"The key of paradise is the Shahadah (testimony) that there is no god but Allah." (Ahmad)



The Lowest Rank of the People of Paradise.

Dear brother! Know that the people of Paradise will live in everlasting perfect happiness, wherein they enjoy each and every blessing/favor that pleases their sight and satisfy their souls; they will live in an unimaginable joy that no mind can think of.

Narrated Al-Sha'bi:
"While he was on the Minbar, I heard Al-Mughirah Ibn Shu'bah saying – and he attributed it to the Prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him): "Indeed Musa [peace be upon him] asked his Lord: "O Lord! Who is the lowest in rank among the people of Paradise?" He said: "A man who comes after the people of Paradise have entered it, and he is told to enter. He says: 'How can I enter when they have gotten all of their abodes and all that is to have?'" He said: "So it is said to him: 'Would you accept if you were to have what a king in the world?'" He says: 'Yes, O Lord! I accept.' So it is said to him: 'Then for you is this and its like, and its like again, and its like again.' So he says: 'I accept, O Lord!' So it is said to him: 'Then for you is this and ten the like thereof.' So he says: 'I accept, O Lord!' So it is said: 'Indeed you shall have this, and whatever your soul desires, and whatever delights your eyes.'"

Another Hadith states that the best rank for the People of Paradise is related as follows:

The Messenger of Allah (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said,

"Allah said, "I have prepared for My righteous slaves (such excellent things) as no eye has ever seen, nor an ear has ever heard, neither a human heart can ever think of."





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