10117 - Signs of Allah’s Love for a Person and Attaining It

the question

What are the indications of Allah’s love for his worshippers and how can we achieve it.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Almighty Allah said (what means): “Say (O Muhammad): “if you (really) love Allah then follow me (i.e. accept Islamic monotheism, follow the Quran and Sunnah), Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” [3:31].

Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: ‘if Allah loves a person, He calls Jibrael saying, ’Allah loves so and so; O Jibrael love him.’ And make an announcement amongst the inhabitants of the heaven: “Allah loves so and so therefore you should love him also, and so all the inhabitants of the heaven would love him, and then he is granted the pleasures of the people on the earth.” [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that Allah’s Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said that Allah said: “I will declare war against him who shows hostility to a pious worshipper of mine. And the most beloved things with which My slave comes nearer to Me, is what I have enjoined upon him; and My worshipper keeps on coming close to Me through performing Nawafil (praying or doing extra deeds besides what is obligatory) till I love him, then I become his sense of hearing with which he hears, and his sense of sight with which he sees, and his hands with which he grips, and his legs with which he walks; and if he asks Me, I will give him, and if he asks My protection (refuge), I will protect him.” [Al-Bukhari].

A-The Excellence of Reciting the Quran

1. Abu Umamah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that he heard the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saying: “Read the Quran (regularly) for it will act as an intercessor for its readers on the Day of Resurrection.” [Muslim].

2. Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “The best among you (Muslims) are those who learn the Quran and teach it (to others).” [Al-Bukhari].

3. ‘Abdullah bin Mas’ud (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said : “When somebody recites one letter from the Quran he will get one good deed in recompense which will be equal to ten good deeds. I do not say that Alif Lam Meem is a letter, but Alif is a letter, Lam is a letter and Meem is a letter (i.e it is equal to three letters).” [At-Tirmithi].

B-The Excellence of remembering Allah

1. Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said : “A person who recites after every salah (prayer) : sub-han- Allah (glory be to Allah) thirty three times, Al-ham-do lil-lah (all praise belongs to Allah) thirty three times and Al-la-ho Akbar (Allah is great) thirty three times, and completes the figure of hundred with the recitation of La ilaha ila Allah wahdahu lasharikalahu lahu almulku walahu alhamdu wahuwa ‘ala kul shai in qadeer

(“None has the right to be worshipped but Allah and He has no partner, for Him is the kingdom and all the praises and thanks are for Him and he is Omnipotent”) will have his (minor) sins forgiven, although they may be as much as the foam of the sea. [Muslim].

2. Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that Allah’s Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Who-ever says ‘Subhan Allahi wa bihamdi hi’, one hundred times a day, will be forgiven all his sins even if they were as much as the foam of the sea.” [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

3. Abu Musa (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said : “The similitude of the one who remembers (glorifies the praises of his Lord) in comparison to the one who does not remember his Lord is like that of the living and the dead.” [Al-Bukhari].

C-Invoking Allah’s Blessings Upon the Prophet

1. Almighty Allah said (what means): “Allah and His Angels send blessing on the Prophet, O you who believe! send your (salah) and salute (greet) on him with a worthy salutation.” 33:56.

2. ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin Al-‘Aas (may Allah be pleased with him) said that he heard the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saying : “A person who calls for blessings on me, (recites salah) once, Allah sends down mercies on him ten times.” [Muslim].

And Allah knows best.