

# بَابٌ مِنَ الشِّرْكِ أَنْ يَسْتَعِيثَ بِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ أَوْ يَدْعُو غَيْرَهُ

**To seek help in other than Allah  
(Istighatha)**

**or to invoke other than Him is an act of  
Shirk**

**Quranic Ayah 1**

Yunus: 106-107

وَقَوْلُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى ﴿وَلَا تَدْعُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُكَ وَلَا يَضُرُّكَ فَإِنْ فَعَلْتَ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ وَإِنْ يَمْسَسْكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ﴾ الْآيَةَ

And invoke not besides Allah, any that will neither profit you, nor hurt you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers). And if Allah touches you with hurt, there is none who can remove it but He

**Quranic Ayah 2**

Ankabooth: 17

وَقَوْلُهُ ﴿فَابْتَغُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الرِّزْقَ﴾.

“..so seek your provision from Allah (Alone), and worship Him (Alone), and be grateful to Him.”

**Quranic Ayah 3**

Al-Ahqaaf: 5

وَقَوْلُهُ ﴿وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّن يَدْعُو مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَنْ لَا يَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ﴾.

And who is more astray (in religion and intellect) than he who invokes besides Allāh those who will not respond to him until the Day of Resurrection...

**Quranic Ayah 4**

Al-Naml: 62

وَقَوْلُهُ ﴿أَمَّن يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ﴾.

Is not He (better than your gods) Who responds to the distressed one, when he calls Him, and Who removes the evil,...

**Ahadeeth 1**

At-Tabrani

وَرَوَى الطَّبْرَانِيُّ بِإِسْنَادِهِ «أَنَّهُ كَانَ فِي زَمَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مُنَافِقٌ يُؤْذِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ قَوْمُوا بِنَا نَسْتَعِثُ بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مِنْ هَذَا الْمُنَافِقِ، فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - إِنَّهُ لَا يُسْتَعَاثُ بِي وَإِنَّمَا يُسْتَعَاثُ بِاللَّهِ»

At- Tabarani narrates with his Isnad (chain of the narrators):

During the days of the Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) there was a hypocrite who used to harm the believers, some of them (the believers) said, "Come (support) with us while we appeal to Allah's Messenger (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) for assistance against this hypocrite." The Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) replied, "Verily, no one should seek to me for assistance. Indeed, it is Allah Who is to be sought for assistance and help."

**Points - 5**

<p>Important issues of the Chapter:</p>	<p>فِيهِ مَسَائِلُ:</p>
<p>أَنَّ عَطْفَ الدُّعَاءِ عَلَى الْإِسْتِغَاثَةِ مِنْ عَطْفِ الْعَامِّ عَلَى الْخَاصِّ.</p> <p>To attach supplication or invocation (Du'a) with seeking assistance (Istighatha) through conjunction is to attach a general matter to one which is specific.</p>	<p>الْأُولَى:</p>
<p>تَفْسِيرُ قَوْلِهِ وَلَا تَدْعُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُكَ وَلَا يَضُرُّكَ.</p> <p>Explanation of the verse</p>	<p>الثَّانِيَّةُ:</p>

<p>“And invoke not besides Allah, any that will neither profit you, nor hurt you”</p>	<p>الثَّالِثَةُ: أَنْ هَذَا هُوَ الشِّرْكَ الْأَكْبَرُ.</p>
<p>This is the greater Shirk.</p>	<p>الرَّابِعَةُ: أَنْ أَصْلَحَ النَّاسِ لَوْ فَعَلَهُ إِرْضَاءً لِعَبْرِهِ، صَارَ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ.</p> <p>The most pious person, if he calls for help other than Allah, even for the gratification of someone else, he will become one of the Zalimun (wrong-doers, polytheists).</p>
<p>Explanation of the verse following (Yunus: 107)</p>	<p>الخَامِسَةُ: تَفْسِيرُ الْآيَةِ الَّتِي بَعْدَهَا.</p>
<p>Calling others for help besides Allah is of no benefit in this world and besides that it is disbelief (Kufr).</p>	<p>السَّادِسَةُ كَوْنُ ذَلِكَ لَا يَنْفَعُ فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعَ كَوْنِهِ كُفْرًا.</p>
<p>Explanation of the Verse Ankabooth: 17.</p>	<p>السَّابِعَةُ تَفْسِيرُ الْآيَةِ الثَّالِثَةِ</p>
<p>Requesting sustenance and provisions should be done to none</p>	<p>الثَّامِنَةُ أَنْ طَلَبَ الرِّزْقِ لَا يَنْبَغِي إِلَّا مِنْ اللَّهِ، كَمَا أَنَّ الْجَنَّةَ لَا تُطَلَّبُ إِلَّا مِنْهُ.</p>

<p>other than from Allah. Just as Paradise can be requested from none other than Him.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">التَّاسِعَةُ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">تَفْسِيرُ آيَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ.</p> <p>Explanation of the fourth Verse Al-Ahqaaf:5.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">الْعَاشِرَةُ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">أَنَّهُ لَا أَضْلَ مِمَّنْ دَعَا عَيْرَ اللَّهِ.</p> <p>There is none more misguided than the one who calls on others than Allah.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">الْحَادِيَةُ عَشْرَةَ:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">أَنَّهُ غَافِلٌ عَنِ دُعَاءِ الدَّاعِي لَا يَدْرِي عَنْهُ.</p> <p>To whom the call is made (besides Allah) is unaware of the supplications of the caller; he knows nothing about it.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">الثَّانِيَةُ عَشْرَةَ:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">أَنَّ تِلْكَ الدَّعْوَةَ سَبَبٌ لِبُغْضِ الْمَدْعُوِّ لِلدَّاعِي وَعَدَاوَتِهِ لَهُ.</p> <p>That call will be the cause of anger and enmity of the one called towards the caller.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">الثَّلَاثَةُ عَشْرَةَ:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">تَسْمِيَةُ تِلْكَ الدَّعْوَةِ عِبَادَةً لِلْمَدْعُوِّ.</p> <p>The call is named as worship of the one called on.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">الرَّابِعَةُ عَشْرَةَ:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">كَفَرُ الْمَدْعُوِّ بِتِلْكَ الْعِبَادَةِ.</p>

<p>The one called upon will deny and reject this act of worship towards him.</p>	
<p>This is why such a supplicant is the most astray of the people.</p>	<p>الْخَامِسَةُ عَشْرَةَ: هِيَ سَبَبُ كَوْنِهِ أَضَلَّ النَّاسِ.</p>
<p>Explanation of the fifth Verse Al-Naml: 62.</p>	<p>الْسَّادِسَةُ عَشْرَةَ: تَفْسِيرُ الْآيَةِ الْخَامِسَةِ.</p>
<p>Astonishing is the admission of idolaters that none relieves the one in distress other than Allah. That is why, they call upon Him in times of extreme difficulty with the utmost religious sincerity.</p>	<p>السَّابِعَةُ عَشْرَةَ: الْأَمْرُ الْعَجِيبُ، وَهُوَ إِفْرَارُ عَبْدَةِ الْأَوْثَانِ أَنَّهُ لَا يُجِيبُ الْمُصْطَرِّ إِلَى اللَّهِ، وَالْأَجْلِ هَذَا يَدْعُوهُ فِي الشَّدَائِدِ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ.</p>
<p>The protection of the Chosen One (May Allah be pleased with him) means the protection of Tauhid and being mindful towards Allah.</p>	<p>الْثَامِنَةُ عَشْرَةَ: جَمَائَةُ الْمُصْطَفَى صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ جَمَى التَّوْحِيدِ وَالتَّادُّبُ مَعَ اللَّهِ.</p>

