

بَابُ الشَّفَاعَةِ

The Chapter of Intercession

Ayah No. 1 – Anaam 51

وَقَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ ﴿وَأَنْذِرْ بِهِ الَّذِينَ يَخَافُونَ أَنْ يُجْشَرُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ وَايٌ وَلَا شَفِيعٌ﴾ .

Allah the Almighty said:

And warn therewith (the Quran) those who fear that they will be gathered before their Lord, when there will be neither a protector nor an intercessor for them besides Him, so that they may fear Allah and keep their duty to Him (by abstaining from committing sins and by doing all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained).

Ayah No. 2 – Az Zumar 44

﴿قُلْ لِلَّهِ الشَّفَعَةُ جَمِيعًا﴾ .

Say: "To Allah belongs all intercession."

Ayah No. 3 Al Baqarah 255

﴿مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ﴾

And He said:

Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His Permission?

Ayah No. 4 – An Najm 26

﴿وَقَوْلِهِ﴾ ﴿وَكَمْ مِنْ مَلَكٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ لَا تُعْنِي شَفَاعَتُهُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ أَنْ يُأْذَنَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَرْضَى﴾

And He said:

And how many angels there are in the heavens whose intercession will not avail (anyone in) anything, except after Allāh has granted permission (for it to be made) for whom He wills and is pleased with.

Ayah No. 5 Saba 22,23

وَقَوْلِهِ ﴿قُلِ ادْعُوا الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ﴾.

And He said:

Say: (O Muhammad SAW to those polytheists, pagans, etc.) "Call upon those whom you assert (to be associate gods) besides Allah, they possess not even the weight of an atom (or a small ant), either in the heavens or on the earth, nor have they any share in either, nor there is for Him any supporter from among them.

Intercession with Him profits not, except for him whom He permits. Until when fear is banished from their (angels') hearts, they (angels) say: "What is it that your Lord has said?" They say: "The truth. And He is the Most High, the Most Great."

Quote No. 1: Abul Abbas (Ibn Taymiyyah)

قَالَ أَبُو الْعَبَّاسِ ، نَفَى اللَّهُ عَمَّا سِوَاهُ كُلِّ مَا يَتَّعَلِقُ بِهِ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ، فَتَنَى أَنْ يَكُونَ لِعَبِيدِهِ مَلِكٌ أَوْ قَسْطٌ مِنْهُ ، أَوْ يَكُونَ عَوْنًا لِلَّهِ وَلَمْ

يَبْقَ إِلَّا الشَّفَاعَةُ ، فَبَيَّنَ أَنَّهَا لَا تَنْفَعُ إِلَّا لِمَنْ أَدِنَ لَهُ الرَّبُّ :

كَمَا قَالَ ﴿وَلَا يَشْفَعُونَ إِلَّا لِمَنِ ارْتَضَى﴾ .

فَهَذِهِ الشَّفَاعَةُ الَّتِي يَطْتَبُهَا الْمُشْرِكُونَ هِيَ مُنْتَفِيَةٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ؛ كَمَا نَفَاهَا الْقُرْآنُ ، وَأَخْبَرَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - « أَنَّهُ يَأْتِي فَيَسْجُدُ لِرَبِّهِ وَيَحْمَدُهُ - لَا يَبْدَأُ بِالشَّفَاعَةِ أَوْلًا - ثُمَّ يُقَالُ لَهُ ارْفَعْ رَأْسَكَ ، وَقُلْ يُسْمَعُ ، وَاسْأَلْ تُعْطَى ، وَاشْفَعْ تُشْفَعُ »

Abul-Abbas (Ibn Taymiyyah rahimahullaah) **narrated** that Allah has equally negated all that the Mushrikin who have attached (to their false gods). For He has negated that anyone has any dominion or any share of it besides Him, or that there is any assistant to Allah, and that there is nothing to remain except intercession. It is clear that there will be no benefit to anyone **except for (the one) who has been** granted permission by the Lord as He stated:

"... and they cannot intercede except for him with whom He is pleased." [Surah Al-Anbiya - 28]

And for this reason, the intercession that the Mushrikin believe in is rejected on the Day of Resurrection, as it is rejected by the Qur'an and as the Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) informed us:

He will come and prostrate to his Lord and praise Him, and he will not begin with intercession at first. It will be said afterwards: "Raise your head, speak and it will be heard, ask and you will be given, intercede and intercession will be granted."

Continuation of quote from Ibn Taymiyyah

وَقَالَ لَهُ أَبُو هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ « : مَنْ أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِشَفَاعَتِكَ؟ قَالَ ، مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، خَالِصًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ

، «فِيكَ الشَّفَاعَةُ لِأَهْلِ الْإِخْلَاصِ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ، وَلَا تَكُونُ لِمَنْ أَشْرَكَ بِاللَّهِ وَحَقِيقَتُهُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَنْتَقِضُ عَلَى أَهْلِ الْإِخْلَاصِ، فَيَعْفِرُ لَهُمْ بِوَسِطَةِ دُعَاءِ مَنْ أُذِنَ لَهُ أَنْ يَشْفَعَ لِيُكْرِمَهُ، وَيَتَّالَ الْمَقَامَ الْمَحْمُودَ

فَالشَّفَاعَةُ الَّتِي نَفَاها الْقُرْآنُ مَا كَانَ فِيهَا شِرْكٌ، وَلِهَذَا أَثْبَتَ
الشَّفَاعَةَ بِإِذْنِهِ فِي مَوَاضِعَ وَقَدْ بَيَّنَّ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ -
أَنَّهَا لَا تَكُونُ إِلَّا لِأَهْلِ الْإِخْلَاصِ وَالتَّوْحِيدِ لِانْتِهَى كَلَامُهُ

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) asked the Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him): "Who will be the happiest of people with your intercession?" He (the Prophet ﷺ) said, "Whoever said La ilaha illa Allah sincerely with pure intention from his heart".

So, this intercession is for those people with pure intent, if Allah so wills, and it will not be for those who commit Shirk.

The essence of the matter is that it is Allah, Who is above all imperfections, **Who favours the people who are sincere in their worship** and forgives them through the medium of the invocation of whoever He has given permission to intercede as an honour to him and to confer upon him the Highest Place (Al-Maqam-al-Mahmud).

The intercession which is rejected and denied in the Qur'an is that which involves Shirk, and this is why intercession is confirmed and affirmed by the permission of Allah in many places. The Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be

upon him) made it clear that this intercession will not be for other than the people of Tawhid (Islamic Monotheism) and Ikhlas (sincerity in the religion of Islam).

End of quote from Imam Ibn Taymiyyah rahimahullaah

Important Points - 8

Important issues of the Chapter:	فِيهِ مَسَائِلٌ:
Explanation of the verses mentioned.	الأولى: تَفْسِيرُ الآيَاتِ
Description of rejected intercession.	الثَّانِيَةُ: صِفَةُ الشَّفَاعَةِ الْمُنْفِيَةِ.
Description of affirmed intercession.	الثَّالِثَةُ: صِفَةُ الشَّفَاعَةِ الْمُثَبَّتَةِ.
The "Greatest Intercession" being the "Highest Place" (of the Prophet May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him).	الرَّابِعَةُ: ذِكْرُ الشَّفَاعَةِ الْكُبْرَى, وَهِيَ الْمَقَامُ الْمَحْمُودُ.
	الخَامِسَةُ: صِفَةُ مَا يَفْعَلُهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّهُ لَا يَبْدَأُ بِالشَّفَاعَةِ, بَلْ يَسْجُدُ, فَإِذَا أُذِنَ لَهُ شَفَعَ.

A description of what the Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) will do (on the Day of Judgement) and that he will not begin by making intercession, rather he will prostrate and when he is given permission he will intercede.

السَّادِسَةُ مَنْ أَسْعَدُ النَّاسِ بِهَا ؟

Who would be the happiest of people with the intercession of the Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him).

السَّابِعَةُ أَنَّهُمْ لَا تَكُونُ لِمَنْ أَشْرَكَ بِاللَّهِ.

Intercession will not at all be for whoever committed Shirk.

الثَّامِنَةُ بَيَانُ حَقِيقَتِهَا.

Clarification of the real state of intercession.