

...مَعْنَى الطَّاعُوتِ وَرُؤُوسِ أَنْوَاعِهِ

إِعْلَمَ رَحِمَكَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى أَنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا فَرَضَ اللَّهُ عَلَى ابْنِ آدَمَ الْكُفْرَ بِالطَّاعُوتِ وَالْإِيمَانَ بِاللَّهِ ، وَالذَّلِيلُ قَوْلُهُ
[تَعَالَى : { وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاعُوتَ } 42]

فَأَمَّا صِفَةُ الْكُفْرِ بِالطَّاعُوتِ أَنْ تَعْتَقِدَ بَطْلَانَ عِبَادَةِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ وَتَتْرُكَهَا وَتُبْغِضَهَا وَتُكْفِرَ أَهْلَهَا وَتُعَادِيَهُمْ

وَأَمَّا مَعْنَى الْإِيمَانِ بِاللَّهِ أَنْ تَعْتَقِدَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْإِلَهَ الْمَعْبُودَ وَحْدَهُ دُونَ سِوَاهُ. وَتُخْلِصَ جَمِيعَ أَنْوَاعِ الْعِبَادَةِ
كُلِّهَا لِلَّهِ. وَتَنْفِيهَا عَنِ كُلِّ مَعْبُودٍ سِوَاهُ، وَتُحِبَّ أَهْلَ الْإِخْلَاصِ وَتُؤَالِيَهُمْ. وَتُبْغِضَ أَهْلَ الشِّرْكِ وَتُعَادِيَهُمْ.
وَهَذِهِ مِلَّةُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الَّتِي سَفِهَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ رَغَبِ عَنَّا

وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْأُسُوءَةُ الَّتِي أَخْبَرَ اللَّهُ بِهَا فِي قَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى : { قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسُوءَةٌ حَسَنَةً فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ
مَعَهُ إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَءَاؤُا مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةُ
[وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ } 43]

وَالطَّاعُوتُ عَامٌّ فِي كُلِّ مَا عُيِدَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَرَضِيَ بِالْعِبَادَةِ مِنْ مَعْبُودٍ أَوْ مَتَّبِعٍ أَوْ مُطَاعٍ فِي غَيْرِ طَاعَةِ اللَّهِ
وَرَسُولِهِ فَهُوَ طَّاعُوتٌ

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The Meaning of *at-Taaghoot* and the Foremost of its Categories

Know, may Allaah, the Most High have mercy upon you: Indeed the first thing that Allaah made obligatory upon the sons of Aadam was the disbelief in at-taaghoot and belief in Allaah.

The proof is the saying of the Most High, (**And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): “Worship Allaah (Alone), and avoid taaghoot (all false deities, i.e. do not worship anything besides Allaah).**) - (Surat an-Nahl, from Ayat 36)

As for the description of disbelief in *at-taghoot*: To believe that worship of anything other than Allaah is false, and to leave it, to dislike it, and to know that the ones who engage in it are disbelievers, and are enemies.

As for the meaning of belief in Allaah: To believe that Allaah is the only god worthy of worship, without anything other than Him being worthy of worship, and to make all acts of worship intended solely for Allaah alone, and to deny all that is worshiped other than Him, and to love the people of faith and devotion (*al-Ikhlaas*) and to have hatred for the people who associate others with Allaah and make them enemies.

This is the religion of Ibraaheem, and the one who turns away from it has shown himself to be devoid of good sense and judgment. And this is the example which Allaah informed us of in His saying, the Most High, (**Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibraheem and those with him, when they said to their people: “Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allaah, we have rejected you, and there has appeared between us and you, hostility and hatred forever until you believe in Allaah Alone,”...**) (Surat *al-Mumtahanah*, Ayat 4)

And *at-taghoot* is general: as everything which is worshiped other than Allaah, and is pleased with that worship, from that which is worshiped, followed, or obeyed with other than obedience to Allaah and His Messenger, may Allaah's praise and good mention be upon him; it is a *taghoot*.