



LESSON 7

WHAT ARE ALLAH'S EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS?

ALLAH'S EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO LEGISLATE, TO BE WORSHIPED & TO BE OBEYED

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ALLAH'S EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS?

Allah has the exclusive right to legislate

Dr. Yusuf Al Qaradawi says in “The Lawful & Prohibited in Islam”:

Islâm has restricted the authority to legislate the haram and the halal, taking it out of the hands of human beings, regardless of their religious or worldly position, and reserving it for the Rabb of human beings alone. Neither rabbis nor priests, kings or sultans, have the right to prohibit something permanently to Allâh's servants ...



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... if someone does this, he has certainly exceeded his limits, usurping the sovereignty which, with respect to legislating for the people, belongs to Allâh Subhanahu wa Ta'ala alone. Others who acquiesce with this transgression of such usurpers and act upon what they have legislated thereby elevate them to the rank of partners or associates with Allâh.

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وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْهُمْ يَلْبَسْ لَهُمُ الْكُفْرَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الرَّاغِبُونَ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ
 الَّذِي يُوعَدُونَ وَأُولَئِكَ سَمِعُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِمْ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ
 مَا تَكْفُرُ أَفَئِنَّ لِلنَّاسِ لِحُكْمِ اللَّهِ كَافٌ يَأْتِيهِمْ الْغُفْرَانُ

They have taken their rabbis and priests as lords besides Allâh, and the Messiah, son of Mary, although they were commanded to worship no one except the One Allâh. There is no Deity but He, glory be to Him above what they associate with Him! (9:31)



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'Adi bin Hatim, who had been a Christian before accepting Islâm, once came to the Prophet ﷺ. When he heard him reciting the above ayah he said, “O Messenger of Allâh, but they do not worship them.” The Prophet ﷺ replied, Yes, but they prohibit to the people what is halal and permit them what is haram, and the people obey them. This is indeed their worship of them. (Reported and classified as hasan by al-Tirmidhî and others.)



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Allah has the exclusive right to be worshipped

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْمِعُوا بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّكُمْ يَوْمَ تَأْتِي سَآتِ أُنزُلَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتُهُ لِيُذَكِّرَ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يَرْجِعُوا إِلَيْهِمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُ الْحُكْمُ وَأَنَّهُ يُخْلِقُ مَا يَشَاءُ لِيُخَذَّبَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ لِيُزَكِّيَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَإِنَّهُ يَخْتَارُ
مَنْ يَشَاءُ لِيُزَكِّيَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَإِنَّهُ يَخْتَارُ

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous (Al-Baqarah, 21)

This is clear as it comes repeatedly in the Qur'an and Sunnah. What needs clarification, however, is what is worship.

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Allah has the exclusive right to be obeyed

This needs explanation as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأَطِيعُوا أَهْلَ الْاٰمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

پاشا پڙيڻ

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.” (An-Nisa, 59)

Obedience to the Messenger is obedience to Allah. But obedience to anyone else is conditional.



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يَا رَبِّ ارْحَمْنِي بِمَا آتَيْتَنِي مِنْ فَضْلِكَ