

Al-Qawā'id Al-arba' (The Four Fundamental Principles)

Lesson 4 –

2nd principle – The reason that the Mushrikoon committed Shirk was that they would seek nearness and intercession.

- The disbelievers at the time of the Prophet (sal Allāhu alayhi wa sallam) did not worship the idols, because they knew they cannot benefit nor harm (they knew Ruboobiyah is for Allah), rather they used to worship them in order for the idols to bring them closer to Allāh and as a form of intercession.
- Nowadays, we can say the same about those who worship graves as they are ascribing partners with The Most High, may Allah protect us from such a foul and disgusting action.

Intercession means –

- Linguistic definition: To make one into two, an even number.
- Islamic definition: Seeking intercession on behalf of another person in order to bring about some benefit or repel some harm.

Types of intercession are 3 –

1. Seeking aid and intercession from people
There are four conditions to this, the person must be:
 - **1- Alive:** The person whose help and intercession is sought is alive, and not from the deceased.
 - **2- Ability:** The person must have the ability to help and intercede, his help should not be from matters that only Allāh has control over e.g. asking for paradise or forgiveness of sins etc.
 - **3- Present:** He should be present, and be able to be communicated to.
 - **4- Belief:** The person seeking the help and intercession should believe that the person whose help is sought is only a means placed by Allāh, not that he himself controls the matter.
2. Negated intercession:
 - It is intercession that is sought from other than Allāh.
 - It is requested in a matter that only Allāh can do
 - It has been negated by Quran
 - Its Ruling: Major Shirk
3. Affirmed intercession: Which is sought from Allah. Its Conditions are:
 - Allaah permits the intercession
 - He is pleased (people of Tawheed) with the person interceding
 - And pleased with the person being interceded for.
 - Narrated Abu Huraira: I said: "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Who will be the luckiest person, who will gain your intercession on the Day of Resurrection?" Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: O Abu Huraira! "I have thought that none will ask me about it before you as I know your longing for the (learning of) Hadiths. The luckiest person who will have my intercession on the Day of Resurrection will be the one who said sincerely from the bottom of his heart "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah." **Sahih al-Bukhari 99**

Different types of affirmed intercession on Qiyamah –

Specific for the Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam):

1. The Great Intercession
2. Intercession for his uncle Abū Ṭālib, that his punishment is lessened
3. Intercession for the opening of the doors of Paradise
 - 'On the Day of Resurrection the people will surge with each other like waves, and then they will come to Adam and say, 'Please intercede for us with your Lord.' He will say, 'I am not fit for that but you'd better go to Abraham as he is the Khalil of the Beneficent.' They will go to Abraham and he will say, 'I am not fit for that, but you'd better go to Moses as he is the one to whom Allah spoke directly.' So they will go to Moses and he will say, 'I am not fit for that, but you'd better go to Jesus as he is a soul created by Allah and His Word.' (Be: And it was) they will go to Jesus and he will say, 'I am not fit for that, but you'd better go to Muhammad.' They would come to me and I would say, 'I am for that.' Then I will ask for my Lord's permission, and it will be given, and then He will inspire me to praise Him with such praises as I do not know now. So I will praise Him with those praises and will fall down, prostrate before Him. Then it will be said, 'O Muhammad, raise your head and speak, for you will be listened to; and ask, for your will be granted (your request); and intercede, for your intercession will be accepted.' **Sahih al-Bukhari 7510**
 - From this beautiful hadith, we derive that even the Prophet (saw) must be given permission to intercede. It is evident that intercession belongs to Allah swt alone and that it is He who permits intercession.

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General from the Prophets, angels, righteous people and children

1. Intercession for the people of Tawḥīd, that their ranks is raised in Paradise
2. Intercession for the people of Tawḥīd not to enter into the Fire
3. Tawḥīd that have entered the Fire to be removed from it