

## Benefits of Faith

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All thanks be to Allah. Peace and prayers be upon the most honorable of all messengers.

Dear Brother,

Today's talk is about faith. Not reality and foundations of faith, rather I will talk about the benefits of faith.

Faith when it takes over the heart has great effects on the individual. Faith is not a small matter in a person's life. In fact a complete change in one's life which makes him or her go through this life as this faith requires. There is no value to the life of an individual without faith. The human being without faith in the greater unseen and without Islam taking a good hold on his or her heart will change into a monster that cares about nothing except self interest. Society without faith is a jungle where the strong will eat the weak; and where the rights are lost. Faith is the safety valve for any society and a strong connection that pulls the individuals together. Faith makes the person do his or her obligations not out of fear of law or fear from a punishment in this life; but because they know that Allah can see them and Allah shall reward them for good and for bad. The benefits of faith are great and many and of them we mention the following:

#### 1) Absolute confidence in Allah

The absolute confidence of the faithful with what he or she has. They do not need to have a second look at things, nor keep on changing opinions. Allah says: **{Say I am on clarity from my God, and you disbelieved what I have with me, do not be hastened with it. The decision belongs to no one except Allah. He tells the truth and He is the best judge in all matters}** 6:57.

Yes, when the person is so clear about his or her God then his faith is as firm and solid as the mountain whose roots penetrate deep into the ground. Certainty is never shaken, and the scales are never unbalanced. That was the case of our messenger (ppbu) in his firmness on faith. Even when Quraish wanted to entice him with what any other human would not be able to resist; money, riches, status and power; he replied to their offer with verses from the Koran. He recited: **{Ha, Meem, (هـ ح) it came down from the most Gracious the most Merciful. A book its signs are so expressed in so much details. And Arabic readable for those who have knowledge. Bearer of good tiding and bringer of warnings, so most of them denied, for they do not listen}** 41:1-13. Faith is located so deep with the heart of the Messenger (ppbu).

Faith changes those souls that are difficult to change. The beauty of faith penetrating into the heart; can change a man from state of denial, ignorance and associating other with God, to the perfect nature of faith. That's what happened to the magicians of Faro when they saw the evidence.

## 2) Refraining form Sin

One of the effects of faith is keeping away from sins; and evaluating desires and their consequences with the scale of the life after not with the scale of this life. This who is weak in faith may loose his strength and may fall for the desires and temptations if opportunities present themselves; and when the watchful eye of Allah within his heart is not there. He would dive into sin, and afterward he wakes up and realizes what he had done. The faithful when faced with tempting desire to sin he faces it by reading Allah's words: **{I fortify my self with Allah. He is my God who gave me good patterns; those who transgress shall not win}** 12:23. and also faces temptations with Allah's words: **{I fear if I disobey my God, I fear the punishment of a majestic day}** 6:15.

A person with faith fears disobedience and always keeping an eye on him self or her self in all matters big and small. A faithful will loose sleep over committed sins. He or she sees a sin so enormous even if it is a small sin. This is an important feature which distinguishes those with faith from those who do not have faith. The faithful will see a sin as a big mountain hovering over him and about to fall on top of him, while a hypocrite will see his sin as small as a fly that lands on his face and casually he would hush it away.

### 3) Faith into Allah's promises

Another effect of faith is the absolute confidence into Allah's promise and his support and victory. The faithful will see a trouble as present; and a difficulty as closeness to Allah. All tough circumstances will do is increase his confidence in God. Our messenger (ppbu) taught us many lessons in the great concepts of faith. Do you recall what he said to his friend when they were being tracked in that cave? He said: **{As he says to his companion: do not be saddened; For Allah is with us}** 9:40.

Those with faith will seek no one except Allah when all things go wrong. The messenger (ppbu) when ever he felt danger he rushes to Allah and says: {Allah is our protector and He is the best care taker}. The same words uttered by prophet Abraham when he was thrown into the fire.

Dear brothers, stay with Allah. Fear Him. And be with the believers and the faithful in order to win the rewards and prizes of faith. And be certain that Allah loves those who have faith, in fact Allah becomes jealous for the faithful. The messenger (ppbu) said: {Allah's jealousy for the faithful is when the faithful commits a sin}.

Dear God, Keep our faith for us, and give us firmness to faith. God give us strength to do good and stay away from bad. Dear

God, we have no strength and no scope except with you. God do not leave us to our selves.