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The Meaning & Fruits of The Five Pillars of Islam **(Worksheet)**

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The Pillars of Islam & The Meaning of The Testimony **That None Has The Right To Be Worshipped Except Allah**

The Pillars of Islam are 5:

1-(The Shahaadah) The Testimony that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.

2-(As Salaat) Prayer

3-(Az Zakaat) Charity

4- (As Siyaam) Fasting (the month of) Ramadan.

5-(Al Hajj) Pilgrimage to Allah's sanctified house for those who are able.

As for the meaning of (the first part of) **the Shahaadah** (The Testimony), then it is,

“None has the right to be worshipped except Allah.”

This is a negation of all that is worshipped excluding Allah and an affirmation that all forms of worship are for Allah (alone). These two meanings (i.e. negation and affirmation) are the pillars of (the first part of the Shahaadah), “None has the right to be worshipped except Allah” – negation and affirmation.

Review Questions

1. What are the Pillars of Islam? _____

2. What is the meaning of the first part of the Shahaadah? _____

3. What does the testimony that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah negate?

4. What does the testimony that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah affirm?

5. What are the pillars of (the first part of The Shahaadah)? _____

The Meaning of The Testimony that Muhammad is The Messenger of Allah

The meaning (the second part of the Shahaadah), the testimony that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah then it is,

“Obedience to the Messenger of Allah in what he ordered, believing him in all of the affairs (which he conveyed), and the restricted (complete) following of the noble Prophet (*sall-Allaahu ‘alaihi wasallam*).”

Allah ordered us to follow the Prophet (*sall-Allaahu ‘alaihi wasallam*) in His statement, glory to Him:

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّيْتُمْ فَإِنَّمَا عَلَى
رَسُولِنَا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

“Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger; but if you turn away, then the duty of our messenger is only to convey (the message) clearly” [At-Taghabun: 12]

Just as Allah has ordered us with his following in every affair from the affairs and arranged upon that guidance and deliverance thusly He the Mighty and Majestic has said:

وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

“And follow him so that you may be guided”.
[Al-‘Aaraf: 158].

Review Questions

1. What is the meaning of the second part of the Shahaadah?

2. What is the proof that we have to obey the Messenger of Allah (sall-Allaahu ‘alaihi wasallam)?

From The fruits of The Shahaadah

From the fruits of this great pillar (the Shahaadah) are as what follows;

- 1) Freeing one's heart and soul from slavery to the creation and the following of other than the Muslims guidance.
- 2) Happiness in this life and the next.

Review Questions

1. What are some of the fruits of the Shahaadah? _____

The Meaning of (As Salaat) The Prayer

As for the (linguistic) meaning of Salaat in the (Arabic) language then it means supplication, just as what is in the statement of Allah:

وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ

“And (salli) invoke (i.e. supplicate to) Allah for them”.
[At-Tawbah: 103]

Meaning supplicate for them; in the legislation it (means) to worship Allah by praying the way in which the Messenger of Allah (*sall-Allaahu 'alaihi wasallam*) has shown (taught) us, by way of his (*sall-Allaahu 'alaihi wasallam*) performance and statement when he said

“Pray just as you see me praying” [reported by Al-Bukhari].

Review Question

1. What is the linguistic meaning of Salaat? _____

2. What is the legislative meaning of Salaat? _____

3. What is the proof that we have to pray the way in which the Messenger of Allah (*sall-Allaahu 'alaihi wasallam*) taught us?

From the fruits of Salaat

From the fruits of this great pillar:

1) Ease and comfort like what is in his (*sallAllaahu 'alaihi wasallam*) statement to Bilaal (*radi Allahu 'anhu*).

**“Give us ease and comfort O Bilaal with the prayer”
[reported by Ahmad].**

2) Delight of one’s eye just as what is in his (*sallAllaahu 'alaihi wasallam*) statement,

**“The delight of my eye has been made in the prayer”
[reported by Ahmad].**

3) Refrain from detestable and atrocious acts (sins, disobedience, and disbelief) just as the statement of Allah the Mighty and Majestic:

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

“Verily, the prayer prevents from great sins and disbelief”.
[Al-Ankabut: 45]

Zakaat

As for the meaning of **Zakaat** in the language, then it means increase and purification. In the legislation, it means the worship of Allah by the (withdrawal and) issuance of specific wealth¹, from specific wealth², to a specific group, at a time which has been specified by the Wise Legislator (Allah).

Review Question

1. What is the meaning of Zakaat in the Arabic language?

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2. What is the legislative meaning of Zakaat?

_____.

From the fruits of paying Zakaat

From the fruits of faith in this pillar, is what follows:

- 1) Purification of the self (soul) from the vices of stinginess and miserliness; as they are two dispraised characteristics in all legislations, from the legislations of Allah.
- 2) Support of Islam and fulfillment of the Muslims needs.
- 3) Increase of wealth used for charity, for wealth is not decreased from charity rather it increases, rather it increases.

¹ Approximately 2.5%

² i.e. That which is equal to 84.72 grams of gold or 595 grams of silver, from the surplus of ones money; which sits for one year, untouched.

Siyaam

As for the meaning of **Siyaam** (fasting) in the language then it is refraining from something. Siyaam in the legislation means refraining from that which breaks ones fast during the days of Ramadan; worshiping Allah and conforming to his order.

Review Question

1. What is the meaning of Siyaam in the Arabic language?
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2. What is the legislative meaning of Siyaam?
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From the fruits Siyaam

Siyaam has a great benefit (fruit) which is accustoming ones self by leaving the usual things he loves, seeking the pleasure of Allah, and desiring the attainment of His reward on the Last Day.

Review Question

1. List the fruits of Siyaam. _____

Hajj

As for **Hajj** in the language it means intent (purpose), and in the legislation it means the intent to travel to the sanctified house of Allah to fulfill the rights of the pilgrimage and perform all of the ceremonies of Hajj.

Review Question

1. What is the meaning of Hajj in the Arabic language?

2. What is the legislative meaning of Hajj? _____

From the fruits of Hajj

Hajj has many fruits from them are:

- 1) Accustoming the self (soul) with spending wealth in the way of Allah.
- 2) Self-sacrifice in the obedience of Allah.

Review Question

1. List the fruits of Hajj. _____

Conclusion

Subsequently, the actual application of these great pillars brings about every good for the nation of Muhammad and success in its religious and worldly affairs. Consequently the servant fears his Lord and actualizes (these pillars). Indeed (these pillars) are the fundamentals of his religion and the preserver of his blood, wealth, and honor, and are the true key to his entering into Jennah (Paradise). Jennah, whose width is the width of the Heavens and the Earth. Jennah, which is prepared for those who believe in Allah and His Messengers, this is the favor of Allah, and Allah gives it to whom He wills.