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Tawassul¹Work Sheet

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The Tawassul that is from shirk is the Tawassul of the polytheist by their act of taking intermediaries to bequest Allah on their behalf and attempting to draw close to Allah by worshipping them. Allah says,

وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ مَا نَعْبُدُهُمْ إِلَّا لِيُقَرِّبُونَا إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَىٰ

“And those who take Auliya’ (protectors and helpers) besides Him (Allah) (say): “We worship them only that they may bring us near to Allah.” (Az Zumar: 3)

The legislative Tawassul is the following:

1- Tawassul by the Names and Attributes of Allah.

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

“And (all) the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah, so call on Him by them.” (Al A’raaf: 180)

¹ Tawassul: Seeking a Nearness to Allah

2-Tawassul by one's righteous actions.

رَبَّنَا إِنَّا أَمْنَا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

“Our Lord! We have indeed believed, so forgive us our sins and save us from the punishment of the Fire.” (Aali Imran: 16)

3- Tawassul by a righteous man making du'ah (for himself).

ادْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً

“Invoke your Lord with humility and in secret.” (Al A'raaf: 55)

Review Questions

1- What is Tawassul? _____

2- Cite an example of Tawassul that is from shirk? _____

3- True or false? The claim of the polytheists today ["We worship them only that they may bring us near to Allah"] is the same claim as the polytheists Whom Allaah refuted in the third ayah of Surat az-Zumar. _____.

4- List the three permissible forms of Tawassul?

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