

TAWHEED



Tawheed or oneness of Allah is the foundation of Islam. The first pillar of Islam is based on *Tawheed*. Shahada expresses the oneness of Allah. It is made up of 4 words *Laa Ilaaha Illallah* which means there is no God except ALLAH, which is the fundamental teaching of Islam.

Tawheed is the belief in Allah and all His powers. He is the All-Knowing, All-Seeing and All-Powerful. He has no beginning and no end. He doesn't have a partner nor does He have any children.

Surah Ikhlaas beautifully describes the uniqueness and oneness of Allah.

Allah says,

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ لَمْ يَكِدْ
وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝

In the name of God, the Gracious, the Merciful.

1. Say, "He is God, the **One**.
2. God, the **Absolute**.
3. He begets not, nor was He begotten.
4. And there is **nothing** comparable to Him."



Allah has the power over each and everything. He doesn't need any helper or partner in his attributes, power or work. He is the Creator of the heavens, earth, mountains, rivers, seas, animals, trees, birds, humans and jinn. No one is like Allah. He is unique in His attributes and powers.

The main purpose of our creation is to worship Him without associating partners to Him. He is The Lord and The Master of the universe. He is The Provider and The Protector. He is The Creator and The Sustainer. Each and everything depends on him. Hence, we should worship Him alone and seek only His help.

The opposite of *Tawheed* is shirk. Shirk literally means to associate partners or partnership. In Islamic terminology, it means to associate partners with Allah in worship. Shirk is one of the major sins and it is unforgivable.

ACTIVITY

Answer the following questions.

1. What is Tawheed?

A: Tawheed is the oneness of Allah.

2. What is shirk?

A: Shirk is the association of partners with Allah in worship.

3. What is the main purpose of our creation?

A: The main purpose of our creation is to worship Allah alone.

4. How does Tawheed help us?

A: It helps us strengthen our faith in Allah.

It helps us be mindful of Allah in all that we do.