

Allah, the Ultimate goal

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Objective



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وَأَنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ

And that to your Lord is the final goal/end

This verse is to remind us that in all that we are and all that we do Allah must be the end, the goal. Everything comes from Allah and will return to Him:

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

[2:156] ... Indeed, we are from Allah and indeed to Him we shall return

The importance of the Salah is shown in the hadith of the Holy Prophet (S):

If the Salah is accepted all other actions will be accepted, but if the Salah is rejected, all other actions will be rejected

So, by asking for Salah, Prophet Ibrahim (A) is actually asking for all his actions.

It is not only us who come from Allah and will return to Allah, but everything. There is no existence separate from, or independent of Allah and this includes our actions.

If we do anything which is not connected to Allah, then that action is incomplete and will not ultimately be deemed successful.

The idea that all things end with Allah is an important focus to keep in mind. He is the goal, the endpoint, the destination, the final stop.

So, whatever we are and whatever we do should be with Him in mind and in that manner, it will have value and growth.

The only way to do this is to ensure that in everything we do our Niyyah is pure, i.e. the Niyyah must have 2 parts to it:

1. To ensure it is solely for the pleasure of Allah AND
2. It is done in the way He wants.

In this way, all we become and all our actions will be successful and will have value and growth.

Our every action must begin, with first turning to Allah; but it is not enough to just ask from Him, we must make Him the end, the goal and not just the means by which to achieve success in our action.

When we make something else our end and our goal, and Allah just the means to achieve that end, then we have done injustice to ourselves.

This is because we have turned our focus from the Creator to the creation.

For example, if we want to succeed in our exams or career etc., and we turn to Allah and pray that we achieve this goal, then we have made an incomplete du'a by making the thing that we're asking for our end/goal, and Allah the means by which we achieve that goal.

Rather we should have continued the du'a and completed it by asking for success in that thing in order to get closer to Allah – in this way we have kept Allah as the end, the goal and everything else the means to Him.

Practical steps:

- Let us always remember and remind our children that success can only be achieved if the end goal is always Allah.
- When we do anything, we need to make sure our Niyyah is pure – and that it has the two aspects to it:
 1. Make sure my Niyyah is not contaminated with worldly desires
 2. Reflect on how the 12th Imam (AF) would do this action- how I can bring my action close to that?

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