

Academy for Learning Islam

<u>Course Number</u>: ALI 322 <u>Title</u>: Understanding Love of God <u>Duration</u>: Four weeks, Nov. 11-Dec.2, 2015 <u>Timings</u>: Wednesday mornings, 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Course Description

Love of God is the foundation of religion. This course will discuss what it means to love God; its requirements, signs and outcomes. We will read and study the 'Whispered Prayer of Those who Love God' (9th Whispered prayer in Sahīfa Sajjādiyya) as well as verses of Quran and Hadith on love of God.

Objectives

- Understand what it means to love God
- * Recognize various qualities of a believer who loves God
- ✤ Learn Quranic verses and hadith on Love of God
- ✤ Increase in Love of God and closeness to Him

Topics

Week 1: Introduction: Role of Love in the life of a human being. Types of Love. Verses of Quran on Love of God.
<u>Readings</u>: 1st and 2nd paragraph of the Whispered prayer of those who love Allah (no.9) Article no #1
Week 2: Qualities of a believer who loves God. Hadith on Love of God.
<u>Readings</u>: 2nd paragraph of the Whispered prayer of those who love Allah (no.9) Article no #2
Week 3: Effects of Love of God on the believer. Hadith al Qudsi on Love of God.
<u>Readings</u>: 3rd paragraph of the Whispered prayer of those who love Allah (no.9) Article no #3
Week 4: Increasing Love of God. Examples from the lives of Masumeen (a) <u>Readings</u>: His Supplication when fleeing to Allah (Dua no.30) Article no #4