

## 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' (9<sup>th</sup> 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>: 1<sup>st</sup> 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