



Academy for Learning Islam

www.academyofislam.com

Term	Course Type	Number	Location
Winter 2016	Onsite	ALI 333	Marhaba Hall JCC

Course Title: Understanding Servitude

Duration: Four weeks, Jan.6-27, 2016

Timings: Wednesday mornings, 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Course Description

Servitude (Ubudiyya) is the submission of the servant to the Master. This course will discuss the true meaning of servitude as well as the effects and blessings of servitude. We will study the Hadith of Unwan al Basri for insights into servitude. We will also discuss qualities of the submissive servants of Allah as mentioned in the Holy Quran and Hadith.

Course Objectives

- ❖ Understand what servitude means
 - ❖ Learn Quranic verses and hadith on Servitude
 - ❖ Recognize various qualities of a servant of God
 - ❖ Increase in servitude to God
-

Course Topics

Week 1 Jan. 06	Definition of Servitude Hadith al Qudsi and Hadith of Masumeen (a) on servitude
Week 2 Jan. 013	Servitude as defined by Imam Sadiq (a) A study of Hadith Unwan al Basri
Week 3 Jan. 20	Qualities of a servant of God Passages of the Holy Quran on Servitude.
Week 4 Jan. 27	Practical tips on Servitude Moving forward in the journey to be a true servant of God.



Academy for Learning Islam

www.academyofislam.com

Required Readings

Week 1 – Article #1: Servitude

Week 2 – Article #2: Hadith Unwan al-Basri

Week 3 – Article #3: Aspects of Servitude

Week 4 – Article #4: Effects of Servitude

Readings from the Holy Quran

Sura Anbiya, #21, verse 105

Sura Aale Imran, #3, verse 114

Sura Furqan, #25, verses 63-75

Group Project

In the last half an hour of class you will work in groups of three or four to prepare ONE of the following:

- 1) Five Ways to be a better servant of God. Include Islamic concepts of servitude, verse of Quran and/or Hadith on servitude, and practical instruction for today's world.
- 2) Choose six qualities from the passage in Sura Furqan (#25), verses 63-75. Describe each quality and show its impact in individual and social life. Give examples of application in daily life.
- 3) Prepare an analysis of Hadith Unwan al Basri. Identify key points, connect the points to verses of Quran and/or other Hadith, and relate the points to daily life.

Each group will present their work to the class on the last session.

Useful Resources

1) *The Concept of Servitude in Islam*, Al Balagh Foundation

http://alhasanain.com/english/show_book.php?book_id=458&link_book=beliefs_library/religions_and_sects/the_concept_of_servitude_in_islam

2) *Essence of Tawhid: Denial of Servitude but to God*, Ayatullah Ali Khamenei

<http://islam-pure.de/imam/books/tawhid.htm>

3) *The Return to Servitude, from Monotheistic Ideology*, Ayatullah Murtadha Mutahhari

<http://www.roshd.org/eng/subs/show.asp?code=197>