

Quran Appreciation - Spring Term (Apr-May 2018)

The Disciples of Nabi Isa (a)

Faith of the Hawariyyun

Verse for the session

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا بِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ وَاتَّبَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

Our Lord! we believe in what You have revealed and we follow the Messenger, so write us down with those who bear witness

(Sura Aale Imran, no.3, verse 53)

Reflections

- What two things do the Hawariyyun say they have done? What is the link between them?
(Faith and action always go together)
- They want to be witnesses, to what?
- This is a direct conversation with Allah. It shows their strong relationship with Him.

Cross reference verses

5:83 - The Christians in Abyssinia react to the verses of the Quran recited by Ja'far bin Abu Talib. Their request from Allah is similar to the request of the Hawariyyun.

98:7, 18:30 - Faith and deeds go together

Tafsir

This verse shows the sincerity of the Hawariyyun. After declaring their readiness to be from the helpers of Allah they talk to Allah and proclaim their faith in Him. They have faith in Him and are obedient to Nabi Isa, the Messenger sent by Allah. The verse shows that they understood that faith in Nabi Isa alone was not enough. Sincere faith means readiness to act upon what is required.

The actions of a believer manifest his faith. Without action the faith remains on the tongue and cannot be considered true faith.

They ask Allah to be recorded from the Shahideen or witnesses. They witnessed that Nabi Isa delivered the message from Allah. They were a witness to that, both through the faith they had

and through the actions they performed. They learned from him and their lives were a proof of the mission of Nabi Isa. In verse 52 they ask Nabi Isa to bear witness that they were from those who submit. Then they sought to repay that favor for Nabi Isa - they would bear witness for him, that he had fulfilled his duty. Even the Prophets are not exempt on the Day of Judgment. The Quran says; *Most certainly then We will question those to whom the Messengers were sent, and most certainly We will also question the Messengers (7:6)*

Hadith

Faith is inner knowledge by means of the heart, saying it with the tongue and acting on it with the limbs.

Holy Prophet (s)

Scale of Wisdom, H#523

Faith and action are two brothers, bound together with a single rope. Allah will not accept either one without the other.

Holy Prophet (s)

Scale of Wisdom, H#533

Important Lessons

- 1) Faith and action always go together.
- 2) Sincere faith makes a person turn to Allah and converse with Him.

Ideas

- 1) Discuss the importance of faith and action always being together. Play a game of how faith would make you act in certain situations. Children would come up with an action that shows faith or lack of it in that particular situation.

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