

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

Eemaan is built on mighty principles and robust foundations without which it cannot stand firm. The likeness of these foundations in relation to Eemaan is like the foundation of a building and the roots of a tree, as Allaah [The Mighty and Majestic] said:

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا كَلِمَةً طَيِّبَةً كَشَجَرَةٍ طَيِّبَةٍ أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ  
تُؤْتِي أُكْلَهَا كُلَّ حِينٍ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهَا وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ

See you not how Allah sets forth a parable? – A goodly word as a goodly tree, whose root is firmly fixed, and its branches (reach) to the sky (i.e. very high). Giving its fruit at all times, by the Leave of its Lord and Allah sets forth parables for mankind in order that they may remember. [Surah Ibraaheem. Verses 24-25]

Allaah [The Mighty and Majestic] sets forth this parable for His servants and called them to ponder regarding its clarification of Eemaan and the foundations of Eemaan, and the outcomes, fruits and benefits attained by the people Eemaan in this life and the next. Allaah stated about this Eemaan: [أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ - its root is firmly fixed], because just as a tree cannot stand firm without firm roots, likewise Eemaan cannot be firm without its foundations, pillars and supports. When it is the fact that a tree dies when its roots are cut off, likewise Eemaan disappears when its foundation is absent and a person is not benefitted by his deeds, just as Allaah stated:

وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالْإِيمَانِ فَقَدْ حَبِطَ عَمَلُهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ

And whosoever disbelieves in the Oneness of Allah and in all the other Articles of Faith [i.e. His (Allah's), Angels, His Holy Books, His Messengers, the Day of Resurrection and Al-Qadar (Divine Preordainments)], then fruitless is his work, and in the Hereafter he will be among the losers. [Surah Al-Maa'idah. Verse 5]

Acts of worship are only accepted when founded upon sound Eemaan and firm belief in the heart. This Eemaan is founded upon 6 pillars, namely: belief in Allaah, belief in Allaah's Angels, belief in Allaah's books, belief in Allaah's Messengers, belief in the Hereafter, belief in Qadr - its good and evil. [An Excerpt From: Explanation of Important Lessons For The Muslim Ummah. page 64-65] Maktabah Malik Al-Fahad 1436AH. (2015)]