

The Virtue of ‘Laa ilaaha illallaah’

* IMAAM IBN MAAJAH reported in his ‘Sunan’:

The Book of Manners: Chapter (54): The Virtue of ‘Laa ilaaha illallaah’ (no. 3794):

“Aboo Bakr narrated to us, saying: al-Husayn ibn `Alee narrated to us: from Hamzah az-Zayyaat: from Aboo Ishaq: from al-Agharr, Aboo Muslim: that he bore witness that Aboo Hurairah and Aboo Sa`eed bore witness: that Allaah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

<<When the servant says ‘**Laa ilaaha illallaah, wallaahu akbar**’ (None has the right to worshipped except Allaah and Allaah is greater), (he said:) Allaah -the Mighty and Majestic- says: ‘My servant has spoken the truth: None has the right to be worshipped but Me, and I am greater (than everything.)’

And when the servant says: ‘**Laa ilaaha illaallaah, wahdah**’ (None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah, alone), He says: ‘My servant has spoken the truth: None has the right to be worshipped but Me, alone.’

And when he says: ‘**Laa ilaaha illallaah, Laa shareeka lah**’ (None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah, He has no partner), He says: ‘My servant has spoken the truth: None has the right to be worshipped but Me, and I have no partner.’

And when he says: ‘**Laa ilaah illallaah, lahul-Mulku wa lahul hamd**’ (None has the right to be worshipped except Allaah. Sovereignty is His, and all praise is for Him), He says: ‘My servant has spoken the truth: None has the right to be worshipped except Me. Sovereignty is Mine, and all praise is for Me.’

And when he says: ‘**Laa ilaaha illallaah, wa laa hawla wa laa quwwata illaa billaah**’ (None has the right to be worshipped but Allaah, and there is no movement and no ability except with Allaah’s aid) then He says: ‘My servant has spoken the truth: None has the right to be worshipped except Me, and there is no movement and no ability except with My aid.’>>

-Aboo Ishaq said: Then al-Agharr said something which I did not understand. He said: So I said to Aboo Ja`far: ‘What did he say?’ He said: <<Whoever is granted it at his death will not be touched by the Fire>>.”

Shaikh al-Albaanee said: ‘Saheeh’, [‘as-Saheehah’ (no. 1390)]

* Imaam at-Tirmidhee reported it in his ‘Sunan’: The Book of Supplications:

Chapter (37): What should the servant say when he becomes ill (no. 3430),

and his wording contains the phrases:

(لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ)

(لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ)

(لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ)

(لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ)

(لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ لَا حَوْلَ وَ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ)

(Laa ilaaha illallaah, wallaahu akbar)

(Laa ilaaha illallaah, wahdah)

(Laa ilaaha illallaah, wahdahu laa shareeka lah)

(Laa ilaaha illallaah, lahul-Mulku wa lahul-hamd)

(Laa ilaaha illallaah, wa laa hawla wa laa quwwata illaa billaah)

and it ends:

“...And he used to say: <<Whoever says it during his illness and then dies, then the Fire shall not taste him.>>

[Shaikh al-Albaanee said: ‘Saheeh’].

And the hadeeth occurs in ‘Riyaadus-Saaliheen’ of Imaam an-Nawawee (no. 914).

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