



Pride

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From 'Abdullaah Ibn Mas'ood ra who related
that Allaah's Messenger SAWS said:

**"Whoever has an atoms worth of kibr
(pride) in his heart will not enter Paradise."**

**So a man said: What about a person who
loves (i.e. takes pride in) wearing beautiful
clothes and beautiful shoes? So he replied:**

**"Indeed Allaah is beautiful and loves
beauty. Kibr (pride) is to reject the truth,
and to despise the people."**

Pride against the truth

It is obligatory upon everyone to humble themselves to the truth which Allaah SWT sent His Messenger with, and which He sent down in His Book. As for those whose pride and arrogance prevents them from totally complying with the Messengers (i.e. having eemaan or faith in them and their message) - then they are kuffaar (unbelievers) who will dwell in the Hellfire for eternity.

Allah the Most High said **"Indeed those who argue about the Signs of Allaah without any authority having come to them, there is nothing in their hearts except kibr (pride).**

So seek refuge in Allah. Indeed, it is He who is the Hearing, the Seeing."

[Surah Ghaafir:56]

As for those whose arrogance and pride prevent them from complying with parts of the truth - because it opposes their personal opinions or their whims and desires - then such people are not kuffaar (unbelievers), but such an action necessitates them being punished in accordance with what they have of kibr. This is why the Scholars are agreed that whenever the Sunnah (guidance and way) of Allaah's Messenger SAWS has been explained to anyone, then it is not lawful for him to turn away from it to the saying of someone else, whoever and whatever status he may have.

Pride towards people

This type is to despise the people, and to look down upon them. This attitude arises when a person is amazed with his own self, thinks highly of himself, and thinks he is better than others. So this causes him to have kibr towards the creation, despise them, mock them, and to degrade them through both speech and action. Allaah's Messenger SAWS said:

"It is enough evil for a person to despise his brother Muslim."
[Muslim]

This is why the man asked: "What about a person who loves (i.e. takes pride in) wearing beautiful clothes and shoes?" Because he feared that this was the kibr which would be under the threat of punishment. So the Prophet SAWS explained to him that this was not from kibr; since this person was one who complied with the truth, and was humble towards people, and that this was from the beauty that Allaah SWT loves, for indeed Allaah - the Most High is beautiful in His Dhaat (Self), Sifaat (Attributes) and Af'aal (Actions), and He loves both outer and inner beauty.

As regards outer beauty, then it includes cleanliness of the body, clothes and place. As regards to inner beauty, then it is beautifying the character. This is why the Prophet SAWS used to supplicate:

"O Allaah! Guide me to having beautiful manners and characteristics, no one can guide me to beautifying them except You. And turn away from me all evil actions and characteristics, no one can turn them away from me except You."

[authenticated by al-Albani]

Jazak Allah Khair

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