

Uttering of "La illaha illallaah" does not benefit except...

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

The Uttering of "La illaha illallaah" does not benefit except for the one who knows its meaning, acts according to what it necessitates and does not commit shirk!

The uttering of the two testifications (that there is no deity worthy of worship truly except Allaah, and that Muhammad – *(May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)* - is the messenger of Allaah) is not a preventer from the takfeer except for the one who;

- ✦ knows their meaning,
- ✦ acts according to what they necessitate,
- ✦ does the worship purely for Allaah and does not associate others with him in worship,

...for this one the two testifications are of benefit.

And as for the one who pronounces them and no compliance to what they necessitate occurs from him, but rather (he) associates partners with Allaah in worship, takes intermediaries and intercessors besides Allaah and asks from them what no one is able to do except Allaah, offers sacrifices for them and does for them what the people of Jaahiliyyah from the mushrikeen do; then for this one the two testifications are of no benefit, rather he is a liar with regards to his testification, as Allaah (The Perfect and Most High) mentions:

[When the hypocrites come to you (O Muhammad, *(May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)*), they say: "We bear witness that you are indeed the Messenger of Allaah."

Allaah knows that you are indeed His Messenger and Allaah bears witness that the hypocrites are liars indeed.]¹

قال الشيخ عبداللطيف بن عبدالرحمن بن حسن آل الشيخ – رحمه الله:
التلفظ بالشهادتين لا يكون مانعاً من التكفير إلا لمن
عرف معناهما، وعمل بمقتضاهما، وأخلص العبادة لله، ولم يشرك به سواه، فهذا تنفعه الشهادتان
وأما من قالهما ولم يحصل منه انقياد لمقتضاهما، بل أشرك بالله، واتخذ الوسائط
والشفعاء من دون الله، وطلب منهم ما لا يقدر عليه إلا الله، وقرب لهم القرابين، وفعل لهم ما يفعله أهل الجاهلية من المشركين، فهذا لا
تنفعه الشهادتان بل هو كاذب في شهادته، كما قال تعالى
إذا جاءك المنافقون قالوا نشهد إنك لرسول الله والله يعلم إنك لرسوله والله يشهد إن المنافقين لكاذبون
الإتحاف في الرد على الصحاف : ص: 33 ت

¹ Soorah al-Munaafiqoon [63:1]