

Do we truly fear Allah and place our hope in Him?

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The slave only places his hope in Allah and he only fears his sins

O slaves of Allah, when the slave has these attributes, meaning he only places his hope in Allah, and he only fears his sins then his life, all of it, will be established around obedience and righteous deeds and staying far away from sins, and actualizing the Tawheed of Allah the Exalted.

Beware O slaves of Allah, beware that your only portion of this is a mere claim and statement. And the people may fall into this knowingly and unknowingly.

Imam Ahmad narrated in his book *Zuhud* that Muawiyah ibn Qurah said:

“I entered upon Muslim ibn Yasar and said to him ‘I do not have any major good deeds, but I place my hope in Allah and I fear Him’.”

Muslim ibn Yasar responded: “Ma-sha Allah, whoever fears something, he is cautious of it, and whoever hopes for something, he seeks for it. And I don’t know; what is the value of an individual’s fear if when desires are presented to him, he does not abandon them due to what he fears? Or when he is tested with a calamity, he is not patient due to what he hopes for?”

Muawiyah said: “I ascribed purity to myself, while I was not aware of it.”

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