



**Whosoever Allaah Wants Good for He Gives Him
Understanding of the Religion**

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**Bahgatil Quloob Al Abraar wa Quratil 'Uyoon Al Khiyaar fi Sharh
Jawaa'mi' Al Akhbaar**

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On the authority of Mu'aawiyah radiallaaahu anhu who said: The Messenger of Allaah sallallaahu alaihi was sallam said, *"He who Allaah wants good for He gives him understanding of the religion."* (Hadeeth reported by Imaam Bukhaari and Imaam Muslim).

This Hadeeth is one of the greatest proofs of the superiority of (beneficial) knowledge. In it is (the understanding) that beneficial knowledge is both a sign of happiness for the servant and a sign that Allaah wants good for him.

Understanding of the religion encompasses the understanding of the fundamental principles of Emaan, the legislative matters and rulings of Islaam, as well as the realities of Ihsaan. This is because the religion encompasses all three of these affairs, as it comes in the hadeeth of Jibreel alaihis salaam when he asked the Prophet sallallaahu alaihi was sallam regarding Emaan, Islaam and Ihsaan. He sallallaahu alaihi was sallam answered him by explaining each of them. He sallallaahu alaihi was sallam explained Emaan by (stating) its six principles, and Islaam by (stating) its five principles, and Ihsaan by his sallallaahu 'alaihi was sallam statement, *"To worship Allah as if you see Him and although you do not see him, know that He sees you."*

So entering into this is the servants understanding of 'Aqeedah and knowing the way of the Salaf with regards to it, and (having both) an outward and inward conviction for it. As well as knowing the way of those (ignorant groups) who differed, went astray, and went against the way of the Salaf and knowing clearly their deviation from the Kitaab and Sunnah.

Fiqh (Islaamic Jurisprudence) is also enters into this; it's fundamental principles (Usool) and what does not enter this category (Faroo'). Knowing the rulings with regards to the acts of worship, mutual dealings, crimes/punishments and other than this.

Also entering into it is the understanding of the realities of Emaan, knowledge of how one behaves properly towards Allaah in accordance with the Kitaab and Sunnah. Likewise, knowledge of every (science) that would aid him in understanding the religion enters into it, such as the science of the Arabic language and all of its branches.

So whosoever Allaah wants good for, He gives them understanding and success in these affairs. The understanding of the Hadeeth also points to (the fact) that Allaah does not want good for the one who completely turns away from these sciences. This is due to the individual's denial of (these) means and ways of obtaining good and achieving happiness.