

# *Good Deeds from Holy Quran's Point Of View*

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**Abstract:** *In Islamic ethical regulations, one of the fundamental issues is reward or punishment in return to good deeds or bad deeds. Good deed is the one which deserves rewards in this world and Hereafter.*

Personality, as usually all people believe, is the most important thing which can bring you an honored statues in society or on the contrary draws you aside from success and respect; if one is well-behaved, enjoying moral virtues, these valuable characteristics will put his/her respect in other people's heart. Therefore, it can be claimed that it is the behavior and manner of people which determine their statues in the society respect-wise. "Amal Saleh" are the same words applied to "Good deeds" in the holy book, Quran. These two simple words are the words which bring respect to one or lack of them can draw shame and disrespect to him. In the holy book, it is frequently talked about good deeds and it is introduced as a guide, a sign of Faith. It is even more than this and it is considered as a basic and fundamental condition of Faith.

According to the holy Quran, "deed" means something which is done deliberately, out of will regardless of being good or bad. "Faith" is along with ethics and good deed which can find its true meaning. In Quran it is often advised to observe ethics.

As we read: "O children of Adam! We have revealed unto you raiment to conceal your shame, and splendid vesture, but the raiment of restraint from evil, that is best. This is of the revelations of Allah that they may remember" (*The holy Quran*,7 :26)

Or in other place we read:

"whoso desireth power (should know that) all power belongs to Allah. Unto him good words ascend, and the pious deed doth he exalt; but those who plot iniquities, theirs will be an awful doom; and the plotting of such (folk) will come to naught." (*The holy Quran*,82:10)

"Faith" is the wings to soar to height but it is impossible to reach it unless man seeks knowing God.

Though "good deed" is not acceptable by God unless the doer carried it out on the basis of his knowledge of God. This knowledge is the very soul of deed; as Imam Sadiq said: "God, does not accept any action unless its down purposefully, because the soul of action is knowledge."

## *Pure life and good deed*

Whosoever doeth right, whether male or female, and is a believer, him verily we shall quicken with good life, and we shall pay them a recompense in proportion to the best of what they used to do. " (*The holy Quran*, 16:97)

Faith is the ground for salvation in the world and hereafter.

Those who come to believe deeply in the unity of God and His revelation firmly ascertained that God creates no one in vain but he has a purpose from the very beginning of creating the world. The reason behind man's creation is to put him in test, then bringing him to perfection weather by His revelation or guiding of holy leaders.

The one who reaches true faith, to get to higher levels in his travel to perfection should become nearer to Him trough His holy attributes, as holy Quran said:

“Those are they who will be brought nigh. In gardens of delight” (*The holy Quran*, 56:11,12)

Because Faithfuls enjoy the attributes to feel peaceful in this world, trust God, be patient, ....., practicing good deeds,

“Save him who shall repent and believe and do right. Such will enter the garden, and they will not be wronged in aught” (*The holy Quran*, 19:60)

The other implications of Faith is to believe in the Prophethood of holy messenger, because they are the holy leaders sent by God and are teachers of humanity to guide people. They came to teach us how should a proper, good, human deed done and why in doing good or bad deed there is a perfection for us, as God says: " and whosoever of you is submissive unto Allah and his messenger and doeth right, we shall give her her reward twice over, and we have prepared for her a rich provision." (*The holy Quran*, 33:31)

“Read: in the name of thy lord who createth, createth man from a clot.” (*The holy Quran, 96:1,2*)

“Surely, you (Prophet Muhammad) are of a great morality.” (*The holy Quran, 68:4*)

“But for those who believe and do good works are gardens of bliss, where they shall live for ever. the promise of Allah is the truth; he is the almighty, the wise.” (*The holy Quran, 31:8,9*)

“You (alone) we worship; and you (alone) we rely for help. Guide us to the straight path,” (*The holy Quran, 1:5,6*)

“Those who believe, Jews, Nazarenes and sabaean whoever believes in Allah and the last day and does good deeds shall be rewarded by their lord; they have nothing to fear nor are they saddened.” (*The holy Quran, 2:62*)

“Allah has promised those who believe and do good works forgiveness and a great reward.” (*The holy Quran, 5:9*)

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“Believers, if you fear Allah, he will give you a criteria and cleanse you of your sins and forgive you. Allah is the owner of great bounty.” (*The holy Quran, 8:29*)

“Save him who repenteth and believeth and doth righteous work; as for such, Allah will change their evil deeds to good deeds. Allah is ever forgiving, merciful.” (*The holy Quran, 25:70*)

## *The relationship between good deeds and faith*

Faith and good deeds in Quran are mentioned mostly together and always faith comes before good deeds, because good deed will be issued from faithful and whenever there is faith, good deed is assured. Faith is an internal matter and its light will be mirrored by members of body.

True faithful are always along with good deeds, good deed is worthy and valuable only if it comes from deep, internal faith and not temporary willingness or mood.