

Why Did Allah Create You?

Q: Why did Allah create you? (limaatha khalaqak Allahu?)
A: To worship Him alone (ibadatullahi wahdahu)

Proof:

adh-dhariyaat: 56-58

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ
مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُونِ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ

And I created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone). (51:56)

I seek not any provision from them (i.e. provision for themselves or for My creatures) nor do I ask that they should feed Me (i.e. feed themselves or My creatures). (51:57)

Verily, Allâh is the All-Provider, Owner of Power, the Most Strong.(51:58)

Exercise 1: Read/Discuss

Read the Tafsir for this proof. Below is the English translation. Try to read the Tafsir from the actual book so that you can read the Arabic, if possible. If not, read below:

Allah the Exalted and Most Honored said,

(And I created not the Jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me.) meaning, 'I, Allah, only created them so that I order them to worship Me, not that I need them.' `Ali bin Abi Talhah reported that Ibn `Abbas commented on the Ayah,

(...except that they should worship Me.) meaning, "So that they worship Me, willingly or unwillingly." Allah the Exalted said,

(I seek not any provision from them nor do I ask that they should feed Me. Verily, Allah is the All-Provider, Owner of power, the Most Strong.) Imam Ahmad recorded that `Abdullah bin Mas`ud said, "The Messenger of Allah taught the following: `Verily, I am the Provider, Owner of power, the Most Strong.' Abu Dawud, At-Tirmidhi and An-Nasa'i also collected this Hadith. At-Tirmidhi said, "Hasan Sahih. " The meaning of this Ayah (51:56) is that, Allah the Exalted, the Blessed created the creatures so that they worship Him Alone without partners. Those who obey Him will be rewarded with the best rewards, while those who disobey Him will receive the worst punishment from Him. Allah stated that He does not need creatures, but rather, they are in need of Him in all conditions. He is alone their Creator and Provider. Imam Ahmad recorded that Abu Hurayrah said that the Messenger of Allah said,

(Allah the Exalted said, "O Son of Adam! Busy yourself in worshipping Me, and I will fill your chest with riches and dissipate your meekness. Otherwise, I will fill your chest with distracting affairs and will not do away with your meekness.") At-Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah collected this Hadith and At-Tirmidhi said, "Hasan Gharib."

Exercise 2: Record.

Copy the Question, Answer, and Proof into your IS notebook.

Exercise 3. Vocabulary

English:

- Write the definition of each of the following words and write each word in a sentence to demonstrate its meaning.
 - provision
 - provide
 - worship

Arabic:

- Write each word/phrase/construction of the ayaat and next to it, write the English equivalent. Look up any words/ask for help with words you don't know the meaning of.

Special words to remember:

Rizq, Ar-Razzaq, Quwwat, Mateen

Other Optional activities:

- Write the following words in Arabic and alphabetize: Jinn, Man, Provision, Strong, Power
- Sort words by "part of speech."

Exercise 3: Memorize.

Memorize the proof for this lesson (51:56-58).

Exercise 4: Think about it!/Apply

- What are some examples of things that Allah provides for us?
- What will Allah give those who busy themselves with worshipping him?
- What will Allah give those who do not busy themselves with the worship of Allah?
- Think about your day today (or yesterday).

List some acts of worship, good deeds, etc that you performed. See TJ's "Daily Reminders/Reflection for a Muslim" (at <http://talibiddeenjrtoo.tripod.com/themuslimfamily.htm>) to help you think about what you did.

- How much, would you say, of your activities were devoted to worshipping Allah?
- Would you fall into the category of one who busies himself with the worship of Allah or the other category? If you think you might fall into the second category, what could you do to try to be included in the first category?

Tips:

- You may want to use a Hifz Helper from Talibiddeen Jr.'s [Study Aids](#) page or other memorization aid to keep track of the amount of times you repeat/read the ayaah.
- Work on memorizing the ayaat as much as possible.
- Once you have memorized it, keep practicing it regularly (you can use the Hifz/flashcards—see [TJ's Usooluth Thalaatha](#) page in the Aqeedah section)