

The sweet taste of belief.

In the name of Allah Most Gracious most Merciful

Those who analyse the subject of life and the living they will find a class of people living in (ill-being,) weariness and fatigue. Suffering from boredom and constantly complaining without peace or tranquility, only discontentment and lack of happiness. Such souls are deeply engulfed into misery, hate and selfishness.

The analyst on the other hand will observe another group of people enjoying a peaceful living full of goodness, generous to themselves and others, with good heart. What is the difference between the two groups? And what has made the huge difference between the two? It is the belief or faith and the sweetness of faith.

The messenger PPBU said: {The taste of faith will be experienced by this that is contented and happy with Allah as his/her God and with Islam as his/her religion and with Mohammad as his/her Messenger.}

He Also said: {Three features whoever possessed them will find the taste of belief: (1st) That Allah and his messenger are more loved to him/her than anybody or anything else, (2nd) and to love someone for no reason other than for Allah's sake. (3rd) and would hate to go back into to being an un-believer after being saved by Allah as he/she would hate to be thrown into a fire.}

Belief or faith has a better taste than anything else, and has the best ecstasy. The sweet taste of belief or faith is an internal feeling of satisfaction, contentment and peace flowing through the entire body. No lack of sleep at night, no worrying and no despair but mercy from Allah, happiness

and contentment. Allah said: {That is grace from Allah, HE brings it to whoever HE wishes, Allah has great grace}

Belief or faith is peace to soul, guidance to the heart, light for travelers, hope for desperation, safety for those who are afraid, support for strugglers, good news for those who fear Allah, Faith is a gift for the destitute, faith is bigger than hope and courage, self confidence and the spirit of the nation.

In order to achieve and experience this level of sweetness of faith; there are three routs:

1) The first rout is to be happy and contented with Allah (may HE be Exulted), as being in charge of each and every soul, and what it may earn, the merciful of this life and the life after. The care taker of all the heavens and the earths, the creator of death, life and the universe. The giver of all the mercies, the one who answers the prayers of the needy, who can take away troubles. The creator of man kind, HE blew life into him, HE fed him and dressed him, gave him peace, guided him and taught him.

Belief and faith with total submission to Allah, Continuously trying to satisfy Him.

2) The second rout to achieve the sweet taste of belief is the acceptance of Islam as the religion that was sent by Allah (may he be exalted) down to his messenger (PPBU), and not to accept any other religion beside it.

3) The third route is the acceptance of Mohammad (PPBU) as a messenger and as a prophet, taking him as guidance, and someone to follow his teachings and his life style and interactions (that is his *Sunnah*).

Dear Muslims when belief or faith takes routs in the heart it affects all aspects of the believer's life. Allah says: {If I loved

him I become the hearing with which he hears, and the sight with which he sees, and the hand with which he fights, and his foot with which he walks. If he asks me I would definitely give, and if he asks for my help I would definitely help}

A believer is contented with what life brings, does not give up on what has passed, believes in depending on Allah in all what he/she does, takes lessons from the past and practice carefulness regarding the future. A believer does not get against Allah's fate. A believer pursues his work actively, certain that "what happened to him/her couldn't have not happened, and what did not happen to him/her couldn't have happened." A believer does not fall into regret, nor give in to disappointment, but only increases his/her patience. The messenger (PPBU) said: {Astonishing that all events to the believer are good for him. If something good happens to him/her, and he/she thanked Allah, there is good for them in doing so. And if something bad happens to him/her, and remained patient, then there is good for them in doing so. And that is only given to a believer.}

Belief or faith does reduce the effect of this materialistic world we live in, puts a limit to greediness. Belief implants the seeds of goodness, mercy and peace.

Allah says: {It is for those; prayers comes upon them from their God and mercy. They are the guided ones.} Baqara.

He also says: {Those HE wrote faith into their hearts, and supported them with a spirit from him} Mujadela 22

He says: {This who follows my guidance will not be misguided nor suffer hardship} Taha 123

On the other hand for those with weak belief Allah says:

{Warning with sever punishment to those whose heart hardened against remembering Allah}

Those without the taste of belief act and talk with no bound or limit. They go through life selfish and greedy. Without belief or faith people go back to being savage animals, severing their ties with Allah, with other people and follow stains.

Brothers and sisters, fear Allah, may HE bless you, believe in your Lord, obey your messenger, and hold on tight to your religion. (we are contented and happy with Allah as god, and with Islam as a religion, and with Mohammad as a messenger and a prophet).