

Explanation of “Evidence From The Gospel That Jesus (عليه السلام) Is A Servant Of Allāh (عز وجل) And Has No Right To Be Worshipped”

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A Brief Review Of Class 1:

Brother Shamsi (حفظه الله) started with a brief review of Class 1, namely, why Shaykh Muḥammad Taqī Ad-Dīn Al-Ḥilālī (رحمه الله) wrote the essay and the dialogue that occurred between the Shaykh and his student in America, and the discussions that took place between the student and his colleagues in the university. The student sought help from Shaykh Muḥammad Taqī Ad-Dīn Al-Ḥilālī (رحمه الله) to encounter the doubts and misconceptions of his colleagues against Islām.

Shamsi (حفظه الله) also mentioned the reasons for Ibnul Qayyim (رحمه الله) writing his book, “Hidāyatul Ḥayārah fī Ajwibat Al-Yahūdī wa An-Nasārah - Guidance To The One Who Is Confused, And Answering The Jews And Christians”- the book that was written in response to the Jews and Christians. Likewise, he mentioned the book by Ibn Taymiyyah (رحمه الله): “Al-Jawāb Al-Ṣaḥīḥ, li man baddala Dīn Al-Maṣīḥ”. There are other books written by other scholars of Islām refuting the doubts and misconceptions against Islām and giving a direct message to the Christians and Jews. Shaykh Muḥammad Taqī Ad-Dīn Al-Ḥilālī (رحمه الله) says, “The Gospel explicitly mentions how Jesus is a servant of Allāh.”

It was mentioned previously how the Muslims approach the Bible- we do not believe everything that was in the Bible and we do not reject everything. Yes, there is some truth in it. As an example, we can refer to a previous class that was done with Mpubs in

Trinidad by Abū Ā'ishah Shamsidīn (حفظه الله) entitled: "Has the Bible been Corrupted?", where Christian scholars have been quoted to show that the Bible has been corrupted. The criteria to determine what is true in the Bible and what is false has also already been mentioned.

Shaykh Muhammad Taqi Ad-Dīn Al-Hilālī (رحمه الله) Instructions To His Student:

The Shaykh (رحمه الله) said: "Read from the beginning of the fourth chapter of the Gospel of Mathew until verse 6 and 7. In there are two chapters that explicitly mention that Jesus is a servant and that Allāh is the Master and the Lord in accordance with this statement in the seventh verse: '*Certainly it has also been written, Jesus said unto him, (this is when the Satan tried to tempt Jesus (عليه السلام) - the mighty messenger and true Messiah) that you should not tempt the Lord your God.*'" [Mathew 4: 7].

How Can Satan Try To Deceive The Lord Of Everything!?

In the same chapter, Satan carried the Messiah and travelled around with him from place to place. So how is it possible for the devil to carry The Lord of Mercy? Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی) is far exalted beyond that. Then the devil commanded him to prostrate to him and worship him and sought to tempt him with the wealth of the worldly life. This is a clear passage that Jesus cannot be God. How on earth can Satan try to deceive the Lord of everything!? How is Satan commanding The Most High, The Greatest, The Perfect, to prostrate to him? Allāh is far away from these evil lies that have been attributed to Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) - that Jesus is Allāh and that Satan tempted Allāh and told Allāh to worship him, and refuge is sought from Allāh. Clearly, Jesus cannot be God. How does Satan have the power to overpower and control God. Allāh says,

﴿ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ ﴾

"How do you judge?" [Sūrah Al-Qalam 68:36]

Christianity Is Dying In The Western World:

It was mentioned last time that Islām goes in line with the Universal Knowledge that Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) has put within us. It is irrational and illogical that the Perfect and Most

High who is Perfect all the time would become imperfect. That is called a paradox, but it exists in Christianity. That is why Christianity is dying out in the western world. How are they still saying that the majority of the people follow Christianity? That is incorrect. A lot of people in Britain and France do not attribute themselves to Christianity. They say they do not know but they believe that there is a God. This is because Christianity does not go in line with our sound reasoning and natural inclination. The outcome of this is that many youths in the western world have turned away from Christianity. That is why in the western world, churches are empty.

All Praise Is For Allāh That Muslims Are Buying Churches Because No One Is Using Them:

Muslims are buying churches to turn them into Mosques. Christianity is dying. How do people say that Christianity has more followers than Islām? That is incorrect. Islām is way above it and has passed Christianity in terms of followers.

How Is Satan Going To Tempt The Owner And King Of Everything With Wealth!?

Whatever is in the heavens and the earth and what is between them belongs to The Most High. How on earth is Satan going to say to God: "I will give you this if you do this for me?" We seek help from the Most High.

Jesus said to him: *"It is written that you should worship the Lord your God and Him only you should serve."* So Jesus is telling him what he, Satan, should do and what he should not do too. Then the author (رحمه الله) goes on to explain the meaning of 'The son of God' - "In the language of the Torah and the Gospel, everyone who is righteous and dutiful is referred to as son of God." In the ninth verse from the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Mathew, it is written: *"Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God."* This is correct because there are many prophets that have been called *The Son of God* in the Bible.

However, as the scholar Shaykh Rabīʿ bin Hādī al Madkhalī (حفظه الله) said: "It can either be from the language of the Torah and the Gospel, that if someone is righteous they refer to him as The Son of God, or, they changed and corrupted the teachings of the Torah and the Gospel, and they attributed children falsely to The Most High, as Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) has stated in the Qur'ān."

The Title *Son Of God* Might Have Been Metaphorical At First, Then Became Literal Later On:

Maybe in the beginning they were saying it metaphorically, then later on they adapted it literally that yes, he is the son of God. When you hear the Christians say Jesus is the son of God, it is as if it is something special. It is not because according to the Christian belief, every Christian is the son of God and every Christian woman is a daughter of God. So, all of them are children of God. So there is nothing special about Jesus being called the son of God if everyone is a son of God.

Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی) mentions that they claim they are the beloved ones to God and that they are the children of God. Allāh says:

﴿ وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ وَأَحِبَّاؤُهُ ۗ قُلْ فَلِمَ يُعَذِّبُكُم بِذُنُوبِكُمْ ۗ ﴾

“And (both) the Jews and the Christians say: ‘We are the children of Allāh and His loved ones.’ Say: ‘Why then does He punish you for your sins?’” [Sūrah Al-Mā'idah 5: 18]

Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی) tests His beloved ones, but He does not punish them.

A Christian Distortion Of The Word Lord:

An example of the Christian's distortion is in the twenty first verse of the seventh chapter. The word Lord is translated in such a way that implies that the Messiah is Allāh. Christians say Jesus was called The Lord but we know even in the language of the Bible now, Lord does not necessitate God. Even the judges are called gods. What the Christians do when you speak to them sometimes, and they want to prove to you that Jesus is the son of God, they mention when the Jews picked up stones and wanted to throw stones and stone him (Jesus), he (Jesus) said: *“Why what have I done? Is it because of the good works that I have done?”* They said: *“No it is because of the blasphemy that you are making because you made yourself equal to God or you claim to be God.”* But the Jews misunderstood Jesus many times according to the Bible (The New Testament).

Are You Going To Take Your Religion From The Opponents Of Jesus?

What is amazing is that if you carry on in the passages, Jesus said to them, wanting to clarify that he never intended what they understood. He said to them: *“Is it not written in your law that I have called you god?”* Here he (Jesus عليه السلام) is not saying “I,” he is quoting the passage in Psalms. Here, the Israelite judges are being called gods. Even in the Old Testament, Moses is being called god; *“I will send you as ilohim to Pharaoh.”* Ilohim means god in the Hebrew language. Therefore, Moses is God. That is why language was utilized, especially the Greek language, because there is a lot of metaphorical meaning. The point here is that Jesus clearly mentioned that he never intended what they understood from him.

He says: *“Not everyone that says unto me, ‘lord, lord,’ should enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that does the Will of my Father which is in Heaven.”* [Mather 7: 21]

The Term Father In The Bible:

It has already preceded that the term Father referring to Allāh, has come in numerous places in the Bible and it is not specific to the Messiah (meaning the son and the Father). Some scholars mention that the term Father is similar to the word Ar-Rabb because Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی) is The One who took care of us and raised us, so He is referred to as *The Father* but not literally.

Even from a logical argument, God is not a human being and there is nothing like unto Him. God is not human, yet He has a son that is Human!? That does not make any sense. Which son? According to the Bible it was a son that was humiliated. He even supposedly accused his Father, according to those who have written the Bible, either in the Old Testament or the New Testament, and attributed many lies, fabrications and blasphemies to God and the prophets of God.

How did the mighty Messiah, Jesus (عليه السلام) say to God: *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* Firstly, he is not God because he is asking someone else. Secondly, that is not true because Allāh does not forsake His beloved ones. Yes, He tests and tries them, but as Allāh says:

﴿وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ﴾

“And the (blessed) end is for the Muttaqun (pious)” [Sūrah Al-‘Aḥqāf 7:128]

Look what Paul said about Jesus: He said Jesus became cursed because of us.

According To Paul There Is No Difference Between Jesus (عليه السلام) And Satan:

Satan was not cursed (initially); he was a righteous being. The Christians believe he was an angel. We (Muslims) say he was a righteous being among the Jinn. So Satan was not cursed and then he became cursed. Jesus was not cursed and then he became cursed, so both of them are the same.

We seek refuge with Allāh and we do not believe that. Jesus was not cursed. Jesus is a righteous man, a pure holy man. All the prophets and messengers were holy. They were not cursed because a curse means Allāh removes His mercy from you. May Allāh protect us from that. We can bring many passages that show that those who have written the Gospel have mixed the truth with falsehood as Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) has stated in His Noble Book.

The Explicit Mention Of Jesus' Servitude In The Gospel:

The Book of Mathew [14: 23], talks about when Jesus went to the mountain and prayed. As stated before, the Christians will say: *"No Jesus was God and man at the same time."* That is a contradiction and it goes against the Old Testament, because in the Book of Josiah [9:11 or 11:9] it says: *"I The Lord am not a man."* In the book of numbers [23:19]: *"God is not a man that should change His mind, nor the son of man that He should lie."* So this passage is clear.

Imagine the Israelites being taught for centuries from The Most High that He (سبحانه و) (تعالى) is not a man. Then Jesus comes, according to the Christians, and says: 'God is a man at the same time.' Prophet Muḥammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) comes and says: 'God is not a man.' Logically speaking here, the Prophet Muḥammad's (صلى الله عليه وسلم) teachings go in line with the teachings of the prophets and messengers before him.

Prophet Muḥammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) Teachings Goes In Line With The Teachings Of The Prophets And Messengers Before Him:

Jesus' teachings, according to the Christians, stand out, so he (Jesus) must be the false prophet, according to your (Christians) beliefs. We (Muslims) believe he (Jesus) is a true prophet.

How Can He (Jesus) Be God And Pray To God?

Abū ʿĀ'ishah Shamsidīn (Shamsi) (حفظه الله) concluded the lesson with a duʿā saying: "We ask The Lord of the Heavens and the earth and all that is between them, The God of Moses, the God of Noah, Ādam, Abraham, Jesus and Muḥammad, to guide us to the truth. And Allāh The Most High and Most Great knows best.

وصلى الله على نبينا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم