

Degrees of righteous people

We have, in the roll of positions of belief and divine degrees, the degree of Islam, the degree of belief, the degree of benefaction and the degree of certainty.

The degree of Islam is for everyone who utters the two testimonies. The degree of belief is for that whose heart is full of the fact of belief and his organs fulfill God's orders. The degree of benefaction is for that who follows the prophet, (May the blessing and peace of God be upon him), in everything, because he ameliorates performing deeds and manners, because he follows what God says:

33-21: "You have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern (of conduct) for any one whose hope is in Allah, the Final Day, and who engages much in remembering Allah."

God grants such person if he is a benefactor and keeps to benefaction, as He says:

5-93: "For Allah loves those who do good."

God selects and chooses him by His bounty as He says:

22-75: "Allah chooses messengers from angels and from men,"

God grants him certainty and assurance; he might be among the people of knowledge of certainty as He says:

102-5: "No, were you to know with certainty of mind."

Then God teaches him knowledge of certainty.

Knowledge of certainty comes from God to the hearts of His righteous people, as He says:

18-65: "So they found one of Our servants, on whom We had bestowed Mercy from Ourselves and whom We had taught knowledge from Our own Presence."

God might grant him the eye of certainty, as He says:

102-7: "Again, you shall see it with certainty of sight."

The eye of certainty is a luminous eye in the spirit of a human, if God grants it to a servant, He opened it so that one sees what others can't see, it watches what naked eyes can't see,

it watches God's unseen, His luminous light and secret because God made him among the people of this position, as He says:

6-75: "So also did We show Abraham the power and the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth, that he might be one of people who have certitude."

If God increases his certainty, He promotes him to the degree of real or factual certainty.

Real certainty means that God grants him an eye by which he looks at the universe created by God, as God says in His divine Hadith:

*"I will be his hearing by which he hears, his sight by which he sees and his tongue by which he talks....."*¹

He sees by God what people can't see of this life, his Lord never leaves him for a twinkle of an eye or less. He gets all this by the blessing of following God's chosen and beloved prophet.

We beg God to grant us all, truthful following to the master of all people, to guide us to be among his lovers, to resurrect us among his followers at the Day of Judgment, to grant us his luminance, knowledge and wisdom at all times.

¹ Revise page 4 of this book to see the full Hadith and reference.