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Actually, the topic of *Tawassul* (using a means to seek Allāh's help) is one of the controversial issues among Muslim nation that has not been understood in its due perspective, and which proved hostility and hatred among different groups.

Muslims are supposed to rely on the understanding of *Salaf* (Prophet and his Companions, the second generation after them, and the third generation after). These are the best generations as the Prophet ﷺ told us.

I regret to say that only a few number of Muslims adhere and follow the way of *Salaf* regarding this subject while a lot of them deviated from the right way and fell into the stagnant pool of innovations and superstitions.

The author really clarified this topic by mentioning the proofs and evidences which support the three types of the

allowed *Tawassul* and at the same time answered the suspicions and confusions surrounding this matter.

May Allāh guide Muslims to the proper understanding and practice of the allowed *Tawassul*.

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## *Tawassul*

### **(Using a means to seek Allāh's Help)**

All praise is due to Allāh, and may Allāh's peace and blessings be on His Messenger and Final Prophet, his Companions, household and all those who obey him until the Day of Resurrection.

The scholars of *Ahlu-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, who follow the Qur'ān, the *Sunnah* and the understanding of the Companions, agree that *Tawassul* (using a means to seek Allāh's help) is allowed in Islam as is evident in various relevant texts of the Qur'ān and *Sunnah*. However, some Muslims were unable to understand the correct method of *Tawassul* legislated by the Qur'ān, the *Sunnah* and the understanding of the *Salaf*. This is why they fell into confusion and committed errors in this regard that do not conform to the correct guidance

of our Prophet ﷺ. They also used weak and fabricated *Hadeeths* as evidence, and even worse, explained the Verses and *Hadeeths* regarding the legal *Tawassul* in an incorrect way to conform to their incorrect understanding.

All Muslims are required to rely on the understanding of the *Salaf* from the Companions, and the second and the third generations of Islam. These generations had the best comprehension of the Verses and *Hadeeths* and they are the best members of the Muslim *Ummah* (nation), just as the Prophet of Allāh ﷺ testified. The Prophet ﷺ said:

«خَيْرُ النَّاسِ قَرْنِي ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ»

“The best people are my generation, then the next generation, then the next generation.” (Al-Bukhaari)

Therefore, every Muslim, who believes in

Allāh and His Messenger ﷺ, is required to avoid satisfying the desires and lusts, because they are the work and tools of Satan with which he strives to destroy the Islamic law. Further, every Muslim is required to adhere to the understanding of the *Salaf* in all matters of the religion. This is why we wrote this article on *Tawassul*, relying on the Verses and *Hadeeths* and the correct understanding of them by the *Salaf*. Also, this article is important in that it is on a subject that has been distorted by followers of various innovations and sects, and therefore, it is necessary to explain it in the correct manner. We ask Allāh to make this work sincerely for His sake and to guide and direct us to all types of success, for He is Most Generous, Most Kind.





