

THE FLAME OF FAITH (IMAN) THE BEST OF GIFTS.

Iman in hadith :-

It is related by Umar bin al-Khattab one day while we were sitting with the Messenger of Allah, a man appeared before ~~us~~ Messenger us whose clothes were very white and hair very black. No signs of travelling were to be seen on him and none of us knew him. He walked to the prophet and sat by him in such a way that his knees touched the prophet's knees and his palms were placed on the prophet's thighs.

He asked "O Muhammad! Tell me about Islam." The messenger of Allah said: "Islam is to testify that there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah, to offer Salah perfectly, to pay Zakah, to fast in the month

of Ramazan, and to make pilgrimage to the house of Allah if one is able to do so." The man further asked: "The tell me about Iman." The prophet said:

"It is ~~to~~ to have faith in Allah, His angles, His books, His messengers, the last day and its fate - good and evil."

"He said then tell me about Ihsan." He said: "It is to worship Allah as though you are seeing him, and while you see him not, He truly sees you." He said! Then tell me about the hour?" (The day of Judgement) He said: "Then one questioned about it knows no better than questioner."

..... (till the end of the hadith). This is our faith and our faith is our life. When duty calls, we should be prepared to give our life to defend it. The following example from the life of Abdullah bin bluzafah, a companion of the prophet, teaches us the same lesson.

When Abdullah bin bluzafah

returned, Umar (r.a) went out to the outskirts of Madinah to welcome him to home. He told Muslims that it was binding on everyone present to kiss Abdullah's forehead and Umar himself made the beginning. Everyone present kissed Abdullah bin Hazafah, following the example of Umar bin al-Khattab.

Wassalam.