

Course Title: The Invocation of God

Course Faculty: Faculty of Authentic Spirituality Studies

Course Description:

Written in the 14th century by the renowned scholar of spirituality Ibn Qayyim Al Jawziyyah, this treatise movingly details the many blessings of the remembrance of Allah. Through discussions of the ego, the nature of the body, the reality of this life, the degrees of prayer, fasting charity and the purification of the heart, this beautifully written work is a genuine contribution to sound Islamic spirituality. This course will be a reading and commentary of the text, expounding upon its finer meanings and subtleties of spirituality.

Course Overview:

In this course you will learn the following:

- Who was Ibn Al Qayyim?
- What are benefits of studying this book?
- What is the true meaning of love for Allah?
- How is this coupled with the fear of Allah?
- How does one acquire a steadfast heart?
- How can we avoid acquiring bad characteristics?
- How can you venerate Allah by obeying His commandments and avoiding His prohibitions?
- What is the essence of worship?
- How can you rectify your intentions?
- Why is Salah so important in rectifying one's character and purifying one's soul?
- What are the three types of hearts?
- What are the benefits of constant Zikr (remembering Allah)?
- What are the different aspects of a human being?
- How should we perceive this world and this life?
- How can the heart be cleansed of tarnish?
- What are the best words of daily remembrance?

Biography of the Author:

He is Shams Ad Deen Muhammad Ibn Abi Bakr Ibn Qayyim Al Jawziyyah, he was born in 691 A.H. near Damascus. He is most commonly known as Ibn Al Qayyim, as his father was the principal (Qayyim) of the Jawziyyah school. His primary and formative studies were completed under his father's tutelage. Thereafter he went on to study under many of the scholars of that region, until he met Shaykh Ul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, from whom he studied and accompanied until his eventual death.

His studies and knowledge were very comprehensive. He was said to be a master of both the internal and external, the legal and the spiritual sciences to be found within Islam. His contemporaries and students revered him, praising his knowledge, manners and worship. He wrote many works, in almost all fields of the Islamic sciences. Amongst his students are the great scholars Imam Ibn Katheer and Al Hafidh Ibn Rajab Al Hanbali.

Imam Ibn Al Qayyim died at the age of sixty, on the 13th night of Rajab, 751 A.H. and was buried next to his father at As Saghîr Cemetery of Damascus.

Amongst his most famous works are Zad Al Ma'ad (Provisions for the Hereafter), Al Waabil As Sayyib Min Kalim At Tayyib (The Invocation of God), At Tibb An Nabawi (Prophetic Medicine) and Miftah Dar As Sa'aadah (The Key to the Land of Eternal Bliss).

Course Duration:

This course is taught over a 3 month period each week's lesson consists of 2 hours class time.

Course Materials:

A course pack containing the translation of Imam Ibn Al Qayyim's book, 'The Invocation of God' will be provided. You should also bring a notepad and pen to take notes.

Homework:

For 2 hours of class work you will need to do at least 1 hour of homework, rewriting notes and revision each week.

Examinations:

The final examination for what you will have learnt throughout this course takes place on week 11, this consists of a 60 Minute written paper. The pass mark for this course is 50%.

Certificates:

You will receive an in-house certificate recognizing your achievement in this course.

Course Fees:

Students/Unemployed: £65

Employed: £75

That's only £2.71/£3.13 per hour!

Progression:

After studying this course you may wish to study other courses in this field such as:

- Virtues of Good Deeds, by Al Hafidh Al Mundhiri.
- Weakness of Emaan: Symptoms and Cures, by Shaykh Muhammad Salih Al Munajjid.
- Purification of the Soul, by Imams Ibn Rajab Al Hanbali, Ibn Al Qayyim and Al Ghazaali.
- The Actions of the Heart (Exquisite Pearls) by Shaykh Abdur Rahman Ibn Naser As Sa'di.

Additional Reading Material:

- The Goodly Word, by Shaykh Ul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah
- Purification of the Soul, by Jamaal Ad Din Zarabozo

Registration:

You can register online now securely via PayPal or if you prefer you may visit us at our office during our registration dates (see registration timetable) where registration staff will be awaiting to welcome, assess, advise and help you register.