

Everything Is By Allah's Decree

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Imaam Ash-Shawkaanee (Rahima-hu-Allah) said: This refers to that which is written in *Al-Lawh Al-Mahfoodh* (The Preserved Tablet). Indeed He has commanded us to fight (those who fight us), therefore we obey His Command.

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Shaykh Abdur-Rahmaan As-Sa'dee (Rahima-hu-Allah) said: This means that He is the One Who is in control of our *religious* and *worldly* affairs. Therefore, it is obligatory upon us to be *pleased* with His Decrees; and (to know that) nothing of the affairs is in our hands (i.e. we have absolutely no control over what calamities will befall us).

Imaam Ash-Shawkaanee (Rahima-hu-Allah) said: This means that He is our Helper (*Naasir*) who will grant us success *in the end of the affair*. He is the One Who will make His *Deen* (i.e. Islam) superior to all other *Ad-yaan* (i.e. all other ways of life). [See: Soorah at-Tawbah, 9:33].

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Shaykh Abdur-Rahmaan As-Sa'dee (Rahima-hu-Allah) said: This means the (true) believers *depend* (totally) upon Allah for *achieving* those things which **benefit** them, and *repulsing* from them the **harmful** things. And they have complete *trust* in Him to achieve those things that they seek. Therefore, whoever puts their *trust* (and reliance) in Him will never lose. As for those who put their trust (and reliance) in other than Allah, such will be *Makh-dhool* (abandoned/disappointed) and will not achieve that which they hope for.

Imaam Ash-Shawkaanee (Rahima-hu-Allah) said: Trusting (*At-Ta-wak-kul*) in Allah means surrendering (*At-Taf-weed*) all affairs to Him, while not putting one's trust in anyone besides Him.

['**Tay-seer Al-Kareem Ar-Rahmaan**' -Tafseer Shaykh Abdur-Rahman As-Sa'dee; '**Fath Al-Qadeer**' - Tafseer Al-Imaam Ash-Shawkaanee, Qur'aan, Soorah at-Tawbah (9:51). Translation: Abu Muhammad, 3rd Rajab 1431 (June 2010)]