



Meaning of Tasbih

The seventh question of Fatwa no. 8864

Q 7: What is the meaning of: 1-Subhan Allah [Glory be to Allah], 2-Al-Hamdu lillah [All praise is due to Allah], 3-Al-Shukru-lil-Allah [All thanks to Allah], 4-La Hawla wa la Quwwata illa Billah [There is neither might nor power except with Allah!]?]

A: The manner of lauding Allah is performed by much uttering of Tasbih (saying: "Subhan Allah [Glory be to Allah]"),

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Tahlil (saying "La Ilah Illa Allah [there is no god but Allah]"), Tahmid (saying: "Alhamdu lillah [All praise is due to Allah]"), and Takbir (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]"), as well as making much Du'a' (supplication) and Istighfar (seeking forgiveness from Allah). You should also describe Allah (may He be Praised) in the way He describes Himself in His Glorious Book and on the tongue of His honest Messenger (peace be upon him). We recommend you to read "Al-Adhkar" by Al-Nawawy, "Riyadh-ul-Salihin", "Al-Kalim-ul-Tayyib" by the Shaykh of Islam, Ibn Taymiyyah, and "Al-Wabil Al-Sayyib" by Ibn Al-Qayyim.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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