

The Branches of *Eemaan* according to al-Bayhaqee

as listed by al-Qazweenee

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- [1] Eemaan in Allaah, Most Mighty and Majestic
- [2] Eemaan in the Messengers of Allaah, Most Mighty and Majestic may Allaah send <u>salaah</u> and salaam upon them all
- [3] Eemaan in the Angels
- [4] Eemaan in the Qur'aan and all the Books revealed before it
- [5] Eemaan that the Divine Decree good and bad is all from Allaah
- [6] Eemaan in the Last Day
- [7] Eemaan in resurrection after death
- [8] Eemaan in the gathering of all people at the place of standing after being raised from their graves
- [9] Eemaan that the abode of the believers is Jannah and the abode of the disbelievers is the hellfire
- [10] Eemaan in the obligation of loving Allaah
- [11] Eemaan in the obligation of fearing Allaah
- [12] Eemaan in the obligation of hoping in Allaah
- [13] Eemaan in the obligation of placing reliance upon Allaah
- [14] Eemaan in the obligation of loving the Prophet #
- [15] Eemaan in the obligation of extolling and honoring the Prophet #
- [16] Being protective about one's religion to the point that being thrown into the hellfire becomes more beloved to him than *kufr*
- [17] Attaining Knowledge
- [18] Imparting Knowledge
- [19] Honoring the Glorious Qur'aan by learning it, teaching it, observing its regulations and rulings, knowing what it permits and prohibits, respecting those who ascribe to it and those who have memorized it, and weeping from the promises and threats of Allaah Most Mighty and Majestic which it contains
- [20] Purification
- [21] The five prayers
- [22] Zakaah
- [23] Fasting
- [24] I'tikaaf
- [25] <u>H</u>ajj
- [26] Jihaad
- [27] Military defense and security for the cause of Allaah, Most Mighty and Majestic
- [28] Perseverance in facing the enemy, and not fleeing from the battlefield at the time of fighting
- [29] Setting aside one fifth of war spoils for the leader and those deputed to distribute the spoils
- [30] Emancipation of slaves as a means of seeking nearness to Allaah, Most Mighty and Majestic
- [31] Performing obligatory expiations for crimes
- [32] Fulfilling contracts
- [33] Enumerating the blessings of Allaah, and the obligation of showing gratitude for them
- [34] Protecting the tongue from all that is unnecessary
- [35] Taking care of trusts, and the obligation of returning them to their owners
- [36] The prohibition of murder and crimes against others
- [37] The prohibition of promiscuity, and the obligation of chastity
- [38] Abstaining from impermissible wealth and property
- [39] The obligation of exercising caution in food and drink, and avoiding the impermissible
- [40] [Abstaining from] prohibited and disliked items of clothing, fashion, and vessels
- [41] The prohibition of games and recreation which contravene the religion
- [42] Moderation in spending, and the prohibition of misappropriating wealth and property

- [43] Ridding oneself of rancour, envy and similar qualities
- [44] The prohibition of attacking someone's honour, and the obligation of not doing so
- [45] Sincerity to Allaah in all actions, and forsaking riyaa'
- [46] Happiness due to good deeds, and sorrow over misdeeds
- [47] Treating every sin with repentance
- [48] Sacrifices
- [49] Obeying those in authority
- [50] Adhering to the jamaa'ah
- [51] Judging between people with justice
- [52] Commanding good and forbidding evil
- [53] Cooperating in goodness and tagwaa
- [54] Modesty
- [55] Kindness to parents
- [56] Maintaining ties of kinship
- [57] Dignified conduct
- [58] Kind treatment of slaves
- [59] The right of a master on his subjects
- [60] The rights of children and dependents
- [61] Remaining close to practicing Muslims, having affinity towards them, spreading the *salaam* amongst them, and greeting with a handshake
- [62] Replying to the greeting of salaam
- [63] Visiting the ill
- [64] Performing the funeral prayer for any deceased individual among the people of the qiblah
- [65] Saying yarhamukallaah to someone who sneezes
- [66] Keeping away from disbelievers and mischief makers, and dealing with them sternly
- [67] Good treatment of neighbours
- [68] Good treatment of guests
- [69] Concealing the faults of others
- [70] Patient perseverance at times of adversity, and in refraining from desires and pleasures which the soul may crave
- [71] Exercising restraint in worldly matters, and avoiding false aspirations of a lengthy future
- [72] Being protective of women and not exploiting them
- [73] Forsaking useless talk
- [74] Generosity and magnanimity
- [75] Being kind to the young and respecting the elderly
- [76] Reconciling between people
- [77] That a person loves for his Muslim brother what he loves for himself, and dislikes for him what he dislikes for himself

The Muslim protects the secrets and confidentiality of his brother

Not attempting to expose the private details of another Muslim

Not hoarding so as to increase the price of a commodity

Not afflicting others with an envious eye

Repaying debts with something better

Assisting a debtor facing hard times by extending a payment deadline or waiving the debt