

The meaning of mandoob

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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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With regards to the meaning of mandoob in the Islaamic Sharee'ah, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ comments:

The takleefiyyah² are of five types:

waajib (obligatory)

mandoob (recommended)

muharram (prohibited)

makrooh (disliked)

mubaah (permissible)

The meaning of Mandoob in the (Arabic) language is: mad'oo (that which is called to).

And its technical meaning is: that which the Lawgiver has commanded with, but not in the manner of making it obligatory – such as the supererogatory prayers.

And the statement of ours “which the Lawgiver has commanded” excludes that which is muharram (prohibited), and that which is makrooh (disliked), and that which is mubaah (permissible).

And the statement of ours “but not in the manner of making it obligatory” excludes that which is waajib (obligatory).

And the person who carries out something mandoob is rewarded if he (does it) in obedience (to Allaah);

And the person who leaves off (doing) it is not punished.

And it is also known as masnoon and mustahhab and nafl.

(Al Usool min 'ilm ul usool, quoted in Rasaa-il fil usool of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen rahimahullaah , p126)

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² Rulings which relate to the actions of the people who are bound by the Islamic duties – so this excludes the young child and the insane person for example.