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
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INTRODUCTION

SURAH AL BAQARAH 168

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُواتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ

O mankind! Eat of that which is lawful and good on the earth, and follow not the footsteps of Shaitan (Satan). Verily, he is to you an open enemy.

- The start is to begin with eating good and halal food.
- For the shaitan there are steps and those who fall into big matters all started as small steps at first. With opening a message, opening a site, going to a place, trying something.
- If the shaitan is unable to get the person through the door of the sins, then the shaitan will enter through the door of wiswas by making a person think his prayer is not acceptable, so repeat it again.

STEPS OF THE SHAITAN

SURAH AL 'ANAM 142

وَمِنَ الْأَنْعَامِ حَمُولَةً وَفَرْشًا ۖ كُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُواتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ

And of the cattle (are some) for burden (like camels) and (some are) small (unable to carry burden like sheep and goats - for food, meat, milk and wool). Eat of what Allah has provided for you, and follow not the footsteps of Shaitan (Satan). Surely he is to you an open enemy.

- The shaitan is a clear enemy and he makes people live a life of troubles and conflict. The shaitan is behind all problems between people.
- The shaitan commands to evil and indecency and to say wrongfully about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The shaitan analyzes the weakness of each person and just increases it. The one he gets angry then he'll make him angrier, the one who's impatient then he'll make him more impatient, the one who's proud then he'll make him more proud.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 169

إِنَّمَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالسُّوءِ وَالْفَحْشَاءِ وَأَنْ تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

He [Shaitan (Satan)] commands you only what is evil and Fahsha (sinful), and that you should say against Allah what you know not.

- The angel whispers to good, to pray, to pardon while the shaitan will say there's more time, do this and then you can pray, where's your dignity if you forgive her.
- The shaitan also commands to indecency and what is inappropriate such as zina, murder, drinking, talking about the chastity of others.
- The shaitan will also command to say wrong things about Allah (سبحانه) and the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم). A person will make up fatwas or say what Allah loves and does not love without evidence.

SURAH FUSSILAT 36

وَأِمَّا يَنْزَغَنَّكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْغٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

And if an evil whisper from Shaitan (Satan) tries to turn you away (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) (from doing good), then seek refuge in Allah.

Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.

MEANS FOR PROTECTION FROM THE SHAITAN

- Seeking refuge with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from the accursed shaitan.
- Reciting Ayat Al Kursi after every prayer and in the morning and evening supplications.

AYAT AL KURSI: PROTECTION FROM THE SHAITAN

فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: " يا أبا هريرة، ما فعل أسيرك البارحة؟" قلت: يا رسول الله شكنا حاجة وعيالا، فرحمته، فخليت سبيله. فقال: " أما إنه قد كذبتك وسيعود" فعرفت أنه سيعود لقول رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم فرصدته، فجاء يحثو من الطعام، فقلت: لأرفعنك إلى رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، قال: دعني فإنني محتاج، وعلي عيال لا أعود، فرحمته فخليت سبيله، فأصبحت فقال لي رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: " يا أبا هريرة، ما فعل أسيرك البارحة؟" قلت: يا رسول الله شكنا حاجة وعيالا فرحمته، فخليت سبيله، فقال: "إنه قد كذبتك وسيعود" فرصدته الثالثة. فجاء يحثو من الطعام، فأخذته، فقلت: لأرفعنك إلى رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، وهذا آخر ثلاث أنك تزعم أنك لا تعود، ثم تعود! فقال: دعني فإنني أعلمك كلمات ينفعك الله بها، قلت: ما هن؟ قال: إذا أويت إلى فراشك فاقراً آية الكرسي، فإنه لن يزال عليك من الله حافظ، ولا يقربك شيطان حتى تصبح، فخليت سبيله فأصبحت، فقال لي رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "ما فعل أسيرك البارحة؟" قلت: يا رسول الله زعم أنه يعلمني كلمات ينفعني الله بها، فخليت سبيله. قال: "ما هي؟" قلت: قال لي: إذا أويت إلى فراشك فاقراً آية الكرسي من أولها حتى تختم الآية: {الله لا إله إلا هو الحي القيوم} وقال لي: لا يزال عليك من الله حافظ، ولن يقربك شيطان حتى تصبح، فقال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: "أما إنه قد صدقك وهو كذوب، تعلم من تخاطب منذ ثلاث يا أبا هريرة "؟ قلت: لا، قال: "ذاك شيطان"

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) put me in charge of charity of Ramadan (Sadaqat-ul- Fitr). Somebody came to me and began to take away some food-stuff. I caught him and said, "I must take you to the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)." He said, "I am a needy man with a

large family, and so I have a pressing need." I let him go. When I saw the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) next morning, he asked me, "O Abu Hurairah! What did your captive do last night?" I said, "O Messenger of Allah! He complained of a pressing need and a big family. I felt pity for him so I let him go." He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He told you a lie and he will return." I was sure, according to the saying of the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) that he would return. I waited for him. He sneaked up again and began to steal food-stuff from the Sadaqah. I caught him and said; "I must take you to the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)." He said, "Let go of me, I am a needy man. I have to bear the expenses of a big family. I will not come back." So I took pity on him and let him go. I went at dawn to the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) who asked me, "O Abu Hurairah! What did your captive do last night?" I replied, "O Messenger of Allah! He complained of a pressing want and the burden of a big family. I took pity on him and so I let him go." He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He told you a lie and he will return." (That man) came again to steal the food-stuff. I arrested him and said, "I must take you to the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and this is the last of three times. You promised that you would not come again but you did." He said, "Let go of me, I shall teach you some words with which Allah may benefit you." I asked, "What are those words?" He replied, "When you go to bed, recite Ayat-ul- Kursi (2:255) for there will be a guardian appointed over you from Allah, and Satan will not be able to approach you till morning." So I let him go. Next morning the

Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) asked me, "What did your prisoner do last night." I answered, "He promised to teach me some words which he claimed will benefit me before Allah. So I let him go." The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) asked, "What are those words that he taught you?" I said, "He told me: 'When you go to bed, recite Ayat- ul-Kursi from the beginning to the end i.e., [Allah! none has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His Permission? He knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter. And they will never compass anything of His Knowledge except that which He wills. His Kursi encompasses the heavens and the earth, and preserving them does not fatigue Him. And He is the Most High, the Most Great].' (2:255). He added: 'By reciting it, there will be a guardian appointed over you from Allah who will protect you during the night, and Satan will not be able to come near you until morning'." The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Verily, he has told you the truth though he is a liar. O Abu Hurairah! Do you know with whom you were speaking for the last three nights?" I said, "No." He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He was Shaitan (Satan)."¹

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari, Book 9, Hadith 1020

HOW CAN WE CHANGE OURSELVES FOR THE BETTER?

- Seek refuge with Allah from the shaitan
- Recite Ayat Al Kursi
- Choose good over evil

MAY ALLAH PROTECT US FROM THE SHAITAN. AMEEN.



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SURAH AN NAJM 31

وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسَاءُوا بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا بِالْحُسْنَىٰ

And to Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, that He may requite those who do evil with that which they have done (i.e. punish them in Hell), and reward those who do good, with what is best (i.e. Paradise).

- The Day of Judgement is a long and great day. It is a Day when the visions will be humbled.

SURAH AL HAJJ 1 TO 2

1.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ ۖ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ

O mankind! Fear your Lord and be dutiful to Him! Verily, the earthquake of the Hour (of Judgement) is a terrible thing.

2.

يَوْمَ تَرُومُهَا تُدْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمْلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ سُكَارَىٰ وَمَا هُمْ بِسُكَارَىٰ وَلَكِنَّ عَذَابَ اللَّهِ شَدِيدٌ

The Day you shall see it, every nursing mother will forget her nursing, and every pregnant one will drop her load, and you shall see mankind as in a drunken state, yet they will not be drunken, but severe will be the Torment of Allah.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) addresses all people to have taqwa because the horrors of the Day of Judgement are great. Any fear found in this life cannot be compared to the fear on the Day of Judgement, subhan Allah. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to protect us. Ameen.
- On that Day, the sun will come down and according to a person's sins is how much he will sweat. There are those whom the sweat will reach their ankles, some knees, some stomach and some will drown in the sweat of their sins.

SWEATING UNDER THE SUN ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ . رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ . أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " يَغْرَقُ النَّاسُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حَتَّى يَذْهَبَ عَرَقُهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ سَبْعِينَ ذِرَاعًا ، وَيُلْجِمُهُمْ حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ آذَانَهُمْ " .

Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "The people will sweat so profusely on the Day of Resurrection that their sweat will sink seventy cubits deep into the earth, and it will rise up till it reaches the people's mouths and ears."²

- However there will be seven types of people who will be shaded under the Shade of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Truly the love of Allah in this life is a true shade.

² Sahih al-Bukhari 6532

- These seven types reflect the different types of people in this life, thus no one is deprived, but everyone has an opportunity to be among the seven.

SEVEN TYPES SHADED UNDER THE SHADE OF ALLAH

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " سَبْعَةٌ يُظِلُّهُمْ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِي ظِلِّهِ، يَوْمَ لَا ظِلَّ إِلَّا ظِلُّهُ إِمَامٌ عَادِلٌ، وَشَابٌّ نَشَأَ فِي عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ، وَرَجُلٌ ذَكَرَ اللَّهَ فِي خَلَاءٍ فَفَاضَتْ عَيْنَاهُ، وَرَجُلٌ قَلْبُهُ مُعَلَّقٌ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ، وَرَجُلَانِ تَحَابَّا فِي اللَّهِ، وَرَجُلٌ دَعَتْهُ امْرَأَةٌ ذَاتُ مَنْصِبٍ وَجَمَالٍ إِلَى نَفْسِهَا قَالَ إِنَّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ. وَرَجُلٌ تَصَدَّقَ بِصَدَقَةٍ فَأَخْفَاهَا، حَتَّى لَا تَعْلَمَ شِمَالُهُ مَا صَنَعَتْ يَمِينُهُ "

Narrated Abu Huraira (ra): The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Seven (people) will be shaded by Allah by His Shade on the Day of Resurrection when there will be no shade except His Shade. (They will be), a just ruler, a young man who has been brought up in the worship of Allah, a man who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes are then flooded with tears, a man whose heart is attached to mosques (offers his compulsory congregational prayers in the mosque), two men who love each other for Allah's Sake, a man who is called by a charming lady of noble birth to commit illegal sexual intercourse with her, and he says, 'I am afraid of Allah,' and (finally), a man who gives in charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given."³

³ Sahih al-Bukhari 6806

1. JUST RULER

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to always judge fairly and justly.

SURAH SAAD 26

يَا دَاوُودُ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاكَ خَلِيفَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَ النَّاسِ بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعِ الْهَوَىٰ فَيُضِلَّكَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
 إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَضِلُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ بِمَا نَسُوا يَوْمَ الْحِسَابِ

O Dawud (David)! Verily! We have placed you as a successor on the earth; so judge you between men in truth (and justice) and follow not your desire - for it will mislead you from the Path of Allah. Verily, those who wander astray from the Path of Allah (shall) have a severe torment, because they forgot the Day of Reckoning.

- When a person has to judge between two people, he should hear both sides and not lean towards anyone whom he personally knows. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us among those who are just. Ameen.

HADITH: JUST ONES WILL BE ON PULPITS OF LIGHT

قَالَ ابْنُ نُمَيْرٍ وَأَبُو بَكْرِ يَبْلُغُ بِهِ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَفِي حَدِيثِ زُهَيْرٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ مَنَابِرٍ مِنْ نُورٍ عَنِ يَمِينِ الرَّحْمَنِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَكَلَّمَا يَدَيْهِ يَمِينُ الَّذِينَ يَعْدِلُونَ فِي حُكْمِهِمْ وَأَهْلِهِمْ وَمَا وَلُوا " .

It has been narrated on the authority of 'Abdullah b. 'Umar that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: Behold! the Dispensers of justice will be seated on the pulpits of light beside God, on the right side of the Merciful, Exalted and Glorious. Either side of the Being is the right side both being equally meritorious. (The Dispensers of justice are) those who do

justice in their rules, in matters relating to their families and in all that they undertake to do.⁴

2. YOUTH WHO GREW UP WORSHIPPING ALLAH

- The youth can easily be distracted with the temptations of this duniya, but this youth grew up loving the religion. This is tawfeeq and guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to be on this path. Either this youth had the means of having righteous parents who nurtured him in obeying Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or good companions.

SURAH AL KAHF 13

نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُم بِالْحَقِّ ۗ إِنَّهُمْ فِتْيَةٌ آمَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَزِدْنَاَهُمْ هُدًى

We narrate unto you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) their story with truth: Truly they were young men who believed in their Lord (Allah), and We increased them in guidance.

- The Companions of the Cave were a youth who believed in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and were nurtured by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us righteous offspring. Ameen.

⁴ Sahih Muslim 1827

3. MAN WHOSE HEART IS ATTACHED TO THE MASJID

- The mosques are the homes of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and whoever enters the masjid then he is a guest with his Rabb, subhan Allah.
- Such a person loves the masjid and there can be no person happier than to be a guest in the home of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

4. TWO PEOPLE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH – THEY GATHER AND LEAVE FOR HIS SAKE

- The most complete faith is to love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and hate for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH AL MAEDA 54

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never fear of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Most Rich from us and anyone who turns his back from Islam, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will replace him with a people He loves and they love Him. They are mighty towards the disbelievers and humble to the believers, they do not fear the blame of the blamers.

HADITH: COMPLETE FAITH

عَنْ أَبِي أُمَامَةَ، عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّهُ قَالَ " مَنْ أَحَبَّ لِلَّهِ وَأَبْغَضَ لِلَّهِ وَأَعْطَى لِلَّهِ وَمَنَعَ لِلَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَكْمَلَ الْإِيمَانَ " .

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: If anyone loves for Allah's sake, hates for Allah's sake, gives for Allah's sake and withholds for Allah's sake, he will have perfect faith.⁵

HADITH: SPREAD SALAM

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَا تَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَابُّوا . أَوْلَا أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى شَيْءٍ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمُوهُ تَحَابَبْتُمْ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ " .

The Messenger of Allah (may peace and blessing be upon him) observed: You shall not enter Paradise so long as you do not affirm belief (in all those things which are the articles of faith) and you will not believe as long as you do not love one another. Should I not direct you to a thing which, if you do, will foster love amongst you: (i. e.) give currency to (the practice of paying salutation to one another by saying) as-salamu alaikum.⁶

⁵ Sunan Abi Dawud 4681, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

⁶ Sahih Muslim 54

- These two people who loved each other for the sake of Allah (سبحانه), and they did not gather for monetary or worldly gain, nor because there is a blood relation between them. But they gathered purely for His Sake.

HADITH: PEOPLE WHO LOVED FOR ALLAH

عَنْ أَبِي زُرْعَةَ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ جَرِيرٍ، أَنَّ عُمَرَ بْنَ الْخَطَّابِ، قَالَ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ مِنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ لِأُنَاسًا مَا هُمْ بِأَنْبِيَاءَ وَلَا شُهَدَاءَ يَغْبِطُهُمُ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِمَكَانِهِمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى " . قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ تُخْبِرُنَا مَنْ هُمْ . قَالَ " هُمْ قَوْمٌ تَحَابُّوا بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ عَلَى غَيْرِ أَرْحَامٍ بَيْنَهُمْ وَلَا أَمْوَالٍ يَتَعَاطَوْنَهَا فَوَاللَّهِ إِنَّ وُجُوهُهُمْ لَنُورٌ وَإِنَّهُمْ عَلَى نُورٍ لَا يَخَافُونَ إِذَا خَافَ النَّاسُ وَلَا يَحْزَنُونَ إِذَا حَزَنَ النَّاسُ " . وَقَرَأَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ { أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ } .

Narrated Umar ibn al-Khattab: They (the people) asked: Tell us, Messenger of Allah, who are they? He replied: They are people who love one another for the spirit of Allah (i.e. the Qur'an), without having any mutual kinship and giving property to one. I swear by Allah, their faces will glow and they will be (sitting) in (pulpits of) light. They will have no fear (on the Day) when the people will have fear, and they will not grieve when the people will grieve.

He then recited the following Qur'anic verse: "Behold! Verily for the friends of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve."⁷

⁷ Sunan Abi Dawud 3527, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

5. A MAN IS INVITED BY A WOMAN OF BEAUTY AND POSITION AND HE SAYS "I FEAR ALLAH"

- This is similar to the story of Yusuf (عليه السلام) when the wife of aziz called him to herself.

SURAH AN NAZIAT 40 TO 41

40.

وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ

But as for him who feared standing before his Lord, and restrained himself from impure evil desires and lusts.

41.

فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ

Verily, Paradise will be his abode.

6. GIVER OF CHARITY SECRETLY AND SINCERELY

- There are many who give charity, yet this person was sincere in his giving such that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 271

إِنْ تَبَدُّوا الصَّدَقَاتِ فَنِعِمَّا هِيَ ۗ وَإِنْ تُخْفُوهَا وَتُؤْتُوهَا الْفُقَرَاءَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ ۗ وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنْكُمْ مِّنْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ

ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ

If you disclose your Sadaqat (alms-giving), it is well; but if you conceal them and give them to the poor, that is better for you. (Allah) will expiate you some of your sins. And Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do.

7. A PERSON REMEMBERS ALLAH ALONE AND HIS EYES SHED TEARS OUT OF LONGING AND FEAR OF HIM

SURAH AL ANFAL 2

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ

The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, feel a fear in their hearts and when His Verses (this Qur'an) are recited unto them, they (i.e. the Verses) increase their Faith; and they put their trust in their Lord (Alone);

- Because of his great longing for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), his eyes tear up.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US AMONG THOSE WHO WILL BE SHADED UNDER HIS SHADE. AMEEN.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله

تعالی نؤمن ساعة

LET'S INCREASE OUR FAITH FOR AN HOUR

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INTRODUCTION

- Everyone wants to feel secure and safe, and this is not through means, but by believing in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Some things might have been removed from us, but this is so we feel the value of faith.

SURAH ASH SHARH

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1.

أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ

Have We not opened your breast for you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه)

؟ (وسلم)

2.

وَوَضَعْنَا عَنْكَ وِزْرَكَ

And removed from you your burden.

3.

الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ

Which weighed down your back?

4.

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ

And have We not raised high your fame?

5.

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا

Verily, along with every hardship is relief,

6.

إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا

Verily, along with every hardship is relief (i.e. there is one hardship with two reliefs, so one hardship cannot overcome two reliefs).

7.

فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ

So when you have finished (your occupation), devote yourself for Allah's worship.

8.

وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ

And to your Lord (Alone) turn (all your) intentions and hopes.

- Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can expand the chest and the shaitan causes the chest to tighten.

- The chest tightens when there is a load on the back. Anytime there is hardship, there will be ease. Despite hardship being outside, there is peace and coolness inside. A person tastes being near to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and living a real life.
- When a person is finished with his task then let him hope from his Lord.
- One of the predecessors said, "I saw the people moving about and they were all seeking one thing – to push away their concerns using different ways from food, drink, trade and so forth. But instead of finding happiness, they only found more tightness. But there is only one path that leads to an expanded heart – to submit to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to prefer His pleasure over other things".
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) withheld this duniya and its glitter in order to stretch forth belief in Him because that is true happiness in this life and the next.

MEANS FOR EXPANSION OF THE CHEST

1. TAWHEED

- Tahweed leads to expansion of the heart while the opposite, shirk, leads to tightness. Shirk in fear, love and hope leads to tightness. We confess to (لا اله الا الله) – there is no one we love, fear and hope except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When our heart is attached only to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then nothing limits us or binds us.

SURAH AZ ZUMAR 22

أَفَمَنْ شَرَحَ اللَّهُ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ فَهُوَ عَلَىٰ نُورٍ مِّن رَّبِّهِ ۖ فَوَيْلٌ لِّلْقَاسِيَةِ قُلُوبِهِم مِّن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Is he whose breast Allah has opened to Islam, so that he is in light from His Lord (as he who is a non-Muslim)? So woe to those whose hearts are hardened against remembrance of Allah! They are in plain error!

- From Allah's guidance is to guide one to tawheed. For this reason guidance and tawheed are among the greatest means to expansion of the chest, while shirk and misguidance are among the greatest means to tightness of the heart.

SURAH AL AN'AM 125

فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَن يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ ۗ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَن يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصَّعَّدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ ۗ كَذَٰلِكَ يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرِّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

And whomsoever Allah wills to guide, He opens his breast to Islam; and whomsoever He wills to send astray, He makes his breast closed and constricted, as if he is climbing up to the sky. Thus Allah puts the wrath on those who believe not.

2. LIGHT WHICH ALLAH CASTS IN THE HEART

- This is the light of faith which Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) casts in the heart of the believer. Thus the one who is truly alive is the one who believes.
- When a person has light then he can walk between the people because he knows how to deal correctly. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) cast light in our hearts. Ameen.

SURAH AL AN'AM 122

أَوْ مَن كَانَ مَيِّتًا فَأَحْيَيْنَاهُ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُ نُورًا يَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ كَمَن مَّثَلُهُ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ لَيْسَ بِخَارِجٍ مِّنْهَا ۗ
كَذَلِكَ زُيِّنَ لِلْكَافِرِينَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Is he who was dead (without Faith by ignorance and disbelief) and We gave him life (by knowledge and Faith) and set for him a light (of Belief) whereby he can walk amongst men - like him who is in the darkness (of disbelief, polytheism and hypocrisy) from which he can never come out? Thus it is made fair-seeming to the disbelievers that which they used to do.

3. KNOWLEDGE

- When we learn, it is like being in a garden of paradise because seeking knowledge is a garden of paradise.
- Seeking knowledge leads the heart to the seventh heaven and to the Throne of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), subhan Allah.

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) increase us in knowledge. Ameen. The people of knowledge are the vastest in hearts, most relaxed in life and best in manners.

4. RETURNING TO ALLAH – INABAH

- We should always return back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not let things stop at us. No one likes to be left out, and when there are two people, the third is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). So how can we neglect Him? Subhan Allah.

SURAH AN NAHL 97

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً ۖ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Whoever works righteousness - whether male or female - while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter).

- The more we remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more the gathering will be good. When we love then we feel as if we are in paradise. We cannot enter paradise until we love each other and we will not love each other until we spread salam.

HADITH: SALAM LEADS TO PARADISE

وعنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : والذي نفسي بيده لا تدخلوا الجنة حتى تؤمنوا ولا تؤمنوا حتى تحابوا أولا أدلكم على شيء إذا فعلتموه تحاببتم: أفشوا السلام بينكم

Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "By Him in Whose Hand my soul is! You will not enter Jannah until you believe, and you shall not believe until you love one another. May I inform you of something, if you do, you love each other. Promote greeting amongst you (by saying As-salamu 'alaikum to one another)".⁸

- We cannot live alone; hatred causes shortness of life while love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) leads to a good life.

SURAH TA HA 124

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى

"But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'an nor acts on its teachings.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection."

5. CONSTANT REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH

- Can anyone who constantly remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) be in a state of tightness? Surely not.

⁸ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 378

SURAH AR RA'AD 28

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism), and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah: verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest .

6. IHSAN (EXCELLENCE) TO THE CREATION

- Ihsan is to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if you see Him. The muhsin and the generous person are the vastest and gentlest in heart.
- This person does everything with ihsan – he will not just give a coffee, but adorn it and place it on a tray and flowers.
- But the one whose concern is only himself then he will be tight in the heart.

7. COURAGE

- Being courageous does not mean being bold, but to say what is right in the right time.
- He does not say, “I can’t do it because of the people”. Unlike the one who’s a coward; he is the tightest in the heart because he’s always thinking, “what will people say.”

8. REMOVING DISPRAISED QUALITIES FROM THE HEART

- The one who has sicknesses of the heart such as hatred, envy and jealousy then he will always be tight in the heart. Purity of the heart causes us to enter paradise.
- There are people who live on enmity and hatred, astaghfar Allah. They are the tightest in heart.

9. LEAVING WHAT IS UNNECESSARY

- We have tightness of the heart when we increase in involving ourselves in matters that do not concern us, looking at what does not concern us, over mingling, eating and sleeping.

MAY ALLAH EXPAND OUR HEARTS AND MAKE US ENTER FIRDAOUS AL 'ALA. AMEEN.

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