



# استقبال رمضان بسلام

## WELCOMING RAMADAN WITH PEACE

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## INTRODUCTION

- The goal is Ramadan and the means is through peace. Just as entering paradise in peace, the goal is paradise and the means is with peace.
- We all need peace because the nafs, our desires and the shaitan do not want us to be in peace.
- Everything can be nice but there if there is one thing off, the nafs will still dig and find something wrong. And the shaitan in these remaining days wants to place us in a hole because he knows he will be chained soon.

And then when Ramadan enters we do not feel in peace while we are in the month of peace because the shaitan has placed us in a hole from the start, subhan Allah.

## SURAH AT TALAQ

### SURAH AT TALAQ 12

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ  
بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ  
شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا

It is Allah Who has created seven heavens and of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven). His Command descends between them (heavens and earth), that you may know that Allah has power over all things, and that Allah surrounds all things in (His) Knowledge.

- It is important to not forget our role or go into interpreting situations and commands. The

creation, decrees and then commands are there to know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to do all things and that He encompasses everything.

- Belief in the decree is a measure of faith and it is to not believe in the actions of people, but to believe in the action of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His ability.
- The decree is one of the secrets of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we find ourselves not peaceful because we are not accepting the decree. But Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us that on the Night of Decree when all the decrees for the next year are revealed, it is all peaceful.

## SURAH AL QADR 5

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّى مَطَلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

(All that night), there is Peace (and Goodness from Allâh to His believing slaves) until the appearance of dawn

- The matter that makes us lose our peace is to not believe in the decree.
- We will not be in peace when we interpret decrees, but we will be in peace when we believe Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to do all things and He encompasses everything by His knowledge.
- And shirk takes place when we believe someone has the power to make something happen or we have the power to change something.

## ADHERE TO WHAT BENEFITS YOU

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: " المؤمن القوي خير وأحب إلى الله من المؤمن

الضعيف وفي كل خير. احرص على ما ينفعك، واستعن بالله  
ولا تعجز. وإن أصابك شيء فلا تقل: لو أني فعلت كان كذا  
وكذا، ولكن قل: قدر الله، وما شاء فعل؛ فإن لو تفتح عمل  
الشیطان

Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "A strong believer is better and dearer to Allah than a weak one, and both are good. Adhere to that which is beneficial for you. Keep asking Allah for help and do not refrain from it. If you are afflicted in any way, do not say: 'If I had taken this or that step, it would have resulted into such and such,' but say only: 'Allah so determined and did as He willed.' The word 'if' opens the gates of satanic thoughts".<sup>1</sup>

- A person should be eager to do what benefits him. When things are easy for us to do then this is what we can do and will benefit us, but

<sup>1</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 100

anything we struggle with then this is not what is made easy for us.

- When something benefits us then we should not show disability or that we cannot do it.
- The greatest struggle in our life is to believe in the decree. And the real connection is to connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and believe in His ability.
- There is nothing coincidence and when anything happens, it is a test from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to believe in the decree. It is important to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that He surrounds everything by His knowledge and is All-Able.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) chose the Night of Decree to be peaceful so the decrees revealed that

night are all peaceful. But we are not in peace because we are in not in peace with the decree. However, we will be in peace with the decree when we know our role. And our role is to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to do all things and encompasses everything by His knowledge.

- It can be a cause of disconnection when people fight for the provision. For example, someone smiles at one and not us, and then we get upset by this, and this will cause disconnection. But we need to focus on our role which is to believe that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Provider and Distributor.



## SURAH ADH DHARIYAAT

### SURAH ADH DHAARIYAAT 20 TO 23

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وَفِي الْأَرْضِ آيَاتٌ لِّلْمُوقِنِينَ

And on the earth are signs for the certain [in  
faith]

21

وَفِي أَنفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ

And in yourselves. Then will you not see?

22

وَفِي السَّمَاءِ رِزْقُكُمْ وَمَا تُوعَدُونَ

And in the heaven is your provision and  
whatever you are promised.

23

فَوَرَبِّ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ لَحَقٌّ مِّثْلَ مَا أَنَّكُمْ تَنطِقُونَ

Then by the Lord of the heaven and earth,  
indeed, it is truth - just as [sure as] it is that you  
are speaking.

- When the Bedouin heard this, he said, “Who has made Allah upset such that He swears by Himself?”
- We should not argue about provision; it is the truth, just as we speak. It is important to respect that provision is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) distributes the provision just as when He distributes the wind, so why do we have a problem with this?
- It is important to give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His right and worship Him and not look at the provision and why did he get and not me.
- On the earth there are signs who have certainty in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They do not trust the actions of people, but they trust the actions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- One of the matters that makes us to not be at peace is due to provision. Do we believe provision is in the Hands of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)؟
- While we are in the Dominion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it is important to be a slave. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will explain Himself, though He does not need to explain Himself to something made of mud, subhan Allah.
- We need to benefit from the signs of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not go and argue about provision. On the earth are ayat to believe more, but all the decrees and provision are from the sky.
- Nevertheless, people are still not at peace with this, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not feel shy to swear by His Lordship. We need to feel shy to

exceed our boundary with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and shyness is a result of respecting and loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Imagine a mother gives her daughter a gift and the daughter still says it's not from you, and then the mother swears to her that it's from her. A person would feel shy that it has to reach this point, and to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best example, He swears by Himself to tell us that provision is from Him, subhan Allah.
- Why do we believe in what we say, but do not believe in what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us? It is because He is so beautiful, so generous and so modest.
- Belief is to have feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We can have so many feelings for what we do and

have, but we need to have feelings for The Provider, loving Him and magnifying Him. And not why do you provide him and not me.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) swears by His Lordship of the heavens and the earth which means He is The King, The One in charge, and the One disposing all affairs of the heavens and the earth, so it is not our job.
- Then the story of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) is mentioned; he was scared, but he received glad tidings. And the story of past nations was mentioned who were strong, but were destroyed.
- It is important to focus on something not guaranteed for us and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will provide us. We do not need to focus on provision that is already guaranteed.

## SURAH ADH DHAARIYAAT 47

وَالسَّمَاءَ بَنَيْنَاهَا بِأَيْدٍ وَإِنَّا لَمُوسِعُونَ

And the heaven We constructed with strength,  
and indeed, We are [its] expander.

- The sky expands, so the provision of tomorrow will be better than today.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made Ramadan very distinct and from the first night, the gates of paradise will open, the gates of the fire will close, and the devils will be chained. And a caller will call for the doer of good to come forward and the doer of evil to stop.

## UNIVERSAL CHANGES IN RAMADAN

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِذَا  
كَانَ أَوَّلُ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ صُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ وَمَرَدَةُ الْجِنِّ  
وَعُلِّقَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ فَلَمْ يُفْتَحْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ. وَفُتِّحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ

فَلَمْ يُغْلَقْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ وَيُنَادِي مُنَادٍ يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ وَيَا بَاغِيَ  
الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ وَلِلَّهِ عِتْقَاءُ مِنَ النَّارِ وَذَلِكَ كُلُّ لَيْلَةٍ "

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: "On the first night of the month of Ramadan, the Shayatin are shackled, the jinns are restrained, the gates of the Fires are shut such that no gate among them would be opened. The gates of Paradise are opened such that no gate among them would be closed, and a caller calls: 'O seeker of the good; come forward!' and 'O seeker of evil; stop! For there are those whom Allah frees from the Fire.' And that is every night"<sup>2</sup>

- Then people will still complain this is too fast and this is too slow, so what should a person do?

## SURAH ADH DHAARIYAAT 49 TO 50

49

وَمِن كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَا زَوْجَيْنِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

<sup>2</sup> Jami` at-Tirmidhi 682

And of all things We created two mates;  
perhaps you will remember.

50

فَفِرُّوا إِلَى اللَّهِ إِنِّي لَكُم مِّنْهُ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ

So flee to Allah. Indeed, I am to you from Him a clear warner.

- All that we fear, we should stay away from it, but salvation and peace is to flee to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We want to run to the One Who is perfect and then we will be saved from the one who is imperfect. We want to run to The Most Strong and we will be saved from the weak.
- We cannot go forward if we attach to other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). For anyone we think will provide us then we need to detach from him and attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And it is to free



ourselves from them before they free themselves from us.

## SURAH ADH DHAARIYAAT 51

وَلَا تَجْعَلُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ إِنِّي لَكُمْ مِنْهُ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ

And do not make [as equal] with Allah another deity. Indeed, I am to you from Him a clear warner.

- We want to go back to our role to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to never be distracted with provision.

## SURAH ADH DHAARIYAAT 55 TO 58

55

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers.

56

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I did not create the jinn and mankind  
except to worship Me.

57

مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُونِ

I do not want from them any provision, nor do I  
want them to feed Me.

58

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ

Indeed, it is Allah who is the [continual] Provider,  
the firm possessor of strength.

- No one can be kinder than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and no one can deal with us with more honor, but why do we not respect Him?
- We are not created to argue about provision, but we are created to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He did not create us in vain, He did not create us to be in conflict.

- The meaning of (يَعْبُدُونَ) is to always be an obedient slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If we want peace then we should go back to (يَعْبُدُونَ) – to being a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who magnifies His Master before he loves Him. Many people claim love but there is no respect in the first place. To love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Prophet (ﷺ) is when we fulfill their rights.
- Before being a mother or wife, we are a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and it is an honor to be a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We should respect ourselves by making Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) our master because then we will not be a slave to anything. We will be protected from being scattered like the wind.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says He does not want anything from us. We should not think when we worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that He wants something from us.
- It is a great provision from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) when He allows us to worship Him. Any disconnection in provision is connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Disconnection takes place when we do not believe in the decree of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and when there is any disconnection in provision, it is an invitation and reminder for us to connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He will provide us. It is the time to flee to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He will provide us because He is The Provider Who provides us with no discontinuity or pause. For

example, a baby in the womb is provided, but then when he comes out, he is not disconnected, but is provided with other provision.

- In conclusion, we have to remember when there is separation between people, we should remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) encompasses everything and is able to do all things. And if there is conflict with provision, we have to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) provides us, and we need to believe this, just as we are speaking. So we want to focus on Ramadan with peace.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US RAMADAN WITH PEACE. AMEEN

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