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All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.

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INTRODUCTION

NO ONE IS PERFECT – WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has not created anything in vain, but we may not see it as perfect. Why? Because we are imperfect. We cannot be perfect, but we can purify ourselves.
- Everything that we see and hear is a reflection of who we are.
- If we think we need to be perfect or others need to be perfect then it will be a failure from the start. We are only setting ourselves to fail.

- We do not want to start anything based on doubts, mirages or assumptions. In order to be firm is not about being rigid and not considering the environment around us.
- Firmness is not about not making mistakes. We all make mistakes, but we should not fall apart if we make a mistake. It is not the end of the world if we slip.
- We can put so much pressure on ourselves if we make a mistake, or put others under so much pressure if they make a mistake. But with mistakes, we will know our faults and attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If we do not make mistakes, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will replace us.
- Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Ahad As Samad (The One and Only One, The Most Solid). There are no faults or imperfections in Him. No one can

bring Him down. We make mistakes, but He never makes any mistakes.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

"Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

- A person can easily despair and give-up when they make major mistakes. They will say they are worthless so they only feed themselves with negativity. And we think it is being humble when we say, "I am so bad, I always make mistakes", but we just have to return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We do not have to place such a high bar for ourselves. We want to be simple and

uncomplicated. If a child falls, they are quick to get up and move on. They are not embarrassed of their mistakes; they do not beat themselves up for falling.

- Surah Al Baqarah and Surah Aal Imraan go together. Surah Al Baqarah teaches us about purification and Surah Aal Imraan teaches us that we can make mistakes, but we should not be hard on ourselves or others, but remain firm and move on.
- Sometimes we can fall into the same weakness again and again, and we think, “why can't I overcome it?”. Sometimes there is a weakness Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keeps in us so that we can always attach to Him and return to Him.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will love us as we are, but it is important to not leave. Surah Aal Imraan is

about someone who has knowledge after Surah Al Baqarah, but they can make a big mistake. It can be very destabilizing, but it is important to not leave it.

- It is important to deal with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with no account and with vastness. And this will make us always place our trust in Him.

LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

DO NOT FORGET (لا إله إلا الله)

- We can forget our knowledge, we can forget our experiences, we can forget all that we know, but we should never forget the everlasting word – (لا إله إلا الله).

- (لا إله إلا الله) is the best testimony. We cannot see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) but we can see everything else. We can see the people, ourselves, the means, the creations and the commands. Though nothing is worthy of being worshipped except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We all have faults and (لا إله إلا الله) is the best solution to fix us.
- If we have goals to reach, we can reach with (لا إله إلا الله).
- If we are limited with resources, with (لا إله إلا الله) Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bless what we have.
- We may not know how to get out of a problem, but with (لا إله إلا الله), He will make us exit with victory.

- Yesterday we said that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has created angels made of light and jinn made of fire. Both have power and ability.
- Angels can worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) without getting tired or bored. They do not have desires, but have intellect. They can think, they can ask and they love, but only what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves. They hate, but only what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) hates.
- Jinn are made of fire and they have physical ability.
- As for the human being, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) honored the human being and made the first human, Adam (عليه السلام), with His Own Hands.

- We are made of clay, and we can see the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) on us. Humans can develop and be molded while they are alive.
- The one who accepts the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be better than the angels. Through faults, a person will be nurtured, and we will become firm.
- Being firm is not about being rigid, bold or sharp, but being firm and gentle, and this is only possible with (لا إله إلا الله).
- A person wants to be firm on the path while being soft and kind, without pressuring anyone, or pressuring anyone else to be like them.
- Someone who is always good, intelligent and successful can fall apart if they make a major mistake. And this is because they have reached the bar, so they set a high bar for

themselves. They cannot accept making a mistake, and this can make them fall apart if they do. They can even reach the point of being depressed.

ISLAM

- Islam is a way of life to be connected to our Corrector and when we connect to our Creator then we can connect with others in peace.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Aziz Al Hakeem – He is The All-Mighty and The All-Wise. His might and power are to put everything in its right place. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use anyone to show Who He is and He brings decrees to us to show us this.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not want anything from us or money, He wants us to be safe and happy and that is when we connect to Him purely with no mediators. Then He will show us from His beauty that what no eye has seen or ear has heard or has ever crossed the heart. We will live in paradise before we go to the actual paradise.
- Whomever we may be, we are special to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He will not leave us. He will guide us, provide us and make us witness things so that we return to Him.
- He wants us to be happy and firm. He wants us to be someone who will live the best life and that is when we believe in Him and do everything for Him.

- We may be with our family or at work. And being with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not mean we separate ourselves from our life. Islam is not about separating, but connecting with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in every situation.
- To be firm is to appreciate what we have, to be firm on our religion and at the same time to have so much mercy and gentleness.

SURAH AL BAQARAH AND SURAH AAL IMRAAN

- Surah Aal Imraan is not about being firm with more knowledge, but it is to about being firm through situations, incidents and mistakes.
- There is a difference between only being with the book, or only being with experience, or with book and experience.

- For example, a doctor who first studies only with books is different from a doctor who has studied and practiced. Who will be more accommodating to the needs of others? The one who has studied and practiced.
- There are some who are only with books and do not interact with others, and there are some who only want to be with others and do not want to study. Both are not right.
- Knowledge and experience are both needed and this is what Surah Al Baqarah and Surah Aal Imraan are teaching us.
- Surah Al Baqarah teaches us the divine curriculum, but to still be flexible and not rigid. We should listen and obey.
- And Surah Aal Imraan teaches us to go practical life and it will be a measure if we are

firm or not. Are we stable on what we learned or not?

- Can we accept someone to operate on us based on only experience? No. We will say, “you didn’t study”. And will we accept someone to operate on us for the first time and they have no experience before? No.
- We need both knowledge and experience. When we are with people, we will discover our faults and it is all to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- If we do not make mistakes and we do not accept it from ourselves to make mistakes then we will not be firm; we will leave.
- There are people who intentionally want to harm and hurt, and we are not talking about such people in Surah Aal Imraan. We are

talking about people who are good, but they make mistakes as a result of their weakness.

- Firmness is when we discover our weakness through a situation. And when we discover that weakness, we need to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not give-up on ourselves.
- It is important to quickly fill our gaps with (لا إله إلا الله) and remind ourselves that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Aziz Al Hakeem – He is The All-Mighty, The All-Wise. If we keep that gap open, then the shaitan will fill it with doubts and we start to build based on doubts.

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- *If we think we need to be perfect or others need to be perfect then it will be a failure from the start. We are only setting ourselves to fail.*
- *Sometimes we can fall into the same weakness again and again, and we think, "why can't I overcome it?". Sometimes there is a weakness Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keeps in us so that we can always attach to Him and return to Him.*
- *Being firm is not about being rigid, but being firm and gentle, and this is only possible with (لا إله إلا الله).*
- *Firmness is when we discover our weakness through a situation. And when we discover that weakness, we need to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not give-up on ourselves.*

MAY ALLAH KEEP US FIRM ON (لا إله إلا الله). AMEEN

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