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INTRODUCTION

FIRMNESS

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Qaabidh Al Baasit – The Restrainer and Expander; there are some things we have and some things we do not. And all of this is nurturing for us. It is not a reward or punishment in this life to have or not have something. And knowing this will keep us firm in a correct way.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not leave us in one pattern. He will not leave us without experiencing

different things. He knows what we need and anything that comes to us or anyone that comes in our life is part of our nurturing and upgrade. And it is important to accept what we have and be grateful for it because this is what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brought to us in order to take us to paradise. Anything He brings to us is the best.

- But if we are only looking at something “flying” and has not landed with us, or if we only look at what others have then it will only tire us and create sicknesses of the heart.

SURAH AL ISRAA 84

قُلْ كُلٌّ يَعْمَلُ عَلَىٰ شَاكِلَتِهِ فَرَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ هُوَ أَهْدَىٰ سَبِيلًا

Say, "Each works according to his manner, but your Lord is most knowing of who is best guided in way."

- Our actions and behaviors are all according to the situation we are placed in. We can be one way when we are with our spouse, with our children and with our parents.
- Belief makes our senses very sharp.

SUPPLICATION TO ENJOY AND KEEP THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE

قلما كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقوم من مجلس حتى يدعو بهؤلاء الدعوات: "اللهم اقسم لنا من خشيتك ما تحول به بيننا وبين معاصيك، ومن طاعتك ما تبلغنا به جنتك، ومن اليقين ما تهون به علينا مصائب الدنيا. اللهم متعنا بأسماعنا، وأبصارنا، وقوتنا ما أحييتنا، واجعله الوارث منا، واجعل ثأرنا على من ظلمنا، وانصرنا على من عادانا، ولا تجعل مصيبتنا في ديننا، ولا تجعل الدنيا أكبر همنا، ولا مبلغ علمنا، ولا تسلط علينا من لا يرحمنا".

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) seldom left a gathering without supplicating in these terms: (O Allah, apportion to us such fear as should serve as a barrier between us and acts of disobedience; and such obedience as will take us to Your Jannah; and such as will make easy for us to bear in the calamities of this world. O Allah! let us enjoy our hearing, our sight and our power as long as You keep us alive and make our heirs from our own offspring, and make our revenge restricted to those who oppress us, and support us against those who are hostile to us let no misfortune afflict our Deen; let not worldly affairs be our principal concern, or the ultimate limit of our knowledge, and let not those rule over us who do not show mercy to us)."¹

- ◡ Imagine going to a top university and graduating with a top degree. And this is similar to Surah Al Baqarah where there is purification and learning from different aspects until we

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi, Book 5, Hadith 834

reach the end, where it is sufficient, it is enough. But then Surah Aal Imraan is about applying the knowledge we learned in Surah Al Baqarah so that we may remain firm.

- Surah Aal Imraan is about practically learning through situations, and the answer every time is to go back to the basics. Firmness is not about going to new things.
- Firmness is from our basic information, basic values and basic principles, but it will be deeper.

LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES: QUESTIONS OF THE GRAVE

- The three questions of the grave are:

1. Who is your Rabb? My Rabb is Allah.
2. What is your religion? My religion is Islam.
3. Who is your prophet? My prophet is Mohammed (ﷺ).

- We may think these are very simple questions, but this is what we get tested with in life.
- In any situation we go through, whether it is internal or external, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures us with these three questions.

SURAH IBRAHIM 27

يُثَبِّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي
الْآخِرَةِ وَيُضِلُّ اللَّهُ الظَّالِمِينَ وَيَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ

Allah keeps firm those who believe, with the firm word, in worldly life and in the Hereafter. And Allah sends astray the wrongdoers. And Allah does what He wills.

- We want to be firm in our grave to answer three questions, and to be able to answer them in the grave, we need to be firm and answer them in our life.
- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to exempt us from answering the questions of the grave, and this is for the sidiqeen – the truthful ones. They are the ones who always answered these questions in their life.

WHO IS YOUR RABB?

- “Why do I fail, why did I succeed, why did this person tell me this?” – we have to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Our Rabb, Our Nurturer, Our Lord. All that we go through in life is nurturing.

- We should not think, “he, she, them or why?”. We need to be firm on “Who is your Rabb? Who is your Nurturer? My Rabb is Allah”.
- It is just a moment of being firm that our Lord is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that we are under the process of nurturing.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is our Nurturer. He nurtures us and nurtures all the creation by His blessings. He is the One Whom we love, rely on and attach to.
- For example, when we go through something, all the people involved and all the creations are getting nurtured. Even if are sitting outside on a sunny day, with breeze and birds chirping, we are being nurtured by Allah’s blessings and even the sun, the wind and the bird are all

being nurtured because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Rabb Al 'Alameen – Nurturer of all the Worlds.

- However, the human being is honored because they are nurtured to go to paradise.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given everyone different blessings. The more Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves us, the more He nurtures us so that we are quickly purified. As for the hypocrite, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) mentions they only get tested with internal battles once or twice in a year.
- When we go through a situation, most of the time we think of the others and “why did they tell me this, why did they do this to me?”. But if we think, “Who is your Rabb? My Rabb is Allah”, and we know it is nurturing, then we will build on it correctly. But if we only have doubts then we will forget all that we know.

WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION?

- Our religion is Islam. When we accept that everything is nurturing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then we should behave as a Muslim. And what is the standard for a Muslim which they should never go below?

A MUSLIM IS WHOM OTHERS ARE SAFE
FROM HIS HANDS AND TONGUE

عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ
النَّاسُ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the people are safe."²

- The meaning of Islam is peace and submission. A Muslim does not judge, account or harm

² Sunan an-Nasa'i 4995

others with their tongue. A Muslim is a peaceful person.

○ The Pillars of Islam are:

1. Two testimonies of faith
2. Establish the prayer
3. Give the zakat
4. Fast the month of Ramadan
5. Perform hajj if able

○ We want to remain firm on the Pillars of Islam and not forget that we are a Muslim when going through nurturing so we do not want to be someone else.

○ Surah Aal Imraan mentions Islam numerous times and reminds us to remain firm on it.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 85

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ
الْخَاسِرِينَ

And whoever desires other than Islam as religion
- never will it be accepted from him, and he, in
the Hereafter, will be among the losers.

- We may be go through nurturing, but we should remain a Muslim. It is not about saying we are Muslim by tongue, but when we face a situation, we are something different.
- When a person reacts and behaves badly as a Muslim, then it will make others think, “Islam is like this”, subhan Allah.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 102 TO 105

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ
مُسْلِمُونَ

O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him].

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وَاَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۚ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ
عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ
إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِّنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُم مِّنْهَا ۚ كَذَلِكَ
يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمُ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.

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وَلْتَكُن مِّنكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ
عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.

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وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَاخْتَلَفُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ
وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

And do not be like the ones who became divided and differed after the clear proofs had come to them. And those will have a great punishment.

- Muslims together are a beautiful picture and that is why it is important to not show any gaps because enemies will enter through this gap.
- Surah Aal Imraan teaches us that we are here in this life with people – they make mistakes and we make mistakes and that is ok. But we still support and accommodate one another.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us to not die unless we are Muslims, how? To hold on to the Rope of Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى). We do not want to be lonely or to isolate ourselves.

- It is important to remember the blessing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) on us when we were enemies and He united our hearts. We need to remember Allah's favor on us when we were on the edge, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) saved us from the hellfire. We have to remember we were misguided and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guided us. We were alone and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us companions.

WHAT IS YOUR PROPHET?

- When we face any situation, it is important to remember our messenger and role model – Prophet Mohammed (ﷺ).

- He is our role model in worship, in belief, in character and behavior. We want to be firm on who is our prophet – the Prophet (ﷺ). We always want to make him the one whom we refer back to.
- Surah Aal Imraan mentions many times to obey Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Messenger (ﷺ). And what causes people to not be firm in any situation? When they do not have the Prophet (ﷺ) as a role model and blindly follow anyone else. As a result, they will not have firmness in their identity.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) is the best example for us because he went through all situations.
- It is important to keep our level of mercy when going through any situation. The Battle of Uhud was one of the most difficult times for the

Prophet (ﷺ), but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commanded him to be merciful because that is his standard; he is a messenger.

○ In conclusion, if we want to be firm when going through any situation, we need to remember:

○ **Who is your Rabb? My Rabb is Allah.** Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is nurturing us through the people.

○ **What is your religion? My religion is Islam.** This means we need to be peaceful and live in peace with others. We do not want to be alone and to hold on to the Rope of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). There are people who pray and fast, but they are mean.

○ **Who is your prophet? My Prophet is Mohammed (ﷺ).** He is our role model and this will make us more truthful in our

firmness because when we take him as a role model, our level will always be higher. Those who believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the messengers are the sidiqeen – the truthful ones.

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.

VIRTUES OF BEING PLEASED WITH
ALLAH AS OUR RABB, ISLAM AS OUR
RELIGION AND MOHAMMED (ﷺ) AS
OUR PROPHET

ALLAH WILL MAKE US PLEASED ON THE
LAST DAY

رَضِيتُ بِاللّٰهِ رَبًّا
وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا
وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيًّا .

Raḍītu billāhi Rabba, wa bil-Islāmi dīna, wa bi-
Muḥammadin (ṣallallāhu `alayhi wa sallama)
nabiyya.

I am pleased with Allah as my Lord,
with Islam as my religion,
and with Muhammad (peace and blessings of
Allah be upon him) as my Prophet.
(Recite three times.)

"Allah has promised that anyone who says this three times every morning or evening will be pleased on the Day of Resurrection."³

TASTE THE SWEETNESS OF FAITH

عَنِ الْعَبَّاسِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ "ذَاقَ طَعْمَ الْإِيمَانِ مَنْ رَضِيَ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا
وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولًا"

It is narrated on the authority of 'Abbas ibn 'Abdul-Muttalib (may Allah be pleased with him), that he heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: "He has found the taste of faith (Iman) who is content with Allah as his Lord, with Islam as his religion (code of life) and with Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as his Prophet⁴".

³ At-Tirmidhi 5/465

⁴ Sahih Muslim 34

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

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He will not leave us without experiencing different things. He knows what we need and anything that comes to us or anyone that comes in our life is part of our nurturing and upgrade. And it is important to accept what we have and be grateful for it because this is what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brought to us in order to take us to paradise. Anything He brings to us is the best.

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MAY ALLAH EXEMPT US FROM THE QUESTIONS OF THE
GRAVE. AMEEN

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