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LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN: SURAH AAL IMRAAN

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INTRODUCTION

The hereafter cannot be complete without seeing the Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And this duniya cannot be complete without knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SUPPLICATION TO SEE THE FACE OF ALLAH

وَأَسْأَلُكَ لَذَّةَ النَّظَرِإِلَى وَجْهِكَ وَالشَّوْقَ إِلَى لِقَائِكَ فِي غَيْرِضَرَّاءَ مُضِرَّةٍ وَلاَ فِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَّا بِزِينَةِ الإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً مُضِرَّةٍ وَلاَ فِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَّا بِزِينَةِ الإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً مُضِرَّةٍ وَلاَ فِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَا بِزِينَةِ الإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً مُضِرَّةٍ وَلاَ فِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ اللَّهُمُ مَنْ يَدِينَ

I ask You for the sweetness of looking upon Your face and a longing to meet You in a manner that does not entail a calamity that will bring about harm or a trial that will cause deviation.

O Allah, beautify us with the adornment of faith and make us among those who guide and are rightly guided.¹

- In paradise there are no worries and there is love between the people. A person can be in the most expensive place, but there are no feelings.
- Surah Aal Imraan is about being firm in the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) while we have a storage of knowledge. Will our knowledge make us reach? No. It is submission, belief and acceptance.
- Surah Aal Imraan addresses people with a great amount of knowledge but they are

¹ Sunan an-Nasa'i 1305

- arrogant, proud, deceived and think they are special.
- Surah Aal Imraan is reforming for people with a great amount of knowledge, and not to make their own religion based on their deception.
- Banu Israel misinterpreted the generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالی), so they became arrogant and proud, to the point when Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) commands them, they reject it. And when He sends a messenger, they reject him.
- When we go through situations, do we turn to our knowledge or do we turn to Allah (سبحانه)?
- Musa (عليه السلام) had a great amount of knowledge, but his test was to learn from a

- righteous man. What did he have to learn? To be patient with Al Khidr.
- Al Khidr does not have the knowledge of Musa (عليه السلام) and Musa (عليه السلام) does not have the knowledge of Al Khidr. For every action Al Khidr did, Musa (عليه السلام) immediately referred back to the knowledge he had. He saw it in contradiction, so he always reacted. Musa (عليه السلام) has knowledge of the past while Al Khidr has knowledge of the future, and they are to meet in the present.
- When a decree comes, it is not always about interpreting it with the knowledge we have, but to be patient and submit.
- _ Knowledge is not to judge or exceed our boundaries, but knowledge is for our own

goodness and to give us a foundation. But to be firm on the decree is to be patient and submit.

Those who are firmly rooted in knowledge will say, "we believe in it, everything is from our Rabb.". They have a great amount of knowledge, but they did not go back to it, and that is firmness to not misuse our knowledge to exceed our boundaries and to judge others, otherwise what will happen? We will make our own religion and our own way of life. And this is deception.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً ﴿ إِنَّكَ رَحْمَةً ﴿ إِنَّكَ الْوَهَابُ

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

Firmness is not about having a great amount of knowledge and thinking we are special. Deception is when a person starts to form His own boundaries, own commands and own way of life.

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- The more Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grants us blessings, the more we should be grateful. The more Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides us, the more we should be submitting. The more Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us, the more we should be humble.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us, guides us and grants us, we should not think we are special. And this happens when we start to

- interpret that since we are given, then we must be special.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grants us, it is because we need to give. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows us mercy and kindness, then we should show mercy and kindness to others. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us, then we should teach others.
- Submission means to accept and surrender to what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings to us, but they disbelieved, did not attribute the blessing to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and went as far as saying, "even if we do wrong, then we will be touched by the fire for only a few days."

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 24

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَن تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ إِلَّا أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَاتٍ

That is because they say, "Never will the Fire touch us except for [a few] numbered days,"

They took Allah's kindness for granted and became deceived.

24 ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَن تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُإِلَّا أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَاتِ وَعَرَّهُمْ فِي دِينِهم مَّا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ

That is because they say, "Never will the Fire touch us except for [a few] numbered days," and [because] they were deluded in their religion by what they were inventing.

and [because] (وَغَرَّهُمْ فِي دِينِهِم مَّا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ) و

they were deluded in their religion by what they were inventing.): let us have a closer look at deception.

(الغرور) DECEPTION

The linguistic meaning of (الغرور) is fringe of hair, when a baby first starts to teethe, when a bird

- stretches its wing, to place oneself in danger, to be full.
- Deception means to be deceived with himself, impressed by himself and pleased with himself. If people hear this, they will say this is confidence, but confidence is based on our belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى); we cannot be confident with ourselves who are weak and limited.
- Deception means a person feels he is important and special because of something he has, whether it is money, knowledge, worship, Qur'an. Though so many people have knowledge, so many people have money, so many people worship Allah (مبحانه) and learn Qur'an, but the One Who is special is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- The one deceived will not like it when people disrespect him and he does not like it when someone makes him feel he is not special. With deception comes arrogance, pride, exceeding boundaries, scolding others and in the end, he will make us own deen meaning his way of life. The way he deals with people and what he expects from others will become his own deen.
- The result of deception is:
 - Pride
 - Underestimating people
 - Not submitting to the decree of Allah (سبحانه وتعالی). Even when he knows he needs to accept the decree, he will be unable to do so until he removes the seed that he is not special. Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) is

special and the Prophet (ﷺ) is special from all people. What makes him think he is special? He will say, "Allah gave me."

- Jealous of others
- Inflexible and very rigid he wants everyone to follow his way. We all need to be a Muslim who submits to the decree of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- He follows his desires all the time
- He thinks he is right and everyone else is wrong
- He will always justify himself and never give excuses for others. If he does something, he will give an excuse for himself. And if another person does the same thing, he will not give an excuse for that person. He talks to someone in a

rude way, but will not accept it when someone else talks to him in that same way.

• What causes someone to be deceived? Ignorance, despite having a flood knowledge. He is ignorant of life, the purpose of this life, and he is ignorant of his reality. He is a slave, but he is ignorant of this. And he does not know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Even if a person has knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but does not know that he is a slave, so he will not know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He will think he is the only one special and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is only for Him. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) protect us from deception. Ameen.

DO NOT BE DECEIVED WITH THE DUNIYA

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم " إِنَّ مَوْضِعَ سَوْطٍ فِي الْجَنَّةِ لَخَيْرٌ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَمَا فِيهَا اقْرَءُوا إِنْ شِئْتُمْ : (فَمَنْ زُحْزِحَ عَنِ النَّارِوَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَوَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا الْعُرُور)

"إلاَّ مَتَاعُ الْغُرُور)

The Messenger of Allah (**) said: "Indeed the space in Paradise taken up by a whip, is better than the world and what is in it. Recite if you wish: 'And whoever is moved away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise, he indeed is successful. The life of this world is only the enjoyment of deception (3:185)."'2

- We should not be deceived with the duniya; it is the hereafter we seek.
- o Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives us knowledge so that we teach others And more is required from us to

² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3013

show our best. It is important to never stop at the feeling of deception.

SURAH AL INFITAAR 6

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، رَفَعَاهُ جَمِيعًا قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم "الْمُؤْمِنُ غِرُّكَرِيمٌ وَالْفَاجِرُ خِبُّ لَئِيمٌ".

The Prophet (**) said: The believer is simple and generous, but the wicked is deceitful and ignoble.3

- و The believer is (غر) simple and not (مغرور) deceived. He thinks everyone is good, everyone is simple, so people can easily trick him.
- The one who is rebellious is not good-hearted and is wicked. He is always suspicious and thinks bad of others. He interprets everything in a bad way.

³ Sunan Abi Dawud 4790

Surah Aal Imraan is to be firm on the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) and a person can be deceived when he thinks he is special. A person becomes deceived with the Generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالی).

ALLAH AL KAREEM (الكريم) - THE MOST GENEROUS

SURAH AL INFITAAR 6 TO 8

6 يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنسَانُ مَا غَرَّكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ

O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Generous,

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الَّذِي خَلَقَكَ فَسَوَّاكَ فَعَدَلَكَ

Who created you, proportioned you, and balanced you?

فِي أَيِّ صُورَةٍ مَّا شَاءَ رَكَّبَكَ

In whatever form He willed has He assembled you.

- For example, when a child does not do his homework and he sees his mother is still kind to him, he thinks he can get away with his wrong. He knows he is doing wrong because he sees his mom is still smiling at him, so he ignores the signals and he misinterprets the good treatment of his mother. His mother is kind herself, and not because of what he is doing or not.
- The hypocrite only looks at the faces of people and sees if people are kind and good to him, so he thinks he is good, though he knows he is doing bad.
- ould change Himself for us, اسبحانه وتعالى) could change Himself for us, but then where is the test and truthfulness of

truly changing ourselves? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has the full right to scold us on the spot. But good person is the one who considers Allah (سبحانه) while another takes advantage of His generosity. Though this does not affect Allah (سبحانه وتعالى); it is bad for the person.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not change His kindness because of people. And if we have good manners, regardless of whether people are good or not, then we will still show good manners. Good manners are not about what others shows us, but good manners is because we want to be good. Good manners are a part of us.
- We should not misinterpret the generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) thinking we are ok.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) is Al Hayy Al Qayyoom He is
 The Ever-Living, The Self-Sustaining Master and He will never change His qualities.
- o Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Kareem The Most Generous.
- Generosity is opposite wickedness. It is to always be forbearing and never hold on to someone's mistakes.
- The One Who is generous is quick to be grateful, quick to respond and quick to show goodness.
- The Name of Allah Al Kareem is full of meaning, it is generous itself.
 - He gives without expecting from us
 - He gives without reason
 - He does not need a mediator to give us

- It does not matter to Him how much He gives and to whom, but people get deceived by this.
- He gives us so that we are happy.
- He guides us to good qualities and praises us for it, though it is from Him in the first place.
- Allah makes us all feel special, why? So that we know He is Al Kareem and not so that we are deceived.
- He will still give those who insult Him, reject Him and are arrogant to Him.
- He pardons, overlooks and deals with us as if we are a white page, though we are not a white page.
- He is shy to not give us when we ask Him.

- He never scolds, blames or punishes on the spot.
- When we are enriched and humble, then we will be generous. But when we are deceived and arrogant then we will be miserly.
- Knowing Allah Al Kareem:
 - To be generous to others
 - The Qur'an is Kareem
- In conclusion, people can easily be deceived and think they are special, but we should be impressed with the Generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that Allah (وتعالى) Himself is special.

MAY ALLAH AL KAREEM GRANT US FROM HIS GENEROSITY AND MAY HE PROTECT US FROM DECEPTION. AMEEN.

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