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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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PREPARATION FOR RAMADAN

PURIFICATION WITH REPENTANCE, TASBEEH AND FORGIVENESS

- Previously we mentioned we need purification in the month of Ramadan because Allah At Tawwaab (The Initiator and Acceptor of Repentance) is happy when people repent, and our repentance to Allah (ﷻ) shows our servitude to Him.
- We need every Name of Allah (ﷻ) to return to and we need to push all negativity. The

moment we think others are pure or we are pure, then we cannot make tasbeeh. If we think we do not make mistakes or others do not make mistakes, then we cannot be tasbeeh either. Only Allah is As Subbooh (The Most Glorified); He is pure and does not make mistakes. We cannot prevent negativity or wiswas coming to us.

- And we seek forgiveness because Allah is Al Ghafoor, Al Ghaffaar, Al Ghafir Who forgives all types and quantities of sins. If we do not ask for forgiveness then we will be delayed, but seeking forgiveness keeps us excited and motivated.

SURAH AN NASR 3

كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم إذا قام إلى الصلاة يكون
من آخر ما يقول بين التشهد والتسليم: "اللهم اغفر لي ما

قدمت وما أخرت، وما أسررت وما أعلنت، وما أسرفت، وما أنت أعلم به مني، أنت المقدم، وأنت المؤخر، لا إله إلا أنت"

When the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was in Salat (prayer), he used to supplicate towards the end of prayer after Tashahhud and before the concluding salutations:

"Allahum-maghfir li ma qaddamtu wa ma akh-khartu, wa ma asrartu, wa ma a'lantu, wa ma asraftu, wa ma Anta a'lamu bihi minni. Antal-Muqqadimu, wa Antal-Mu'akh-khiru. La ilaha illa Anta

(O Allah! Forgive my former and latter sins, which I have done secretly and those which I have done openly, and that I have wronged others, and those defaults of mine about which You have better knowledge than I have. You Alone are The Expediter, and You Alone are The Delayer. None has the right to be worshipped but You."¹

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 15, Hadith 17

PRAYER

- If our prayer is good then all other deeds will be good. We begin our prayer by saying, “Allahu Akbar” and this reminds us that Allah is Al Kabeer, Al Mutakkabir – The Most Great, The Supreme.
- The prayer is like “ma’arij” that takes us up, but there are those who do not even rise in their prayer and there are those whose souls go up to the Throne of Allah, subhan Allah.
- And Allah is Greater than all our problems, sins and deeds, and this puts everything in its place.
- Preparing for Ramadan is not about new information. It is what we have, but to feel it and see it with excellence.

- There is nothing more important than the prayer, and when we bow, we magnify Allah (ﷻ) and when we prostrate, we exalt Allah (ﷻ).
- And at the end of the prayer we say, “assalam alaykum wa Rahmat Allah”. Allah is As Salam, The Bestower of Peace and He can grant us a sound and peaceful heart.

SOUND HEART FREE OF SHIRK

- Excellence does not mean perfection, but to do our best. Allah is Al Muhsin (The Most Excellence) and there is excellence to Allah (ﷻ) and to the slaves of Allah (ﷻ). If we are truly loyal and devoted to Allah (ﷻ) then we must reflect this feeling in dealing good with others. Imagine someone who appears Muslim but is bad to others, subhan Allah.

- And the short-cut to everything is to avoid shirk and Allah (ﷻ) will bring all excellence to us. If there is shirk, then a person is on-hold and if he dies on shirk, then he has totally lost.
- It is the minimum right of Allah (ﷻ) to not associate with Him.

SURAH LUQMAN 13

إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

Indeed, association [with him] is great injustice."

- How can we make a rival with Allah (ﷻ) when He has created us? Subhan Allah.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 165

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَتَّخِذُ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَندَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ ۗ وَلَوْ يَرَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا إِذْ يَرُونَ الْعَذَابَ أَنَّ الْقُوَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعَذَابِ

And [yet], among the people are those who take other than Allah as equals [to Him]. They love them as they [should] love Allah. But those who believe are stronger in love for Allah. And if

only they who have wronged would consider [that] when they see the punishment, [they will be certain] that all power belongs to Allah and that Allah is severe in punishment.

- Allah (ﷻ) has no partners when He creates and He has no partners when He guides, provides and teaches.
- Shirk is not about prostrating to idols, but it is the feeling of believing in someone else or going to someone else.
- People are means to provide and teach, but we only hope from Allah (ﷻ) to provide us and teach us.
- We ask Allah (ﷻ) to provide us a sound heart free of shirk. Ameen.
- When there is no shirk, then everything will flourish. And if we want to battle our nafs, it is to remove the shirk. And most of the time, the shirk

is from us when we place what we judge above Allah's judgement.

- We quickly feel shirk in the heart when there is a confused, restless and disturbed feeling. And no matter how much we learn and perform from worships, everything is worthless if there is shirk.

SUPPLICATION FOR PROTECTION FROM SHIRK

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ

Allāhumma innī a`ūdhu bika an ushrika bika wa anā a`lam, wa astaghfiruka limā lā a`lam.

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I associate anything with You knowingly, and I seek Your forgiveness for what I know not.

- No one is more knowledge except Allah (ﷻ).

We do not know more than Allah (ﷻ).

- When we have open matters, when we have gaps, Allah Al Hakam (The Judge) will close it off.
- If we want to be worthy, then we say (لا إله إلا الله) and hate shirk. Allah (ﷻ) placed it in us that we hate to be shared. Imagine a mother does everything for her children and the children go to the neighbors and appreciate them. We do not like this for ourselves, so how can we accept it for Allah (ﷻ)? Subhan Allah.

SURAH AL AN'AM 88

ذَلِكَ هُدَى اللَّهِ يَهْدِي بِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ ۗ وَلَوْ أَشْرَكُوا لَحَبِطَ
عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

That is the guidance of Allah by which He guides whomever He wills of His servants. But if they had associated others with Allah, then worthless for them would be whatever they were doing.

- It is suitable for us to be slaves of Allah (ﷻ), submitting and surrendering to The Master.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) feared minor shirk the most for us and that is when we perform good deeds but we want people's praise. Even if people did not praise us, but we wanted it, then it renders our deeds null. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us from all forms of shirk. Ameen.
- Shirk is to want the face of the people and not the Face of Allah (ﷻ). And people go to shirk because they want quick reward in order to be motivated. But motivation is to want everything from Allah (ﷻ) because He has a great favor on us in the first place.

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ALLAH AL 'ALEEM (العليم) – THE ALL-KNOWER

- We must know that paradise is surrounded by what is disliked and to enter it, a person needs to overcome the barriers and obstacles within himself.
- When we see or hear things, how do we perceive it? Do we see it as “why, how, what did she mean why me?” or do we see it as, “Glory be to Allah, we have no knowledge except what You have taught us.”
- How can we close off our weakness and faults? We are all full of faults, impurities, sins and our past experience, but Allah Al 'Aleem, Al Hakam knows what decree is needed that will hit our heart and purify it.

- And then we need to see what is the command of Allah (ﷻ)? Seek forgiveness, be grateful, patient and so forth. We need some kind of harmless outlet that does not break the hearts of people, and then the reward is with Allah (ﷻ) on the Day of Judgement.
- The Name of Allah Al 'Aleem (The All-Knower) is linked to the Names of Allah Al Awwal Al Akhir, Adh Dhahir, Al Baatin (The First, The Last, The Apparent, The Hidden). These Names are mentioned in Surah Al Hadid and the theme of Surah Al Hadid is balance between the duniya and deen.

SURAH AL HADID 3

هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ ۖ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

He is the First and the Last, the Ascendant and the Intimate, and He is, of all things, Knowing.

- We need balance in life and the best input to make us balanced is belief – belief in Allah (ﷻ) and the Prophet (ﷺ).
- Allah (ﷻ) knows why we have imbalanced feelings, so situations and decrees come to make us balanced again. We are all over the place and when we are away from the reminders for a long time, then our hearts harden, harder than iron.
- All that we go through is the best, and can our plan and expectations be more (محکم) than the plan and decree of Allah (ﷻ)?
- And the outlet is to give, but to give truthfully, and that is with belief in Allah (ﷻ).

SURAH AL HADID 25

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ
النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا الْحَدِيدَ فِيهِ بَأْسٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ
وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

We have already sent Our messengers with clear evidences and sent down with them the Scripture and the balance that the people may maintain [their affairs] in justice. And We sent down iron, wherein is great military might and benefits for the people, and so that Allah may make evident those who support Him and His messengers unseen. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might.

◉ Iron is beneficial, it is sent from above, just like knowledge. It is strong, but beneficial to others. And similarly, a believer is strong in faith and is good to others.

SURAH AL HADID 4 TO 6

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هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى
الْعَرْشِ ۚ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلِجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ

السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا
تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

It is He who created the heavens and earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne. He knows what penetrates into the earth and what emerges from it and what descends from the heaven and what ascends therein; and He is with you wherever you are.

And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.

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لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ

His is the dominion of the heavens and earth. And to Allah are returned [all] matters.

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يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُؤَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ
الصُّدُورِ

He causes the night to enter the day and causes the day to enter the night, and he is Knowing of that within the breasts.

- Allah (ﷻ) knows all movements and stillness – who comes and goes, who stays and who moves.
- Allah (ﷻ) knows all that goes up and goes down. He knows which souls go up, which deeds go up and what comes down from provision, decrees and rain.
- Sometimes we quickly change our minds, but Allah (ﷻ) already knows about it before. And sometimes we place everything in plans and schedules, and Allah (ﷻ) already knows about it before. It is all the same to Allah (ﷻ).
- The Prophet (ﷺ) lost all his children in his lifetime except for Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her). Before passing away, he spoke to her, and she cried, and then spoke to her again,

and she laughed. And so they asked, what did he tell you that made you cry and then laugh?

CRYING THEN LAUGHING

أَنَّ عُرْوَةَ بِنَ الزُّبَيْرِ، حَدَّثَهُ أَنَّ عَائِشَةَ حَدَّثَتْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى
 اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ دَعَا فَاطِمَةَ ابْنَتَهُ فَسَارَّهَا فَبَكَتُ ثُمَّ سَارَّهَا
 فَضَحِكْتُ فَقَالَتْ عَائِشَةُ فَقُلْتُ لِفَاطِمَةَ مَا هَذَا الَّذِي سَارَّكَ بِهِ
 رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَبَكَيْتَ ثُمَّ سَارَّكَ فَضَحِكْتَ
 قَالَتْ سَارَّنِي فَأَخْبَرَنِي بِمَوْتِهِ فَبَكَيْتُ ثُمَّ سَارَّنِي فَأَخْبَرَنِي أَنِّي أَوَّلُ
 مَنْ يَتَّبَعُهُ مِنْ أَهْلِهِ فَضَحِكْتُ .

'A'isha reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) called his daughter Fatima (during his last illness). He said. to her something secretly and she wept. He again said to her something secretly and she laughed. 'A'isha further reported that she said to Fatima: What is that which Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said to you secretly and you wept and then said to you something secretly and you laughed? Thereupon she said: He informed me secretly of his death and so I wept. He then again informed me secretly that I

would be the first amongst the members of his family to follow him and so I laughed.²

- Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her) passed away six months after the passing of the Prophet (ﷺ).
- The knowledge of Allah Al 'Aleem encompasses us by time. He knows our past and history, and He knows our present and future.
- Allah (ﷻ) sees what we feel, our movements and He is All-Knowing of what is inside the chests.
- The day merges into the night and night merges into the day, and this shows opposites can merge into one another. We can be laughing one minute and crying the other. We

² Sahih Muslim 2450a

may have pain and suddenly there is no pain. Someone may give us a gift and then put us down. Allah (ﷻ) knows what we feel inside our chest; He observes and monitors our chest.

- Allah (ﷻ) encompasses us in time – He is The First and The Last. Allah (ﷻ) is First before any decree or any word and He is The Last, the result, matter and judgement ends with Him. And this puts us in our place.
- And He is Adh Dhahir, He is above all and no one is hidden from Him. He is Most Apparent by His Names, Attributes and Actions, and He is Al Baatin, most discreet and knows what we hide. He knows our intentions and mysteries. No one can be like this one time except Allah (ﷻ).
- Glory be to You, we have no knowledge except what You have taught us.

SUPPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL
KNOWLEDGE

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا، وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا، وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

Allāhumma innī as'aluka `ilman nāfi`a, wa rizqan ṭayyiba, wa `amalan mutaqqabbala.

O Allah, I ask You for knowledge that is of benefit, a good provision, and deeds that will be accepted.³

MAY ALLAH MAKE US PLEASED WITH HIS DECREES AND
KEEP US FIRM. AMEEN.

³ Ibn Majah no. 925

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