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THE ALL-KNOWER

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INTRODUCTION

SPREAD THE SALAM

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَابُّوا أَفَلَا أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ أَمْرٍ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمُوهُ تَحَابَبْتُمْ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ "

Abu Hurairah reported the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) as saying: By Him in whose hand my soul is, you will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another: should I not guide you to something doing

which you will love one another: spread out salutation among you.¹

- Part of the class is to spread the salam in order to increase in faith. May Allah make us among those whom He loves and is pleased.

ADORNMENT OF THE STUDENT OF KNOWLEDGE

IKHLAAS (SINCERITY)

- With all the knowledge and treasures, it is important to begin with faith, spread the peace and smile. And we need adornment and that is the manner and etiquettes of the student of knowledge. Even if we wear nice clothes, we will not be complete until we wear jewelry. And what is the adornment of the student knowledge? Etiquettes.

¹ Sunan Abi Dawud 5193

- Most people think etiquettes is just between us and the people, but we forget the most important etiquette is Ikhlas to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) (sincerity). Without this etiquette, we will not achieve anything.
- We do not want anything from the duniya, but we want the Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). When we start something for the first time, we just think of our behavior with people, but what about our manners, and even more, our duty, which is ikhlaas (sincerity).

SURAH AL BAYYINAH

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

لَمْ يَكُنِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ مُنْفَكِينَ حَتَّى
تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَةُ

Those who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists were not to be

parted [from misbelief] until there came to them
clear evidence -

2

رَسُولٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ يَتْلُو صُحُفًا مُّطَهَّرَةً

A Messenger from Allah, reciting purified
scriptures

3

فِيهَا كُتِبَ قِيمَةً

Within which are correct writings.

4

وَمَا تَفَرَّقَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَةُ

Nor did those who were given the Scripture
become divided until after there had come to
them clear evidence.

5

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا

الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقِيَمَةِ

And they were not commanded except to
worship Allah, [being] sincere to Him in religion,
inclining to truth, and to establish prayer and to
give zakah. And that is the correct religion.

6

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أُولَئِكَ هُمْ شَرُّ الْبَرِيَّةِ

Indeed, they who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists will be in the fire of Hell, abiding eternally therein.

Those are the worst of creatures.

7

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَئِكَ هُمْ خَيْرُ الْبَرِيَّةِ

Indeed, they who have believed and done righteous deeds - those are the best of creatures.

8

جَزَاؤُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٌ عَدْنٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ
فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ خَشِيَ رَبَّهُ

Their reward with Allah will be gardens of perpetual residence beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever, Allah being pleased with them and they with Him. That is for whoever has feared his Lord.

○ The meaning of the word (الْبَيِّنَةُ) is clarity. If

there is no clarity, then there will be separation,

and we are learning in order to make matters clear for us.

- We need a Book that is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this unites all, and to in order to clarify matters, we need a role model whom everyone looks up to. Our role model is the Prophet (ﷺ) and he followed all that is in the Book. He is an example of a “walking Qur’an”.
- When we have a book from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and a messenger from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), what is the command from Him? To worship Him sincerely.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) unites us by the Book and the Messenger (ﷺ) so that we can be pure for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But we will be impure when we do not have something clear to follow, so what will

happen? Shirk, association with Allah (سبحانه و تعالی).

- We want to worship Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) by the knowledge we learn. We want Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) to love us by the knowledge, we want Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) to elevate us in ranks by the knowledge, we want Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) to talk of our significance by the knowledge.
- Knowledge is a way to paradise and to be elevated in ranks. To be in the study circles saves us from bad experiences outside. If the angels lower their wings to the student of knowledge, then it shows this person's level is very high.

- The worship of seeking knowledge helps us to pray better, connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) better and be better with the people.
- The main adornment of the student of knowledge is sincerity. We seek knowledge for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we write for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we speak for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and even think for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We do not seek praise from people or fear dispraise of people either.
- Sincerity purifies us from our ego, self-praise and from looking at people. Sincerity makes us only seek the pleasure of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we fear His dispraise and we want to be close to Him. We do not want anyone to be the highlight except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

DEEDS ARE BASED ON INTENTIONS

عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ وَإِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا نَوَى فَمَنْ كَانَتْ هِجْرَتُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ فَهِجْرَتُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَمَنْ كَانَتْ هِجْرَتُهُ إِلَى دُنْيَا يُصِيبُهَا أَوْ امْرَأَةٍ يَتَزَوَّجُهَا فَهِجْرَتُهُ إِلَى مَا هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِ»

“Deeds are to be judged only by intentions, and a man will have only what he intended. When one’s emigration is to Allah and His Messenger, his emigration is to Allah and His Messenger; but when his emigration is to a worldly end at which he aims, or to a woman whom he marries, his emigration is to that to which he emigrated.”²

○ Ikhlas makes us beautiful because it purifies us from ego and jealousy. If there is no Ikhlas then there will be shirk.

○ Shirk means:

1. We want the praise of someone,
2. We want to be famous,

² Sahih Muslim 1907

3. We want people to love us,
 4. We want to be better than others,
 5. To seek respect from others,
 6. To have a reputation, or to want to be praised. These intentions will make our deeds rendered.
- We want what we learn to be blessed and that is when there is no shirk. We want to benefit from it until the Last Day.
 - There is nothing harder to overcome than ikhlaas.
 - We can do ikhlaas in every part of our life. When we do ikhlaas even in our day-to-day life, it will also be blessed.
 - (حنفاء) is to be away from shirk. Ikhlaas is to squeeze out the pure intention and no one knows if we have ikhlaas except Allah (سبحانه)

(وتعالى). The angels cannot write it and the devil does not know about it. Ikhlaas is a secret between us and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). People see our outer worships, but no one knows what is inside us except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

ALLAH LOOKS AT OUR INNER

وعن أبي هريرة عبد الرحمن بن صخر رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "إن الله لا ينظر إلى أجسامكم ، ولا إلى صوركم، ولكن ينظر إلى قلوبكم وأعمالكم"

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah does not look at your figures, nor at your attire but He looks at your hearts and accomplishments".³

³ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Introduction, Hadith 7

○ The two conditions for deeds to be accepted are:

1. Ikhlaas: being sincere in worship to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). People may be doing different worships, but if there is Ikhlas, it will unite all. And if there is jealousy, hatred and competition then there will be separation. Ikhlaas unites the people whether they are doing the same thing or not.
2. I'ti'baa: to follow the Prophet (ﷺ) who went through everything and this unites us all. If each one does his way, then there will be a clash.

LIVE WITH ALLAH AL 'ALEEM – THE ALL-KNOWING

- To live with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not mean physically, but that we remember Him all the time, He is always there by His knowledge, hearing and seeing.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not want us to leave everything and the duniya to remember Him, but to be with people and remember Him.
- Islam is not about going on top of mountains and meditating and thinking about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). It is when we are with people that needs come up, so we invoke Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and remain patient.
- We have needs so that there is attachment to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). For example, we go outside

and it's hot. We feel thirsty, and we make dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for water, so we benefit from this situation.

- People praise us because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has concealed our sins and faults, so we should not be impressed with ourselves. We say, it is You O Allah Who conceals me and You are The Most Praiseworthy, so we put ourselves down and highlight Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When people dispraise us, we feel, “why do they say this to me?”, and this causes us to go to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and ask Him to console us, to pardon them so He may pardon us.
- For any situation we go through in life, it is all to make us attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and that is (لا إله إلا الله).

- Sometimes we do not know why something happens, but we trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because He is The All-Knower.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 216

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ وَهُوَ كُرْهُ لَكُمْ وَعَسَى أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ
 خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَى أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ
 لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

Fighting has been enjoined upon you while it is hateful to you. But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah Knows, while you know not.

- We all need to struggle against our desires, ego, bad feelings towards others and the shaitan. If we want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to guide us, we must struggle for His sake, and not for our ego or our position.
- And a struggle means we go through a situation. There are those who sink into it, so

their behavior will be imbalanced. And there are people who believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and it makes them rise above it. There is a difference between those who know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and do not know Him.

- When we learn about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it makes us to live in this world and become better.
- When we know Allah Al Jabbaar, even if people keep breaking us, we will be unbreakable.
- When we know Allah Al Muhaymin, we will not be dominating or allow others to dominate us so we will be free.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES OF ALLAH

SURAH AL A'RAAF 180

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

And to Allah belong the best names, so invoke Him by them.

- The Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He will lift layers to know Him.

Depending how much we purify ourselves from the layers of ego and desires, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us and teach Him. And the purer we are, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will teach us what is not in the books. He will teach us how to love Him and how to seek His pleasure.

- The more we know His Most Beautiful Names, the more we will increase in inner and outer beauty. We will be more beautiful in our heart, in our tongue and actions. The Most Beautiful

Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) add more beauty to US.

- Someone can be nurtured with harshness, but with the beauty of the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it takes us to a higher level. And our nature loves beauty. If the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are the Most Beautiful, then surely His attributes, actions, decrees and commands are beautiful.
- In psychology, when they look at the reason of what causes someone to change and become aggressive though he was on the fitra? Lack of security, so he fills this insecurity with aggression.
- And this insecurity can be financially insecurity, insecurity in relationships, insecurity at home, emotional insecurity and so forth. The solution

for everyone is faith. And when someone is insecure, he will make everyone else around him insecure as well.

- When we have something beautiful, do we just keep it or benefit from it? We benefit from it.
- There is no benefit from doubts, but all benefit from belief. If someone does not believe in the Last Day and then finds out there is a Last Day then he has lost. But if he believes, he will benefit.

1. NAMES WE ACT BY IT

- By knowing the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we will act on them and live by them. It pushes us to good manners. When we know Allah is Al Ghafoor (The Most Forgiving), then we will forgive others. When we Allah is Al 'Afuw (The Most Pardoning), we will pardon others.

2. NAMES THAT HUMBLE US

- And there are some Names of Allah that we cannot do it to others or ourselves, we cannot be qudoos (holy), only Allah is Al Qudoos. We cannot be one and only one, only Allah is Al Wahid Al Ahad. We cannot be muttakabir (supreme), only Allah is Al Muttakabir. This makes us humble and magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

3. NAMES THAT ARE WARNINGS

- Such as Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is quick in account, intense in torment, and this is to warn us.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 32

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ
الْحَكِيمُ

They said, "Exalted are You; we have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Indeed, it is You who is the Knowing, the Wise."

NAME OF ALLAH AL 'ALEEM IN SURAH AL MAEDA

- In Surah Al Baqarah, the Name of Allah Al 'Aleem teaches us the divine manual.
- In Surah Aal Imraan, the Name of Allah Al 'Aleem teaches us to be firm on the divine manual.
- In Surah An Nisaa, the Name of Allah Al 'Aleem teaches us to be merciful and just to the weak.
- In Surah Al Maeda, the meaning of “maeda” is a ready-made banquet. The religion is not something that needs to be “cooked”, it is already complete. Islam is like a beautiful banquet, so we should take from it.
- In sha'a Allah we will look at the Name of Allah Al 'Aleem in Surah Al Maeda. Please read Surah Al Maeda before the next class and look

at the places where the Name of Allah Al 'Aleem is mentioned.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US SINCERITY AND HELP US ACT ON
WHAT WE LEARNED. AMEEN.

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