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INTRODUCTION

TO HAVE FEELINGS FOR
SOMETHING INSTEAD OF GOING
THROUGH EXPERIENCE

ASKING ALLAH FOR A MERCIFUL
GATHERING

اللهم اجعل اجتماعنا هذا اجتماعاً مرحوماً، واجعل تفرقنا
من بعده تفرقاً معصوماً، ولا تبق فينا ولا منا ولا معنا شقياً ولا

محروماً

O Allah make our gathering a merciful
gathering, and make our parting after it free of

harm. And do not make among us anyone miserable or deprived.

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to make our gathering (مرحوماً) a merciful gathering, and mercy is to attain all good and to avert all evil.
- And we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to make our departing (معصوماً) – where we do not harm others and are not harmed.
- And we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) not to make anyone miserable (شقيماً) or deprived (محروماً).
- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to grant us insight which is to see good as good, and our heart goes to it. It is not just to see good and our heart does not move for it; we just see it as something ordinary.

- When the truth comes, it does not come with glitter, but the truth is rich on its own.
- Insight is to see wrong as wrong, and our heart hates it and we fear falling into it.
- Insight makes us see good, so we love it and our heart is attracted to it, and insight makes us see evil as evil, and we hate it and want to avoid it.
- Insight is to have feelings for what we see and hear, but not everyone focuses on this because they see themselves as only wanting to do more and move on.
- For example, we may always read the adhkaar or say ruqyah, but we have no feelings for it.
- We want to have feelings for what Allah (سبحانه) has commanded us and from what He (وتعالى)

has prohibited us. And these are the roots of a good tree.

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أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا كَلِمَةً طَيِّبَةً كَشَجَرَةٍ طَيِّبَةٍ أَصْلُهَا
ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ

Have you not considered how Allah presents an example, [making] a good word like a good tree, whose root is firmly fixed and its branches [high] in the sky?

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تُؤْتِي أُكْلَهَا كُلَّ حِينٍ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهَا وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ
يَتَذَكَّرُونَ

It produces its fruit all the time, by permission of its Lord. And Allah presents examples for the people that perhaps they will be reminded.

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وَمَثَلُ كَلِمَةٍ خَبِيثَةٍ كَشَجَرَةٍ خَبِيثَةٍ اجْتُثَّتْ مِنْ فَوْقِ الْأَرْضِ مَا لَهَا
مِنْ قَرَارٍ

And the example of a bad word is like a bad tree, uprooted from the surface of the earth, not having any stability.

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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.

- Both a good tree and bad tree have roots. And when shirk enters, it goes straight to the

roots because this is the right of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی).

- If there are roots of shirk, then the land cannot be good and nothing can remain firm. Sometimes we wonder why we can be shaky in situations, and why we can easily flip when we face something, and that is to go back to the roots.
- If we find ourselves starting something and cannot move on, or we just change every time and cannot stay firm, then we need to go back and check if there is shirk.
- Shirk shakes us, makes us unstable and quickly makes us turn and flip. We ask Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) to keep us firm and protect us from shirk. Ameen.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not leave anyone with their shirk, even if they do not feel the pain of falling into that shirk.
- The start of shirk took place when the people of Nuh (عليه السلام) started to place images of the righteous as a way to remember to do good, but with time, it led to worshipping them. And what was their end? They all drowned.
- We all want to be together, we do not want to be alone, we do not want to be separated. But with shirk, even the closest people will become enemies and will separate because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will change the hearts. Nuh (عليه السلام) called on his son to join him in the ship, but he refused and went to the mountains, only to drown in the end.

- If we give up on worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone, then everything will turn against us, the people will turn against us, our life turns, and even the cat turns against us.
- The image of shirk is evil and terrifying – to head to it is difficult and to treat it is painful. We all want to go “zumara” (in groups) to paradise, and that is only with (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله).
- The real struggle in this life is to stay away from shirk and then we will have everything. Shirk can come in different forms. Shirk is not only about worshipping idols, but it is our feelings when we believe something else has power or knowledge, whether it is energy, precious stones, astrology, sixth sense or anything unseen. No one knows the unseen except

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and no one has ability except Him.

- Association can easily happen due to knowledge, and that's why people turn to magicians, fortune tellers, horoscopes and so forth.
- No one can benefit us or harm us except by the permission of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Even if someone benefits us, it is only because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) permitted it, and if someone harms us it is only because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) permitted it.
- So we should not hope from anyone to benefit us and not fear anyone to harm us because all power is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SUPPLICATION TO BE PROTECTED FROM SHIRK

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَشْرِكَ 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.¹

CLOTHING AND JEWELRY DO NOT HAVE POWER

عن عمران بن حصين رضي الله عنه: أن النبي ﷺ رأى رجلاً في
يده حلقة من صفر، فقال: ما هذه؟ قال: من الواهنة، فقال:
انزعها فإنها لا تزيدك إلا وهناً، فإنك لومت وهي عليك ما
أفلحت أبداً

¹ Sahihut-Tarhib wat- Tarhib 1/19

The Prophet (ﷺ) saw a man with a brass bracelet on his hand. He (peace be upon him) asked him, 'What is this?' The man replied, 'A protection from weakness.' He (peace be upon him) said, 'Cast it off, for verily it will only increase your weakness; and if you die wearing it, you will never succeed²'.

- The Prophet (ﷺ) saw a man wearing a bracelet and when he asked him why are you wearing it? And the man said to be protected from weakness. The Prophet (ﷺ) told him it will not increase you in anything except weakness and you will never succeed if you die on it.
- The start of being protected from shirk is to hate it and to hate coming near to it.
- If we fear it now and our heart moves because of it, then we will be protected from

² Sunan Ibn Majah 3531

it, and that's why knowledge and being in the study circles are great blessings because it is peace. It is a blessing to sit, learn and have feelings than to have to go through difficult experience, torment of shirk and its purification in order to have feelings and know it is bad. The study circles are for faith and we want to live and have feelings because this is what will give us safety in the hereafter.

- Anyone who fears shirk now, will be secure in the hereafter, but anyone who feels secure from it now will be in fear in the hereafter.

LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 13

قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فِي فِئَتَيْنِ الْتَقَتَا ۖ فِئَةٌ تُقَاتِلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأُخْرَى
كَافِرَةٌ يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِثْلَهُمْ رَأْيَ الْعَيْنِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ بِنَصَرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ إِنَّ
فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ

Already there has been for you a sign in the two armies which met - one fighting in the cause of Allah and another of disbelievers. They saw them [to be] twice their [own] number by [their] eyesight. But Allah supports with His victory whom He wills. Indeed in that is a lesson for those of vision.

- Surah Aal Imraan is about firmness and we can only have firmness when we face situations. We face enemies, we face trials, we face calamities, tests, shaitan and the evil of our nafs, we face our desires and doubts,

and the challenges we face in the end are between truth and falsehood, and we always want to be on the side of truth.

- We always want to be a believer because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives victory to the believers.
- What will make us defeat our desires, calamities and trials? Our belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When we are in a challenge, we quickly start to think, what do I need to do, what do I need to prepare, but it is simpler than this. It to disable the means and believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and this requires great faith.
- There cannot be firmness if we do not go through challenges. In order to be firm on the

truth, we need to be a believer who believes in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Another way to learn a lesson is to see the result of what others went through. Stories of the past give us firmness. For example, when our mother tells us “this is what happened to me before when I did it, so please don’t do it.” Since she already experienced it and she is telling us with ease, we should accept it. We do not need to taste the bitterness of every battle in order to believe and know what is right.
- If someone tells us something that the experiences and the lessons from it, then we should have feelings for it. And this will save us.
- When the Prophet (ﷺ) was sent to the people and told them of the people of the past who

disbelieved, there are those who took it as an admonition, and those who did not. Those who refused to believe had to experience it themselves.

- For example, someone tells us to always wear our seatbelt, and we think, “it’s ok, take it easy”, but if someone got in an accident because they did not put on their seatbelt, then the feelings they have wearing a seatbelt is greater than someone who did not get in an accident. So their warning for it will be greater than someone who did not go through it.
- Sometimes we go through challenges in order to remain firm and sometimes we are told stories of those who already experienced it in order to keep us firm.

○ (قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فِي فِئَتَيْنِ الْتَقَتَا) (Already there has been for you a sign in the two armies which met): here Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us about someone who went through and battled evil whether it is shirk, disbelief or hypocrisy, and won, so it is to be taken as an ayah. Even people's experiences where they battled something and had victory are great lessons. For example, people who struggled to accept Islam is an ayah, people who struggle in misguidance and came to guidance are an ayah for us.

○ (فِئَةٌ تُقَاتِلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأُخْرَى) (one fighting in the cause of Allah and another of disbelievers.): (فِئَةٌ) is a group, similar to denominations in currency. So there are two groups, one

struggles against their desires purely for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and another struggles for other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), whether for their own fame, position or just to prove themselves to themselves.

- Notice for the second group that does not struggle for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) did not say, “they struggle for other than Allah”, but said (كَافِرَةٌ) – they disbelieve.

- كَافِرَةٌ يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِّثْلَهُمْ رَأَى الْعَيْنِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ بِنَصَرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ

(إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ) (They saw them [to be] twice their [own] number by [their] eyesight. But Allah supports with His victory whom He wills. Indeed in that is a lesson for

those of vision.): to be continued in sha'a
Allah.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US INSIGHT. AMEEN.

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