




# LOVE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (ﷺ)


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## AL MUHSIN (The Most Excellent)

- People love to get good things in life, to improve and get better. What motivates us to excellence is not to compete with others or with ourselves but because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows excellence to us in everything.

# NAME OF ALLAH AL MUHSIN IN THE SUNNAH

- This name is mentioned in the sunnah.

## ALLAH LOVES IHSAN

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مُحْسِنٌ يُحِبُّ الْإِحْسَانَ ، فَإِذَا قَتَلْتُمْ فَأَحْسِنُوا الْقِتْلَةَ ، وَ  
إِذَا ذَبَحْتُمْ فَأَحْسِنُوا الذَّبْحَ ، وَ لِيُحَدِّ أَحَدُكُمْ شَفْرَتَهُ ، ثُمَّ لِيُرِحْ  
ذَبِيحَتَهُ

Verily Allah is Al Muhsin (the doer of excellence), He loves excellence Thus, if you kill, kill in the least painful manner you can; and when you slaughter an animal, do it in the best possible way; and any of you should sharpen his blade so that the animal may be spared from the suffering of the slaughtering.<sup>1</sup>

- Even sacrifice is with excellence and not with harshness. The blade is sharpened so the slaughter is quick, and the animal is given rest. Even these minute matters are considered.

<sup>1</sup> Sahih Aj Jam'ie 1824

- We want to end matters with ihsan. May Allah grant us a good end. Ameen.

## ALLAH LOVES THE GOOD-DOERS

إِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ فَاَعْدِلُوا ، وَإِذَا قَتَلْتُمْ فَأَحْسِنُوا ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مُحْسِنٌ

يَحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

If you judge, be just and if you kill, in the best way. For Allah is The Most Excellent, (He) loves the good-doers<sup>2</sup>

- The opposite of justice is injustice and the opposite of ihsan (excellence) is ugliness. The opposite of goodness (والحسنة) is evil (السيئة).
- The names of Allah are (حسنى). They are peak in beauty and excellence. Nothing can be added to make it greater, more beautiful or more perfect. He is Al Muhsin so He has done everything with perfection.

<sup>2</sup> Sahih Aj Jamie' 494

- Wisdom is to begin and end right. Everything is wrapped up right. It is not excellence to do something and not complete it.
- Al Muhsin shows us ihsan through His blessings.

## GENERAL IHSAN OF ALLAH

- Ihsan of Allah is general and special. General ihsan is to all creation - good & evil, believer & disbeliever. He causes them to exist and brought them as human beings to this life. They are not created as animals or anything else but as human beings.

### SURAH AL INSAN 1

هَلْ أَتَى عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ حِينٌ مِّنَ الدَّهْرِ لَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْئًا مَّذْكُورًا

Has there [not] come upon man a period of time when he was not a thing [even] mentioned?

- This human was nothing before. Allah (سبحانه) initiated our creation, He made us with no example before and everything is in the best form. He proportioned us and every part of our body is in its right position.
- Shaikh As Saadi (may Allah have mercy on him) said if we take one body part and change its position then it will not be excellence. Everything would not look good and this is for every creation.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) showed us ihsan in hidden and apparent blessings. He has subjected everything around us for us.
- If the earth was not subjected to us, we could not walk or survive in life.

## SURAH GHAFIR 64

وَصَوَّرَكُمُ فَأَحْسَنَ صُورَكُمْ وَرَزَقَكُم مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ  
فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

and perfected your forms and provided you with good things. That is Allah , your Lord; then blessed is Allah , Lord of the worlds.

- This is your how our Rabb takes care of us.
- Out of the ihsan of Allah, He made us as human beings. He made us humans with intellect, minds and the ability to express their feelings.
- We can use logic, reasoning and see the Actions of Allah. Other creations cannot do this. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made humans who are distinguished from the rest of the creation.

## SPECIAL IHSAN OF ALLAH

- His special ihsan is to those who believe, have taqwa and obey Him.
- What Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows them is beyond the duniya but about the akhriah (hereafter).
- He guides them to the way of the truth.
- He takes them out from darkness to light. He makes their affairs easy and keeps them away from difficulty. He keeps them away from difficult people and places that can cause affliction in their faith and decisions.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes ease easy for them.
- He makes matters easy by teaching the religion to them.



- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) did not place us in life and leave us but He made us aware of Who He is, His Names and His qualities.
- For instance, when we are in a new school, we feel scared of the new teacher because we do not know them. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes it clear for us Who He is. This is all from the ihsan of Allah.
- From His ihsan, He keeps us firm on the truth till the end.
- The greatest ihsan is when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes us believe in Him, to single Him out in worship, to obey Him and always return to Him in worshipping Him as if we see Him.

- From the ihsan of Allah is to make us know Him, know the messenger He sent and the Book He sent to him.

### SURAH AZ ZUMAR 23

اللَّهُ نَزَّلَ أَحْسَنَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابًا مُتَشَابِهًا مَثَانِي

Allah has sent down the best statement: a consistent Book wherein is reiteration.

- The Qur'an is beautiful in the way it is presented to us. It is the most excellent in its speech. We will not find a speech that is clearer, more beautiful and lofty in its meaning. It is endless in its beauty. Allah (سبحانه) showed us the best and most truthful stories in the Qur'an. They are not made up.
- His decrees, commands and prohibitions are all based on justice, favor and mercy.

## SURAH AL MAEDA 50

أَفَحُكْمَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ يَبْغُونَ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حُكْمًا لِقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ

Then is it the judgement of [the time of] ignorance they desire? But who is better than Allah in judgement for a people who are certain [in faith].

- What can be better than the judgment of Allah? He made us to be a part of this ummah. He has legislated the best way for us.

## SURAH AL BAQARAH 138

صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً وَنَحْنُ لَهُ عَابِدُونَ

[And say, "Ours is] the religion of Allah . And who is better than Allah in [ordaining] religion? And we are worshippers of Him."

- Can there be anyone more excellent than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to cover and coat us with the color of Islam, of submission, peace and tawheed to Allah and goodness to others?

- From the ihsan of Allah is to grant from our children and spouses those who praise Allah, worship Him and are grateful for His blessings.

### WHAT IS IHSAN?

قال جبريل للنبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم - ما الإحسان؟، قال: «أَنْ تَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ كَأَنَّكَ تَرَاهُ، فَإِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ تَرَاهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَرَاكَ» متفق عليه  
 Jibreel (عليه السلام) asked the Prophet (ﷺ), "What is Ihsan (i.e. perfection or Benevolence)?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Ihsan is to worship Allah as if you see Him, and if you do not achieve this state of devotion, then (take it for granted that) Allah sees you."<sup>3</sup>

- The second level is more about observing. Seeing Allah is not with the eyes but with the heart. It is to see His Actions, how He nurtures us and to connect everything back to Him. It is to not look at anything else.

<sup>3</sup> Sahih al-Bukhari 4777

- Even if an unexpected chocolate comes to us, or someone sneezes, return to Him in everything. This is so much ihsan and may Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us to have ihsan.
- The more a person shows ihsan, the closer he will be to the mercy of Allah so all goodness comes to him and he is averted from all evil.

#### SURAH AL A'RAF 56

إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to the doers of good.

- This person is constantly looking at the mercy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and is not distracted by looking at himself or others. The recompense is in line with the deed.
- The more a person shows ihsan, the more ihsan of Allah comes to him.

## SURAH AR RAHMAN 60

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ

Is the reward for good [anything] but good?

- The one who truly worships Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone, will be good to the creation. A person cannot say he is worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone and be bad to others.
- If a person shows ihsan to Allah, then surely Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will make him show ihsan to others and complete his ihsan.
- If a person is worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) yet is bad to others then it shows there is something lacking. There could be shirk which causes his connection with people to not be right.
- From the greatest ihsan of Allah is to show much goodness to those who do bad. He still

pardons and forgives when they sin. He opens for them to return back to Him even though they went far away from Him.

- When we see this ihsan of Allah, we want to also show ihsan.

### WHO IS THE MUSLIM?

المُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ

A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue or his hands.<sup>4</sup>

- A Muslim shows goodness to those who show evil. His goodness puts off the fire of any kind of enmity, jealousy and transgression. The more the enemies show evil, the more ihsan he shows.
- The best example is that of the Prophet (ﷺ). The people of Taif showed so much evil to

<sup>4</sup> Sahih al-Bukhari 6484

him, yet he showed ihsan to them. The children also threw stones at him, making him bleed, the foolish were told to throw stones at him. As he was wiping away his blood, he said, 'اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِقَوْمِي فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ' (O Allah, forgive my people, for they do not know).

- The Prophet (ﷺ) pardoned over his rights. He did not take revenge even when the angels came to him and said they could crush the people between the mountains.
- Instead the Prophet (ﷺ) asked for forgiveness for them. They did bad to him and he made dua for them - this is ihsan. May Allah (سبحانه) forgive anyone who harmed us. (وتعالى)



- The Prophet (ﷺ) gave them excuses saying they did not know. They did not know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His kindness.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) also showed so much gentleness and kindness by saying 'my people'. If someone hurts us, we are quick to disassociate ourselves from them. 'My people' shows us the kindness of the Prophet (ﷺ).
- When a person wants Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to overlook what is between him and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then he overlooks what the people do. We overlook the shortcomings of others so that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) overlook our mistakes.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) not only forgives, but He elevates and opens more to know Who He is.

## SURAH AN NAHL 128

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ

Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.

- The accompaniment of Allah is with taqwa.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is above the seven heavens, yet He is close to us by how He takes care of us, how He loves us, brings support to us and how He guides us.

## IHSAN TO CREATION IS OF TWO KINDS

1. **GENERAL**: anyone can do this ihsan by saying a kind word, helping and giving.

2. **SPECIAL**: this is not done by all except the special ones. This is ihsan to those who show harm and evil especially if it comes from those who have a greater right from the near ones, family and friends.

- If he cuts him off, he goes to him.
- If he wrongs him, he pardons him.
- If he prevents him from something, he gives him.
- If he abandons him, he speaks good to him.
- When he faces harm with ihsan, he attains much benefit in both worlds.

## SURAH FUSSILAT 34

وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ

And not equal are the good deed and the bad. Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; and thereupon the one whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend.

- How can a person show ihsan in the face of evil?

## SURAH FUSSILAT 35

وَمَا يُلَاقَاهَا إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَمَا يُلَاقَاهَا إِلَّا ذُو حَظٍّ عَظِيمٍ

But none is granted it except those who are patient, and none is granted it except one having a great portion [of good].

- This person is submitting himself to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). It is not easy because is in our nature to not show good when shown evil. It is difficult

for us to forgive and show kindness to those who harm. Only belief can help us do this.

- Ihsan is to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if we see Him. This is not easy.
- The peak of ihsan is not to those who show good to us, but to those who show bad to us.
- Ihsan is the greatest level of religion. Islam involves the apparent pillars- from prayer, fasting, zakat and hajj. Iman (faith) are the hidden pillars about belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and all the pillars of faith. Whereas ihsan is to make excellent both the apparent and the hidden.
- Ihsan to excel in one's prayer, fasting, hajj and other rituals. It is also to have ihsan in our belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). To have ihsan in one's

belief in the angels is to do good even if no one is around. Ihsan in belief in the Book is to take it as the Word of Allah and not think something else will guide better. Ihsan in belief in the Prophet (ﷺ) is to take his way as the best way and to take him as an example. Also to also have ihsan in the belief in the Last Day and in the decree - the good and bad of it.

- Ihsan enters every part of life. A person does good for the Face of Allah. The level goes beyond being patient for victory or having taqwa to get a way out but it is all about the Face of Allah.
- The one who depends on himself and carries out his affairs in his own way, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will let him go forward. But he will not be able to see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and he will only see

himself. When a person returns back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show him more of Who He is.

### SURAH YUNUS 26

لِّلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا الْحُسْنَىٰ وَزِيَادَةٌ ۖ وَلَا يَرْهَقُ وُجُوهَهُمْ قَتَرٌ وَلَا ذِلَّةٌ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

For them who have done good is the best [reward] and extra. No darkness will cover their faces, nor humiliation. Those are companions of Paradise; they will abide therein eternally

- In the duniya, the more ihsan a person does, the more Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show him more of His beauty, majesty, greatness and wisdom. Everything becomes a beautiful picture.

### SUPPLICATION TO SEE THE FACE OF ALLAH

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ لَذَّةَ النَّظَرِ إِلَىٰ وَجْهِكَ وَالشَّوْقَ إِلَىٰ لِقَائِكَ فِي غَيْرِ ضَرَاءٍ مُّضِرَّةٍ وَلَا فِتْنَةٍ مُّضِلَّةٍ

O Allah, I ask You for the sweetness of looking upon Your Face and a longing to encounter You in a manner which does not entail a calamity which will bring about harm, nor a trial which will cause deviation.<sup>5</sup>

### SUPPLICATION TO BE GUIDED TO THE BEST DEEDS AND MANNERS

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي لَأَحْسَنِ الْأَعْمَالِ وَأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِأَحْسَنِهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَقِنِي سَيِّئَ الْأَعْمَالِ وَسَيِّئَ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَقِي سَيِّئَهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ

O Allah, guide me to the best of deeds and the best of manners, for none can guide to the best of them but You. And protect me from bad deeds and bad manners, for none can protect against them but You.<sup>6</sup>

### SUPPLICATION FOR IHSAAN

"يا معاذ، والله إني لأحبك، ثم أوصيك يا معاذ لا تدعن في دبر كل

صلاة تقول: اللهم أعني على ذكرك وشكرك، وحسن عبادتك"

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) held my hand and said, "O Mu'adh, By Allah, I love you

<sup>5</sup> An-Nasa'i No# 1305, 1306

<sup>6</sup> Sunan an-Nasa'i 896



and advise you not to miss supplicating after every Salat (prayer) saying: 'Allahumma a'inni 'ala dhikrika wa shukrika, wa husni 'ibadatika,' (O Allah, help me remember You, expressing gratitude to You and worship You in the best manner)".<sup>7</sup>

- We cannot see ihsan in big matters if we cannot see ihsan in small matters.

MAY ALLAH HELP US LIVE WITH IHSAN. AMEEN.

<sup>7</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and An- Nasa'i , Book 1, Hadith 384

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