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INTRODUCTION

- We all want to fill our gaps in life and on the Day of Judgement, we will especially need to fill our gaps on the Sirat. There will be two matters that can either help us or make us fall and they are:
 - Keeping the relation with family (الرحم)
 - Amanah (fulfilling our trust) (الأمانة)
- People can focus so much on their work and neglect their family, or they focus so much on their family, that they neglect their obligations

of the deen, and that's why balance is important, how?

- We want to rely on Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not stop at any trials in life because we will drown.
- A person can be very good in worship, but are not fulfilling their family relations or their duties, so they will fall.
- And when we face trials, it is important to move on and not sink because there is pain in trials, and it can quickly make us get stuck. So we should not just sit and wait, but make dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and have great hopes in Him.
- In the time when we are at our lowest and weakest, it is important to have great expectations from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and attach to His vastness.

ALLAH AL MALIK – THE KING

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The King of kings, and we connect to the One Who is The King of all creation, so we ask Him. We all have access to The King of kings, so why should we worry?
- We do not own anything, we cannot even receive a thread if The King does not permit it. And if we have a mountain of treasures, we will not enjoy it if the King does not permit.
- Knowing Allah Al Malik makes us so strong because we have a strong handhold. And the more we know about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more we should believe in Him, and not believe in the “thorns and hooks” that can pull us down.
- Our life is so short and the real life is the life of the hereafter. This life is a life of deception

where we can easily magnify the problems, but when we die, everything disappears. Then we think what did we do with our life? Subhan Allah. That's why we all want to be upright on the Straight Path.

LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

FIRMNESS

SUPPLICATION TO MAKE OUR SEEING,
HEARING AND STRENGTH TO BE
INHERITED

اللهم متعنا بأسماعنا، وأبصارنا، وقوتنا ما أحييتنا، واجعله

الوارث منا

O Allah! let us enjoy our hearing, our sight and our strength as long as You keep us alive, and make it the inheritor of us.¹

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi, Book 5, Hadith 834

- As long as we are here in this life, we want everything we have seen and heard to also be inherited. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us blessed wherever we may be. Ameen.
- Surah Aal Imraan nurtures our heart to be firm in all types of situations, whether there is goodness or problems.
- We do not want our heart to be attracted or distracted; we do not want our heart to be overly flying or sinking. We want our heart to be firm on Allah's guidance.

SUPPLICATION TO KEEP OUR HEARTS FIRM

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

Yā muqallibal-qulūbi thabbit qalbī `alā dīnik

O Turner of the hearts, keep my heart firm upon
Your religion²

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ
أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

[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.

- If our heart is firm, then our limbs will be balanced, they will not exceed their boundaries. But when the heart is not firm, then we will lose the feelings.
- We want our hearts to be firm, while not being harsh, and that's why we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us firm, but to also give us mercy.

² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3587

- Sometimes we can focus so much on fulfilling our duties that we can become harsh, but what make us human? When we are merciful and compassionate.
- When human beings become so focused on work, they can become rigid. Or when they face problems, they can become so harsh, even if they have blessings.
- That's why there is a connection between being firm and merciful, and only Allah (سبحانه) can give us.
- Surah Aal Imraan trains the people to be firm in situations, and it begins by telling us about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Qur'an which will never change.

- We need to have something solid to hold on to because if we lose the way, we can always come back and find the way again.
- Even if we know how to manage our life, we still need to go back to basics. And we can never go wrong when we go back to the essentials.
- The first page of Surah Aal Imraan tells us about something that we should never forget – we need to know:
 - Allah Al Hayy Al Qayyoom (the Ever-Living, The Self-Sufficient Master)
 - Allah Al 'Aziz Al Hakeem (The All-Mighty, The All-Wise)
 - All-Mighty Owner of Retribution
 - Ar Rabb (The Nurturer)

- We need:
 - Allah Al Hayy Al Qayyoom (the Ever-Living, The Self-Sufficient Master) to give us a good life and make our life upright, while having good and merciful feelings.
 - Allah Al 'Aziz Al Hakeem (The All-Mighty, The All-Wise) when our life is scattered and we do not know where to place things in our life.
 - All-Mighty Owner of Retribution to protect us slipping.
 - Ar Rabb (The Nurturer) to teach us
- No matter how much we hear from the people, we cannot detach ourselves from the Words of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because all of the Qur'an is solid.
- What makes someone firm in the duniya?

- Knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)
- Referring back to the Qur'an
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures us with solid and unclear matters, but the nurturing is more striking with the unclear. That's why it is important in those moments to deflate our ego, and say (آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبِّنَا) (We believe in it, it is all from our Lord); it is nurturing so that we submit to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as His slaves. We are nurtured to believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and submit to Him, but who will remember this? The people of understanding.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 7

هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحْكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ
 وَأُخَرُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ زَيْغٌ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ مَا تَشَابَهَ
 مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ وَابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
 وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ
 إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

It is He who has sent down to you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], the Book; in it are verses [that are] precise - they are the foundation of the Book - and others unspecific. As for those in whose hearts is deviation [from truth], they will follow that of it which is unspecific, seeking discord and seeking an interpretation [suitable to them]. And no one knows its [true] interpretation except Allah. But those firm in knowledge say, "We believe in it. All [of it] is from our Lord." And no one will be reminded except those of understanding.

PEOPLE OF UNDERSTANDING (أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ)

1. PEOPLE OF TAQWA

- Previously we mentioned the people of understanding have sound and correct minds, and are deep in knowledge, as a result they are people of taqwa.
- Knowledge of the Qur'an and Sunnah is needed in order to have taqwa so that a person always seeks the pleasure of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We cannot be firm with surface-level knowledge.
- The one with taqwa always filters what is pleasing to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or not, and they give victory to what is pleasing to Him and not their desires.

2. MOST WORTHY OF ALLAH'S GUIDANCE

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides everyone, but who is more worthy to be guided? The people of understanding, why? Because they will not make a fuss or reject when the guidance comes to them; as a result, they can take in more.

○ They do not follow what is unclear in life, but someone who always stops at the unclear matters cannot learn or take the guidance.

SURAH GHAFIR 53 TO 54

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وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْهُدَى وَأَوْرَثْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ الْكِتَابَ

And We had certainly given Moses guidance,
and We caused the Children of Israel to inherit
the Scripture

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هُدًى وَذِكْرٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

As guidance and a reminder for those of understanding.

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave Musa (عليه السلام) guidance and the Book, but who will take it? The people of understanding.

SURAH AZ ZUMAR 18

الَّذِينَ يَسْتَمِعُونَ الْقَوْلَ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ أَحْسَنَهُ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ هَدَاهُمُ
اللَّهُ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

Who listen to speech and follow the best of it.
Those are the ones Allah has guided, and those
are people of understanding.

○ The people of understanding do not take in everything they hear; they follow the best speech. But those who are not people of

understanding will follow what is unclear, so it will be a waste.

○ Someone can tell us different ayat, but the people of understanding will follow the best. And because they are deep in knowledge, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give them all of these privileges of being guided and choosing taqwa.

3. MOST WORTHY TO KNOW THE GREATNESS OF THE CREATOR

○ The people of understanding magnify and know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so they are humble.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 190 TO 191

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إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ
لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.

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الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَامًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي
خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ
فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Who remember Allah while standing or sitting or [lying] on their sides and give thought to the creation of the heavens and the earth, [saying], "Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly; exalted are You [above such a thing]; then protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

○ One of the things that will keep us firm is when we magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but when we make something else a big deal then we slip. When we make our problems big, we slip. When we make ourselves big, we slip.

- Allah is the Greatest, He is greater than anything, and we glorify our Lord The Most High.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Great, but not everyone will magnify Him. How does it show a person magnifies Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? When they remain firm.
- When there are changes and alternations, these become ayat for the people of understanding; this is their environment. It is not when something is going according to plan that they will increase in faith.
- They remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) when they stand, sit and lie down, and the result is what? (رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ) “Our Lord, You did not create anything in vain. Glory be to You, protect us from the fire.”

- It cannot be that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings ayat or makes changes in vain, so when we respect someone, we respect everything they bring.

4. MOST WORTHY TO TAKE LESSONS FROM STORIES

- The people of understanding benefit from any of story; they do not sink in the changes and alternations.
- They do not overlook anything Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings. They find many lessons from the stories of the Qur'an.

SURAH YUSUF 111

لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةً لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۚ مَا كَانَ حَدِيثًا يُفْتَرَىٰ
وَلَكِن تَصَدِّقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً
لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

There was certainly in their stories a lesson for those of understanding. Never was the Qur'an a narration invented, but a confirmation of what was before it and a detailed explanation of all things and guidance and mercy for a people who believe.

○ Only the people of understanding will consider and take lessons from the stories of the Qur'an. And there are many stories in the Qur'an from the stories of the prophets, story of the companions of the cave, story of the cow, story of Qabeel and Habeel, and so forth.

5. MOST WORTHY OF HAVING WISDOM

○ When someone has wisdom, then whatever they say will close any topic. When they do

something, it seals it. Wise people say and do what is clear and solid.

○ Some people speak and it only adds more confusion and doubts. And some people speak and it is clear and firm. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us wisdom. Ameen.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 269

يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۚ
وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

He gives wisdom to whom He wills, and whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good. And none will remember except those of understanding.

○ Wisdom saves time from doing something incorrectly and then having to undo it. When we have wisdom, we will have so much good.

6. PEOPLE OF FURQAN

○ The people of understanding can quickly distinguish between right and wrong, good and evil, belief and disbelief, tawheed and shirk. They can quickly filter the speech of people and take what is good, and leave what is bad or wrong. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us see the truth as it is and make us follow it, and may He make us see falsehood as it is, and make us abstain from it.

SURAH AR RA'AD 19

أَفَمَنْ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّ مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ الْحَقُّ كَمَنْ هُوَ أَعْمَىٰ ۚ إِنَّ مَا
يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

Then is he who knows that what has been revealed to you from your Lord is the truth like one who is blind? They will only be reminded who are people of understanding

○ The people of understanding can also recognize different shades of good and evil. They know what is good, better and best. They know what is bad, worse and worst. As a result, they also choose the best, so they are muhsineen. They are not about quantity, but about taking the best.

SURAH AR RA'AD 20 TO 24

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الَّذِينَ يُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَنْقُضُونَ الْمِيثَاقَ

Those who fulfill the covenant of Allah and do not break the contract,

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وَالَّذِينَ يَصِلُونَ مَا أَمَرَ اللَّهُ بِهِ أَنْ يُوصَلَ وَيَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ
وَيَخَافُونَ سُوءَ الْحِسَابِ

And those who join that which Allah has
ordered to be joined and fear their Lord and
are afraid of the evil of [their] account,

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وَالَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ رَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآَنَفَقُوا مِمَّا
رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً وَيَدْرَءُونَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ السَّيِّئَةَ أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ
عُقُوبَى الدَّارِ

And those who are patient, seeking the
countenance of their Lord, and establish prayer
and spend from what We have provided for
them secretly and publicly and prevent evil with
good - those will have the good consequence
of [this] home -

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جَنَّاتُ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ
وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ

Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter upon them from every gate, [saying],

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سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ ۖ فَنِعْمَ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ

"Peace be upon you for what you patiently endured. And excellent is the final home."

○ The people of understanding fulfill the covenants and trusts, but they fear Allah (سبحانه) with knowledge, are patient, and spend at all times. They push away evil with good, and if someone throws a stone at them, they throw a flower back. They know if they do bad they will get stuck.

○ They will enter paradise, together with their fathers, spouses and offspring, and will be greeted with peace due to the patience they endured in this life.

CONCLUSION

○ The people of understanding have sound and correct minds, and are deep in knowledge of the Qur'an and Sunnah.

○ They are:

1. People of taqwa
2. Most worthy of Allah's guidance
3. Most worthy of to know Allah's greatness
4. Most worthy to take lessons from stories
5. People worthy of having wisdom
6. People of furqan (ability to distinguish)

MAY ALLAH MAKE US FROM THE PEOPLE OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH NO ACCOUNT. AMEEN.

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