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INTRODUCTION

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminds us of our nature, that He is our Nurturer and reminds us of our final destination.
- We are talking about firmness in Surah Aal Imraan, but we will not understand this if we do not know that we are going through trials in this life. If we do not know this then trials can cause us to deviate and to choose the worse options.

- Trials can be a blessing, problem, calamity and sometimes trials can come from the bad choices of others.
- For example, Firaoun was a trial for his people, In the dominion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we do not own anything and whether He grants us honor or humiliation, everything is the Dominion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The real purpose of trials is not to deviate us, but to purify us, beautify us and elevate us.

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قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَالِكِ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ
تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ
شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Say, "O Allah, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.

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تُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَتُؤَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ
وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَتَرْزُقُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

You cause the night to enter the day, and You cause the day to enter the night; and You bring the living out of the dead, and You bring the dead out of the living. And You give provision to whom You will without account."

SUNNAN (WAYS) OF ALLAH (سُنَنُ اللَّهِ)

WAYS OF ALLAH IN AFFLICTIONS AND TESTS

- We must know straight away that when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves us, He will test us, and to be

placed in a test is not to be broken, but to be purified and elevated.

SURAH AL INSAAN

SURAH AL INSAAN 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?

- It is important to understand our origin that we are made of a drop and are full of faults, and we will go through trials from the start of our life to the end of it.

SURAH AL INSAAN 2

إِنَّا خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِن نُّطْفَةٍ أَمْشَاجٍ نَّبْتَلِيهِ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا

Indeed, We created man from a sperm-drop mixture that We may try him; and We made him hearing and seeing.

- Without tests, we will remain blind and deaf.
- Surah Al Insaan mentions two groups of people – the disbelievers and the believers. There is one ayah mentioned about the disbelievers and more about the believers because the trials we go through are to make us better and to go to paradise.
- We are made of sand and we have impurities, faults, negative thinking, and the pain we feel in our trials are to remove these impurities. So our patience and gratitude will be very precious because it is for paradise.
- No one will go through trials without Allah's guidance. If someone goes through situations, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bring guidance to him, and he has to choose. We cannot take a test if there is no lesson before it, and Allah (سبحانه

(وتعالى) will not test us about something we do not know.

SURAH AL INSAAN 3

إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِرًا وَإِمَّا كَفُورًا

Indeed, We guided him to the way, be he grateful or be he ungrateful.

- When we go through anything, we have to be grateful that alhamdulillah we have a test to purify us and make us better.
- The trials and tests either make us grateful or (كفُورًا) which means extreme ingratitude.

SUPPLICATION TO BE GRATEFUL

"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

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)".¹

- To be grateful is harder than to be patient. To be patient is just to “close-off”, but gratitude is to go out and be happy that we are placed in a trial. We do not look at the people, but that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves us because He placed us in a trial.
- When Suleiman (عليه السلام) saw the throne of Balqees appearing before him in the blink of an eye, he did not say it is from his goodness, but that it is a favor from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to test him if he is grateful or ungrateful.

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and An- Nasa'i , Book 1, Hadith 384

SURAH AN NAML 40

قَالَ الَّذِي عِنْدَهُ عِلْمٌ مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَرْتَدَّ إِلَيْكَ
 طَرْفُكَ فَلَمَّا رآه مُسْتَقِرًّا عِنْدَهُ قَالَ هَذَا مِن فَضْلِ رَبِّي لِيَبْلُوَنِي
 أَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكْفُرُ وَمَن شَكَرَ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَمَن كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ
 رَبِّي غَنِيٌّ كَرِيمٌ

Said one who had knowledge from the Scripture, "I will bring it to you before your glance returns to you." And when [Solomon] saw it placed before him, he said, "This is from the favor of my Lord to test me whether I will be grateful or ungrateful. And whoever is grateful - his gratitude is only for [the benefit of] himself. And whoever is ungrateful - then indeed, my Lord is Free of need and Generous."

○ And Ayoub (عليه السلام) was afflicted with sickness in every part of his body, except he had a heart and tongue to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And he made dua after he found

his wife has sold her hair so she can buy food for them.

SURAH AL ANBIYA 83

وَأَيُّوبَ إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

And [mention] Job, when he called to his Lord, "Indeed, adversity has touched me, and you are the Most Merciful of the merciful."

- In both situations, they made dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and the result was both being established. Balqees and her people entered Islam and Ayoub (عليه السلام) got double his wealth and children.
- And for Suleiman (عليه السلام), he was also tested by having a devil in control of his kingdom, and after that test, the shayateen were under his control and he could command them to do what he wants. And when he went

through the test with the horses for missing the prayer, he got rid of his horses, so Allah (سبحانه) gave him wind that can take him wherever he wants and Suleiman (عليه السلام) can direct it wherever he wills.

SURAH AS SAAD 36

فَسَخَّرْنَا لَهُ الرِّيحَ تَجْرِي بِأَمْرِهِ رُخَاءً حَيْثُ أَصَابَ

So We subjected to him the wind blowing by his command, gently, wherever he directed,

○ So the trials he went through inspired him to return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and make dua to him. If a person is tested with humiliation from people and understand it is a trial and is grateful, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give him honor and more.

SURAH AN NAML 19

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَى وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَدْخِلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

"My Lord! Grant me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your Favours which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may do righteous good deeds that will please You, and admit me by Your Mercy among Your righteous slaves."

- Tests are all to make us established.
- If a person can be grateful for difficult trials, then surely he is grateful when tested with blessings. And the trials a person goes through are to purify him and when he is grateful then he will be good in the heart and be from the abraar. The abraar always show good manners.

SURAH AL INSAAN 5 TO 10

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إِنَّ الْأَبْرَارَ يَشْرَبُونَ مِنْ كَأْسٍ كَانَ مِزَاجُهَا كَافُورًا

Indeed, the righteous will drink from a cup [of wine] whose mixture is of Kafur,

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عَيْنًا يَشْرَبُ بِهَا عِبَادُ اللَّهِ يُفَجِّرُونَهَا تَفْجِيرًا

A spring of which the [righteous] servants of Allah will drink; they will make it gush forth in force [and abundance].

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يُوفُونَ بِالنَّذْرِ وَيَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا كَانَ شَرُّهُ مُسْتَطِيرًا

They [are those who] fulfill [their] vows and fear a Day whose evil will be widespread.

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وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا وَأَسِيرًا

And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive,

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إِنَّمَا نَطْعِمُكُمْ لِرُؤُفِهِ اللَّهِ لَا نُرِيدُ مِنْكُمْ جَزَاءً وَلَا شُكُورًا

[Saying], "We feed you only for the countenance of Allah. We wish not from you reward or gratitude.

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إِنَّا نَخَافُ مِنْ رَبِّنَا يَوْمًا عَبُوسًا قَمْطَرِيرًا

Indeed, We fear from our Lord a Day austere and distressful."

- And they are so good that they feed others for the Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). What makes someone to be grateful and pure? Because he fears the Day of Judgement and what will happen on that day. And then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will change that fear to a glow in their face.

SURAH AL INSAAN 11

فَوَقَاهُمُ اللَّهُ شَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَلَقَّاهُمْ نَضْرَةً وَسُرُورًا

So Allah will protect them from the evil of that Day and give them radiance and happiness

- In order to be grateful, we need to be patient, fear the Day of Judgement and fear others.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) said to spread the salam, feed the people and pray at night, and a person will enter paradise in peace.

ENTER PARADISE IN PEACE

" أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ وَأَطْعِمُوا الطَّعَامَ وَصَلُّوا وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامٌ تَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ بِسَلَامٍ "

'O you people! Spread the Salam, feed(others), and perform Salat while the people are sleeping; you will enter Paradise with peace.'²

SURAH AL INSAAN 22

إِنَّ هَذَا كَانَ لَكُمْ جَزَاءً وَكَانَ سَعْيُكُمْ مَشْكُورًا

[And it will be said], "Indeed, this is for you a reward, and your effort has been appreciated."

² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2485

- We will appreciate every struggle we go through when we know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appreciates every stride.

REASONS FOR BEING TESTED

- Purification (تنقية): this is to be cleaned from sins.
- Deeper purification (تزكية): it is to remove bad and replace it with good so that a person is then highlighted.

SURAH ASH SHAMS 9 TO 10

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قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا

He has succeeded who purifies it,

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وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا

And he has failed who instills it [with corruption].

- Purification purifies and elevates a person. We find people who are so tolerant, grateful and compassionate because they went through trials, but then they chose taqwa over being rebellious. And there was no one like the Prophet (ﷺ) who exemplified the best manners and went through the greatest trials.
- Even-deeper purification (تمحيص): someone might think purification is enough, but this is related to our personality and sensitivities. It is to purify all the atoms in our heart. There can be traces of pride or jealousy, and this is for the believers with each other. It is to make us crystal clear, for example, in the Battle of Uhud it was shown there was attraction to the duniya. They are believers, but it is to further purify them.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 141

وَلِيُمَحِّصَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَيَمْحَقَ الْكَافِرِينَ

And that Allah may purify the believers [through trials] and destroy the disbelievers.

- And these types of trials are to keep us humble because if we are going through purification before and then we are praised by others, we think we are fine. But then a test comes to keep us humble and show us traces of our faults.
- Nurturing (تربية): at this stage, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will nurture a person through knowledge and decrees.

ALLAH AL WAHHAAB (الوَهَّاب) – THE BESTOWER OF GIFTS

- No one is like Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to teach us His Names through what we go through so we can feel more love, more connection to Him and how much He loves us.
- The Name of Allah Al Wahaab is translated as the Bestower of gifts. These are very special gifts that He bestows based on His perfect will.
- This Name is mentioned three times in the Qur'an.
- In other places it is also mentioned as His Action but now we will look specifically at the Name itself. This can give us more understanding of Who is Allah Al Wahaab.

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.

- Here we are asking for the gift of mercy.
- The Name then appears twice in Surah Saad.

SURAH SAAD 9

أَمْ عِنْدَهُمْ خَزَائِنُ رَحْمَةِ رَبِّكَ الْعَزِيزِ الْوَهَّابِ

Or do they have the depositories of the mercy of your Lord, the Exalted in Might, the Bestower?

- This is also regarding mercy.

SURAH SAAD 35

قَالَ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَهَبْ لِي مُلْكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

He said, "My Lord, forgive me and grant me a kingdom such as will not belong to anyone after me. Indeed, You are the Bestower."

- After Sulaiman (عليه السلام) went through a trial he asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for a kingdom that no one else has.
- So twice it is about mercy and once about dominion, and both are special gifts.
- Many times when we get any gift, we feel content and tend to slack off. Earlier when we didn't have the gift, we would have been constantly asking Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the heart was moving and connected. But then after getting it, the heart cannot move as strong as before.
- However, after receiving gifts we need more mercy. Why? To be on the path of guidance is a big gift from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But we need even more mercy while we are on this

guidance to not be deviated and not be deceived with ourselves.

- The mercy from Allah Ar Rahman is in everything, in the decrees, commands and in every situation we go through. But the mercy from Allah Al Wahaab is related to a very special gift. We need mercy to not lose this gift, to not lose our faith, to not change or deviate because of it.
- After attaining something we really wanted, we can easily think, “I am fine, I’m good”, but we need more mercy when we have it.
- Sulaiman (عليه السلام) made this dua after he was tested. After being given a very great gift we do not want to turn away or be deviated. We do not want to be on guidance but be harsh

and lose being merciful to others. This is extreme and not the middle path.

- We need more mercy and compassion when we receive gifts. We can easily disregard it and stop feeling after we get something.
- Also to have wisdom is a gift.

SURAH AL FURQAN 74

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
إِمَامًا

"Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."

- To have righteous spouses and offspring is a gift from Allah. What does it mean they become the coolness of the eyes? It means that they truly believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), they do not associate with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), they

worship Him and obey Him. To have good companions is also a gift from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- All of these are related to our faith and religion. It is very limited if we think “I only want to get married and have children or to have position only for itself”. It is greater when all of this is for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah Al Wahaab gifts the people whether they will have only boys, only girls, both or none. All are gifts from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). This is beyond any human calculations. There is wisdom and mercy in all situations.
- It is a great gift and mercy from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) when He places us on a path of faith and taqwa and then to die in this state. This is a

very big gift from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). May Allah grant us a good end. Ameen.

- This is greater than any gift of the duniya because then he will get what no ears have heard, no eyes have seen and not crossed the minds of anyone. He will get paradise.
- The gift of knowledge, of love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), for the Prophet (وسلم عليه الله صلى) and for each other are all great gifts He has given us.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keep these gifts for us, not turn back from them and to have more.

ALLAH AL QAHIR AL QAHHAAR (الْقَاهِرُ الْقَهَّارُ) – THE SUBDUER, THE IRRESISTIBLE

- The Names of Allah Al Qaahir and Al Qahhaar are similar but Al Qahhaar is more exaggerated. Al Qahir is The Subduer and Al Qahhaar is The Irresistible.
- This Name initially brings fear in us but eventually ends with hope.
- In life sometimes matters can be scattered, when we feel like there are no boundaries anymore. Especially when someone reaches a point of obsession, or depression, or sins or wiswas and he cannot take himself out of it. Even if he knows he has to stop, he cannot stop himself. Others cannot also stop him and he is all over the place.

- Then out of the mercy of Allah to save, and protect the slave, He deals with Him by His qahr. He subdues his slave to put him back in his place.
- Any decree can come to subdue the person. He may face a trial or everyone may go away and he is left alone so it will just be him and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We may reach a point of loneliness, but this how Allah Al Qahhaar subdues us to bring us back.
- The Name Al Qahaar is mentioned six times in the Qur'an and always it is with Al Waahid (The One).
- When we are scattered and all over the place, out of His mercy He makes the way back for us by going back to Him alone.

- Shaikh As Saadi (may Allah have mercy on him) said that we will not find this Oneness and dominance except to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). For every creation, there is another creation dominating him and this is will end with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- To be under the qahr of Allah is not tightness but this is a way out and a way to rebalance us.
- Just as appliances and devices need to be restarted sometimes, sometimes we reach of point of 'shut down' but only to start again.
- We saw how the whole world shut down during covid only to come back to life with everyone and priorities in place.

- If we have something excessive that we cannot stop, we ask Al Qahhaar to stop it for us.
- This action of qahr only suits Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). It is not suitable for people to corner or subdue others.

SUPPLICATION WHEN TURNING OVER DURING SLEEP

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ، رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا ،
الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفَّارُ

None has the right to be worshipped except Allah, The One, The Subjugator. Lord of the heavens and the Earth and all between them, The Exalted in Might, The Oft-Forgiving.³

- Sometimes a person may be physically unable to sleep or because he is overwhelmed by

³ Al-Hakim 1/540 and he declared it authentic, Ath-Thahabi agreed, An-Nasa'i in Amal Al-Yawm wa Al-Laylah and Ibn As-Sunni, see Sahih Al-Jami' 4/213.

worries, but Allah Al Waahid Al Qahhar subdues whatever is weighing on us.

- When we are unstable, we need something to stop us from tossing right and left and this is by going to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Al Qahhaar.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows what makes us unsettled and that is why trials come to put everything in its place.
- No one can choose the test they want to have. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the One Who brings people or situations to fix us and bring the best out from us. This is to make us established, stable and maintained.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US FROM THE GRATEFUL ONES AND
ABRAAR. AMEEN.

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2. تفسير ابن كثير – TAFSEER IBN KATHIR
3. تفسير الشيخ بن عثيمين – TAFSEER SHEIKH BIN UTHAYMEEN



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

<https://vimeopro.com/markazalsalam/live-with-the-qurn-surah-al-imraan>

TO REQUEST ACCESS TO THE RECORDING:

<https://markazalsalam.com/recordings-notes>

CLASS NOTES FOR WOMEN AND MEN

FOR STUDENTS OF KNOWLEDGE, TEACHERS AND DA'EES IN ENGLISH

<https://t.me/markazalsalampublicationsENG>

FOR STUDENTS OF KNOWLEDGE, TEACHERS AND DA'EES IN ARABIC

<https://t.me/markazalsalampublicationsAR>

FOR CHILDREN CLASS NOTES

<https://t.me/dropletsofdew>

FOR BEGINNERS TO ISLAM

<https://t.me/truthfulentry>