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## LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN: SURAH AAL IMRAAN

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## INTRODUCTION

ALLAH IS SUFFICIENT FOR US AND HE IS THE BEST  
TRUSTEE (حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل)

- When we go through decrees and situations, it is all to show us Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). When we see the mercy of anyone, we remember that Allah's mercy is greater.
- Situations are not only to show us Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but to extract worships from us. For example, we may feel being cornered, but

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes us out and shows us mercy.

○ It is important to bring out the right of every decree and that is:

1. To know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

2. And worship Him

○ For example, we may be reminded of an incident where we did not have anything, but we invoked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He gave us. And this is to remind us of how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use anyone to remind us so that we attach to Him.

○ It is a great blessing when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) uses our words and actions to bring forth “trees and fruits”. Someone might say a comment to someone and then through that comment an

entire topic of tawakkul comes forth. And this shows the ability of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and how He nurtures us to know Him and attach to Him.

- Ability is not about calculating what we will do and say, so that some opening can take place. If we are only focusing on our words, actions and choices then we will only see ourselves and we will be far away from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves someone, He will use them. We think to be used is to just speak to people or make dawah, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use anyone in their normal activities and speech.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use words, faults, mistakes, actions and sins of anyone to show us Who He

is and to extract worships from us. And this is with no account.

- Tawwakul is not about knowing what the equation will be. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us that it is Him so that we rely on Him and trust Him all the time.
- With the words (حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل) (Allah is Sufficient for us and He is the Best Trustee), the fire which is logically hot, will become cold. It appears illogical to us, but there are no equations with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He changes any “fire” situation, any stressful situation and makes it cool and sound (بردا وسلاما).
- In the year 2020, people may have felt it was like “fire”, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made it cool and sound. There are many good things which

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brought to us, alhamdulillah  
Rabb Al 'Alameen.

### SURAH AAL IMRAAN 103

وَاَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۚ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ  
عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ  
إِخْوَانًا

And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers.

- In times when there are no connections, no wi-fi, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to show us the most powerful and greatest connection which is connecting to Him.
- Allah Al Wakeel (The Trustee) will stop any connection to come in between us and Him.

And when we have these moments, it is the time when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to reveal to us Who He is.

- Even if someone gives us means, no matter how powerful it may be, we cannot see it. Means are just means, experience is just experience, knowledge is just knowledge, but we want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and that is why the reward for tawakkul is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be for us. This means He will be sufficient for us.

### SURAH AT TALAQ 3

وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ

And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him.

- There are different rewards for worships such as being given with no account when we are

patient, or to have a way out with taqwa, but for tawakkul, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be for us.

- The people of paradise will enjoy its delights of palaces, foods, drinks and company of one another, but then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will ask them, “are you content?” They will say, “of course You saved us from the fire and admitted us to paradise.”
- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will say, “I will be pleased with you, never displeased with you.” Then He will lift the Veil from His Face and they will enjoy the greatest delight of seeing the Noble Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we ask Allah of His favor.
- After they see His Face, they will forget all delights because there is no delight that is greater. And it is Allah Ar Rabb Who nurtured them to reach paradise and see Him.



## SURAH AL QIYAMAH 22 TO 23

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وُجُوهُ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَّاصِرَةٌ

[Some] faces, that Day, will be radiant,

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إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا نَاظِرَةٌ

Looking at their Lord.

- The worship of tawakul of great because it is to delegate everything and have complete trust in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), while being a happy and satisfied slave who always wants to attach to His Master, why? Because he respects and loves Him so much. He has great expectations from His Lord. And that's why no mean, pleasure, problem or delight will come in between.

- The mutawakileen only want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and as a result, He will bring everything to them. He will bring delights and He will bring people who love them.
- There can be enemies, there can be plots, there can be jealousy and the evil of ourselves, but if Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is for us, can anyone harm us? Can anyone be against us? Can anyone oppress us? No because we are already a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we are taken by Him, so no one else can take us. And we always want to be with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We always want to remember that what we go through is to see Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and how He is so merciful to us.
  - He can turn sins to openings.

- He can turn needs to devotions.
- And He can turn dreams to realities and beyond.
- With this we truly see, “we did not worship You as You deserve to be worshipped” (ما عبدناك حق (عبادتك)).
- We should never expect from anyone or anything, but have full expectations from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) without saying, “I want this”. Rather, “I trust You, I expect the best from You. I don’t know what it is, but I know it will be the best because I trust You.” And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will always show us more than what we expect.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings a situation, it is to upgrade our faith and strengthen our

connection to Him because now more is required from us.

- We can be reminded of our sins so that our repentance is with faith and we will be happy. We can be reminded of His blessings and favors so that our faith increases, we believe more in His power and mercy, and to be shown that He knows and we do not know.

### 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.

- We do not want our heart to turn away from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We want our connection with Him to always be alive and renewed because

our connection can become cold and feelingless due to routine and just doing tasks. Though Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminds us through decrees that, “it is Him and not us”.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not impressed with how much we do outside, but it is the special connection we have with Him inside. The feelings that we have for Him from love and magnification which only He knows.
- To have feelings of warmth, closeness, devotion out of love and magnification is what we always want with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Though we can get distracted with people and tasks, so we cannot have these feelings all the time, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accepts us as we are.

- And if we show the slightest bit of feelings through situations, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will still show us more feelings and closeness. If we take a step, He will come to us running. He is the Master and The Most Rich, but He has honored us as human beings. He wants us to be happy and to go to paradise, but we need to be nurtured in this life.
- So then why do we associate with Him, why do we doubt Him, why do we think negatively of Him or that He wants bad for us. Do we doubt He is unable to do for us, astaghfar Allah?
- If we make any mistake, He never holds anything against us. We should not think bad of Him, but that He always wants the best for us.

- When we know how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can turn everything, we feel ashamed when we argue or comment or give our opinion or compare how He manages and rules the whole world, subhan Allah.
- He rules, He dominates, He is irresistible in every decree and command, so we should be peaceful in this life and not exceed our boundaries. Behaving well with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is very important and the minimum is to not think bad of Him.
- We want to behave well, be pleasant, be kind and look forward to the beautiful lessons we will learn from our Master.
- If there is something we cannot understand, we do not want to make up scenarios or a train of thoughts in our mind. We want to believe in

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that there will always be a beautiful scenario every time, and we will find honor.

## THREE PHASES IN THE JOURNEY TO ALLAH

### 1. PURIFICATION

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will purify us first and this purification takes place through situations and decrees that we face.
- Surely before we started learning, we were purified during our youth, with our family, parents and spouse.

### 2. TO BE TAUGHT KNOWLEDGE

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will teach us through the study circles. He will teach us what is right and wrong, what is taqwa, what is tawakul and so forth.



### 3. TO BE HONORED BY ALLAH

- After purification and knowledge, we will enjoy the fruits. And these fruits are the feelings we have for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – the sweetness of faith.
- The fruits we want to taste is when our heart loves Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), when we have that closeness and when we feel honored by the feelings we have for Him and not by the actions we do.
- Surely these fruits do not come quickly. We all have to go through purification, then knowledge, then honor which are the feelings.
- All phases are built on the other, and it does not mean we neglect or forget one. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for firmness because we do not want our standard to go lower.

- We will always be purified and the higher we reach, the more we have to be purified in order to be released from our self thinking, “why did they do this to me?”. We do not make ourself a highlight, it is just purification so we should not take it personally.
- The moment we accept it is purification then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will quickly teach us and then honor us. But if we go through situations where we do not think it is nurturing then we will be upset, we will fight with the other person, we will go home and talk about them and then it will be just a mixture of our desires. As a result we only increase in more sins and feel heavier.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Most Gentle and He knows when and how to purify us. We will not learn when we only talk about situations and

complaints, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Lateef Al Khabeer (The Most Subtle, The All-Aware) and He knows what situation will shake us, but many “treasures” will come out.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us we will be shaken, but it will be just the right amount and it is important to think good of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and trust Him because He is perfect.
- Our purification and going to paradise is not in the hands of anyone except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and when He takes us to the “operating room”, it is a beautiful, concealed theater with beautiful people around us. But if we do not accept those who are in the “operating room”, then it will come from others and there will be more exposure.

- We want firmness so that we can attain honor, and then we can reflect, be a good person and receive favors from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- It cannot be that we are honored with favors while there are “toxins” inside us and there is ignorance. Otherwise there will be no sweetness or love.

## SURAH AL BAQARAH AND SURAH AAL IMRAAN

### GOING THROUGH PURIFICATION, KNOWLEDGE AND HONOR

- Surah Al Baqarah is about magnifying and respecting Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and then Surah Aal Imraan is about loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And this

together is (لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) which is to attach to Allah  
(سبحانه وتعالى) out of love and magnification.

### SURAH AAL IMRAAN 31

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ  
ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Say, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

- Love is what will keep us firm. What makes us not leave a person or a relationship? Because we love them. Why do we not leave a job? Because we love it.
- Firmness is to always love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- When we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we want to be firm in loving Him and we know that He always want the best for us.
- When we love the Prophet (ﷺ), we always want to take him as our role model and to follow him.
- When we love people for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we do not want to separate form them. Even if we see something that shakes us, we will not leave because there is still love and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give more love after passing that shaking moment
- When we love one another, we feel light in our heart, as if we are jumping and excited, and what can we do to bring out that same feeling again? We should not worry because through

situations of purification, it will bring renewal of love.

- Love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), love of the Messenger (ﷺ) and love of others for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will never keep us at the same level.
- In paradise, everyone will feel the same love at the same time because there is no purification any more. But in this life, there are peaks and valleys and we need the valleys to reach the peaks.
- Love is not in our hands, so Who will take care of that love? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We can be so shaken in times of “earthquakes”, but we want to stay firm, and if we leave, it is ok to return.
- We have to beware that our nafs will tell us, “no one respects you, no one appreciates you”

and the shaitan will say, “it is better to be away and not get hurt, better to be alone.” That’s why we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to always keep us firm and protect us from excessiveness in our negative thoughts and complaints. We do not want to leave our position in worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and believing in Him.

#### SURAH AAL IMRAAN 147

وَمَا كَانَ قَوْلُهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي  
أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

And their words were not but that they said,  
"Our Lord, forgive us our sins and the excess  
[committed] in our affairs and plant firmly our  
feet and give us victory over the disbelieving  
people."

- “Earthquake” or purification times can be a word, action or behavior from someone that



can make us forget everything and only think of ourselves. And in that moment, we cannot explain it to anyone. If we tell someone what we are going through, they will tell us, “look at all the blessings you have” and they will judge us and make us feel that we are being ungrateful. That’s why it is important to complain to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## SURAH YUSUF 86

قَالَ إِنَّمَا أَشْكُو بَثِّي وَحُزْنِي إِلَى اللَّهِ وَأَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

He said, "I only complain of my suffering and my grief to Allah, and I know from Allah that which you do not know.

- And then sometimes there are people who can feel we are going through something and they will tell us, and there can be relevant advice in that moment. And that is different

from going to someone and exposing ourselves to them.

### SURAH AAL IMRAAN 53

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا بِمَا أَنزَلْتَ وَاتَّبَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

Our Lord, we have believed in what You revealed and have followed the messenger, so register us among the witnesses [to truth]."

- We always want to witness so that we learn more things. If we are not firm while being purified and just leave, then we will not witness the lessons and knowledge that come afterwards.
- Sometimes the purification process can be very intense, and we can start to think badly of ourselves, though we should not take it to an extreme where we say “we are useless or wicked”. We should still be kind to ourselves

when we return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The Prophet (ﷺ) told us to never say our nafs that is has become wicked, but has hardened.

## DO NOT BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF

عن عائشة رضي الله عنها عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال:

"لا يقولن أحدكم خبثت نفسي، ولكن ليقل: لقست نفسي"

'Aishah (May Allah be pleased with her) said: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "None of you should say: 'My soul has become evil.' He should say: 'My soul is in bad shape.'"<sup>1</sup>

○ After accepting the purification, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will teach us.

## SURAH AL BAQARAH 151

كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْكُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَيُزَكِّيْكُمْ  
وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ

<sup>1</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Book 17, Hadith 229

Just as We have sent among you a messenger from yourselves reciting to you Our verses and purifying you and teaching you the Book and wisdom and teaching you that which you did not know.

- After purification, our senses will be sharp and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will teach us what we do not know.
- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will honor us by giving us sweetness of faith. We will have the essence of knowledge which is the love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), love of the Prophet (ﷺ), love of deeds which Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves, love of places that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves and love of people for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- When we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we never want to give up. But if there is no love then we cannot be firm.
- We are all imperfect and when we meet each other, our faults and weaknesses can show, and firmness is not to highlight the faults, but to fill the gaps with love and this is what will keep us together as one wall. We go back to the basics that we love each other for Allah (سبحانه) and we meet each other for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Surah Al Baqarah is very personal about us and that we should respect Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But Surah Aal Imraan is about everyone being in the “ship” and staying firm by loving one another.

## BELIEVERS ARE INTERLOCKED LIKE THE BRICKS OF A BUILDING

وعن أبي موسى رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم " المؤمن للمؤمن كالبنيان يشد بعضه بعضاً " وشبك بين أصابعه

Abu Musa (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "The relationship of the believer with another believer is like (the bricks of) a building, each strengthens the other." He (ﷺ) illustrated this by interlacing the fingers of both his hands.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Introduction, Hadith 222

## SURAH AL FATIHA – MOTHER OF THE BOOK AND ITS “TWO CHILDREN” – SURAH AL BAQARAH & SURAH AAL IMRAAN

- Let us have a look at the relationship between Surah Al Fatiha, Surah Al Baqarah and Surah Aal Imraan. Surah Al Fatiha is the Mother of the Book, and it is as if Surah Al Baqarah and Surah Aal Imraan are its first two children. We find many connections between these three surahs.

### SURAH AL FATIHA

1

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

2

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds -

3

الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful,

4

مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Sovereign of the Day of Recompense.

5

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

It is You we worship and You we ask for help.

6

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path -

7

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray.

- In the start of Surah Al Fatiha, we love Him, we have hope in Him and magnify Him. Our purpose is to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and ask



Him for help. We cannot worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by believing in ourselves.

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to guide us to the Straight Path, so will not be someone extreme or negligent.
- We will be someone waiting for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because we our contract with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) which is: “You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help.”
- And we know that all praises are due to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because He nurtures us, He is The Most Merciful and He is the Owner of the Day of Judgement, we know He will guide us and keep us on the Straight Path.
- As long as we are here on this earth, Allah's guidance will always come to us, but it is

important to not forget that we are a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And when we remember this, our life will always be connected to His guidance.

### SURAH AL BAQARAH 38

فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَن تَبِعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

And when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides us on the spot and we will never be misled or miserable, but we truly have to feel “You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help” (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ).
- We cannot be on the path of guidance alone. And therefore we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), anyone

who has been guided with knowledge and worship then this is Allah's favor upon them. They are the messengers, prophets, truthful ones, martyrs and the righteous.

- We are nothing and we are not one of them, but we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to guide us to the path they are on which You favored with guidance.
- The Straight Path is the path Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) chose. And we do not want to be on the path which Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is angry with. What is the attitude of those with whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is angry? It is mentioned in Surah Al Baqarah and that is why it is important to always respect and magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- And we do not want to be someone who turns away or is deviated, and Surah Aal Imraan tells us to follow guidance without following desires.
- Surah Al Baqarah and Surah Aal Imraan will argue on behalf of those who acted upon it.

### SURAH AL BAQARAH AND SURAH AAL IMRAAN WILL COME AS TWO CLOUDS

عَنْ نَوَّاسِ بْنِ سَمْعَانَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ "يَأْتِي الْقُرْآنُ وَأَهْلُهُ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ بِهِ فِي الدُّنْيَا تَقْدُمُهُ سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ وَالْإِمْرَانِ". قَالَ نَوَّاسٌ وَضَرَبَ لَهُمَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ثَلَاثَةَ أَمْثَالٍ مَا نَسِيْتُهُنَّ بَعْدُ قَالَ "تَأْتِيَانِ كَأَنَّهُمَا غَيَابَتَانِ وَبَيْنَهُمَا شَرْقٌ أَوْ كَأَنَّهُمَا غَمَامَتَانِ سَوْدَاوَانِ أَوْ كَأَنَّهُمَا ظِلَّةٌ مِنْ طَيْرٍ صَوَافٍ تُجَادِلَانِ عَنْ صَاحِبَيْهِمَا".

Narrated An-Nawwas bin Sam'an: that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: "The Qur'an shall come, and its people who acted according to it in the world. Surat Al-Baqarah and Al 'Imran shall be in front

of it. An-Nawwas said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) stated three parables about them which I

have not since forgotten, he said: "They will come as if they are two shades between which there is illumination, or as if they are two shady clouds, or as if they are shadows of lines of birds arguing on behalf of their people."

- A student who accepts the purification will witness knowledge and be shown more. But someone who does not accept, will be unable to witness too many scenes, too much faith or too much love. And it is important that bad things will not touch us when we witness, but we just have to remain firm.
- Surah Al Baqarah and Surah Aal Imraan begin with "Alif-Lam-Meem" and then Surah Al Baqarah talks about the Book because discipline is needed, but Surah Aal Imraan

begins with Allah and (لا إله إلا الله) because there is no one like Him, and we should not forget this connection.

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 1 TO 2

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

الم

Alif, Lam, Meem.

2

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of existence.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Hayy Al Qayoom – The Ever-Living, The Self-Sustaining Master. Everyone will die but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) never dies and this connection will never perish, and He is

Al Qayyoom Who will never stop providing us and nurturing us.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us to magnify and love Him and that **HE IS THE HIGHLIGHT**. He places us in situations and positions to know Who He is, to be grateful for every person and decree, and to be slaves to Him.

## DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- *Situations are not only to show us Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but to extract worships from us.*
- *When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves someone, He will use them. We think to be used is to just speak to people or make dawah, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use anyone in their normal activities and speech.*

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use words, faults, mistakes, actions and sins of anyone to show us Who He is and to extract worships from us. And this is with no account.
- In times when there are no connections, no wi-fi, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to show us the most powerful and greatest connection which is connecting to Him.
- The worship of tawakul is great because it is to delegate everything and have complete trust in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), while being a happy and satisfied slave who always wants to attach to His Master, why? Because he respects and loves Him so much. He has great expectations from His Lord. And that's why no mean, pleasure, problem or delight will come in between.



- There can be enemies, there can be plots, there can be jealousy and the evil of ourselves, but if Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is for us, can anyone harm us? Can anyone be against us? Can anyone oppress us? No because we are already a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we are taken by Him, so no one else can take us. And we always want to be with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We always want to remember that what we go through is to see Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and how He is so merciful to us.
- He can turn sins to openings.
- He can turn needs to devotions.
- And He can turn dreams to realities and beyond.

- With this we truly see, "we did not worship You as You deserve to be worshipped" (ما عبدناك حق (عبادتك).
- We do not want our heart to turn away from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We want our connection with Him to always be alive and renewed because our connection can become cold and feelingless due to routine and just doing tasks. Though Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminds us through decrees that, "it is Him and not us".
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not impressed with how much we do outside, but it is the special connection we have with Him inside. The feelings that we have for Him from love and magnification which only He knows.

- And if we show the slightest bit of feelings through situations, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will still show us more feelings and closeness. If we take a step, He will come to us running. He is the Master and The Most Rich, but He has honored us as human beings. He wants us to be happy and to go to paradise, but we need to be nurtured in this life.
- After purification and knowledge, we will enjoy the fruits. And these fruits are the feelings we have for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) - the sweetness of faith.
- The fruits we want to taste is when our heart loves Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), when we have that closeness and when we feel honored by the feelings we have for Him and not by the actions we do.

- Firmness is to always love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).  
When we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we want to be firm in loving Him and we know that He always want the best for us.
- Love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), love of the Messenger (ﷺ) and love of others for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will never keep us at the same level.
- In paradise, everyone will feel the same love at the same time because there is no purification any more. But in this life, there are peaks and valleys and we need the valleys to reach the peaks.
- We always want to witness so that we learn more things. If we are not firm while being purified and just leave, then we will not witness the lessons and knowledge that come afterwards.

- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will honor us by giving us sweetness of faith. We will have the essence of knowledge which is the love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), love of the Prophet (ﷺ), love of deeds which Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves, love of places that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves and love of people for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We are all imperfect and when we meet each other, our faults and weaknesses can show, and firmness is not to highlight the faults, but to fill the gaps with love and this is what will keep us together as one wall.
- As long as we are here on this earth, Allah's guidance will always come to us, but it is important to not forget that we are a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And when we remember this,

our life will always be connected to His guidance.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Hayy Al Qayoom - The Ever-Living, The Self-Sustaining Master. Everyone will die but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) never dies and this connection will never perish, and He is Al Qayyoom Who will never stop providing us and nurturing us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us to magnify and love Him and that HE IS THE HIGHLIGHT.

"PRAISE TO ALLAH, WHO HAS GUIDED US TO THIS; AND WE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN GUIDED IF ALLAH HAD NOT GUIDED US. CERTAINLY THE MESSENGERS OF OUR LORD HAD COME WITH THE TRUTH."

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