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INTRODUCTION

- In life we can go between extremes, and that's why when always need Allah's guidance to take us back to balance. We are all misguided except if Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides us.
- Surah Aal Imraan tells us that in order to be firm, we need knowledge, but to complete that knowledge there is nurturing in life so that we may attain taqwa. With nurturing, there

will be more filtering of what is appropriate or not, and then there will be wisdom.

- The one who has wisdom is the one who has been with people, gone through nurturing, made mistakes or learned from the mistakes of others, and then there will be wisdom.
- What the Companions went through in Surah Aal Imraan is all a short-cut for us. They lost the Battle of Uhud due to being attracted to the duniya, but the lessons we learn from it are great. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told the Prophet (ﷺ) to continue to show mercy to them because it is not about not losing battles, but to not lose hearts.
- For example, if someone makes a big mistake in the family and it costs a lot on the family, then everyone will always look at him and

blame him, but this is loss. The Prophet (ﷺ) had to continue to show mercy, though he got affected, he was injured, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said, “it is not your matter.”

○ Firmness is not about others cannot make mistakes because they are our responsibility, but firmness is to keep up in feelings and mercy. For example, if our children make a mistake, we do our best to nurture them, but in the end firmness is to keep up the feelings. Another example is Nuh (عليه السلام) and his son who was a disbeliever. He showed his feelings to his son, but it was not upon him in the end if his son did not believe.

○ Firmness requires balance; we cannot be firm while we are crooked and heavy. We need to be firm while we are light which means when

we are balanced and are on the middle path.

- Sometimes our children, our spouses, our helpers or anyone outside can make mistakes. Some people's natures are just foolish, and the test is when "two seas meet", and that is when wisdom is needed.
- If we come to class to only learn as theory and take exams, then there will be no space for reflections. Wisdom comes when there is so much space and reflections in order to see it in life. All hadiths take place in "life situations", and the hadiths (sunnah) are called (الحكمة) – wisdom.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 164

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو
 عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن
 قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Certainly did Allah confer [great] favor upon the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from themselves, reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom, although they had been before in manifest error.

- ◌ Surah Al Baqarah is more about being established with knowledge and structure, while Surah Aal Imraan is about life situations. And both of these surahs are called (الزهروين) –

two flowers, two illuminations – they are light and beauty together.

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us firm and that is why the start of Surah Aal Imraan is the supplication to remain firm.

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.

- It is important for everyone to be in the place Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtured them and not leave it. Each person's firmness is to remain at the level of where Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has nurtured

them. For example, when someone first enters Islam, their firmness is to remain on Islam. When someone has been nurtured with knowledge and feelings, then their firmness is to remain on it.

- We do not know how much being together is protection, safeguard and elevation.
- Even the duniya is adorned for us in order to lighten the responsibility for us. We have a hereafter ahead of us, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made this duniya adorned so that it inspires us to do things in excellence. For example, if we have an exam in school, we may remove everything and make it a plain room, but this will be just more frightening. But Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) adorned the earth for us out as mercy for us. And alhamdulillah we have the Names of

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His actions in order to live a better life. He does not need to tell us what He told the angels about Adam (عليه السلام) or what He said to Iblis, but it is all to show us Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that is ihsaan – excellence. To worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if we see Him.

- Imagine we have to go to a formal place and we do not know how to behave, and our mother says, “don’t worry, just look at me and follow what I do.” And to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best example, when we see how He deals with the creation, what He does when someone does a certain action, it teaches us the best. And this teaches us to put everything in its place.

- Firmness is knowledge and to go through life situations to attain wisdom, and this will make us have ihsaan. And the definition of ihsaan is to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if we see Him, and if we do not see Him, meaning we do not see His perfection, then we worship Him as if He sees us. And the level of worshiping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if we see Him is greater because that is based on love and seeing the perfection of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in everything in our life.
- Sometimes we have gone through dark moments in our life where there is no color, but then after guidance, we go back to those dark moments and see it was actually full of color, it was full of Allah's Names, actions, mercy and love.

- And we find how in life after guidance, there are times when we remember our past, and did not know at that time why it happened. But then after guidance and after knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we appreciate that past because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings it back to us to connect back to Him. So ultimately all our life will be connected to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keep us all firm. Ameen.
- What we go through in life is never in vain and after firmness, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us that He never left us, He is always there, and it is all to show (لا إله إلا الله).

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 191

رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

"Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly; exalted are You [above such a thing]; then protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

- Every person's story and nurturing are the most amazing and similar in its beauty.

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SURAH AAL IMRAAN 14

زَيْنَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِينَ وَالْقَنَاطِيرِ
الْمُقَنْطَرَةِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ وَالْخَيْلِ الْمُسَوَّمَةِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ
وَالْحَرْثِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ حُسْنُ الْمَآبِ

Beautified for people is the love of that which they desire - of women and sons, heaped-up sums of gold and silver, fine branded horses, and cattle and tilled land. That is the enjoyment of worldly life, but Allah has with Him the best return.

وَالْقَنَاطِيرُ الْمُقَنْطَرَةُ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ وَالْخَيْلُ الْمُسَوَّمَةُ (

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الْمَأْبِ) (heaped-up sums of gold and silver, fine

branded horses, and cattle and tilled land.

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has with Him the best return.): to be continued

in sha'a Allah.

MAY ALLAH KEEP US ALL FIRM. AMEEN.

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