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LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN: SURAH AAL IMRAAN

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INTRODUCTION

ALLAH AL QAREEB – THE MOST NEAR

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) always make us close to Him and close to all that is good and far away from all evil. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for paradise and anything that brings us closer to it and may He keep us away from the fire and anything that brings us near to it.

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us from (المقربون) – muqaraboon – those who are near to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We want to be close to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with all our feelings. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accept the fast of everyone, and we see after the ayat about fasting in Surah Al Baqarah, the Name of Allah Al Qareeb is mentioned.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 186

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا
دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ

And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I

respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to

Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided.

- We all want rushd – we all want to be rightly guided without falling into mistakes all the time. And after we finish fasting, we do not want to be far from away from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The connection with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not only about rituals, but to be connected to Him when He hears our voices.
- We can be so busy with our life and all our chores and tasks, such that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes situations where we are desperate and are in dire need of invoking Him. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not need us, but He knows it is good for us when we are near to Him. He knows it is good for us when we ask Him. We always want

to be close to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to feel His closeness.

- We feel good when there is connection, and not when we just come here to listen to class and leave. This closeness and connection increases our faith. What made the Companions to love the Prophet (ﷺ) and to love one another? Because they connect to one another.
- Our purpose in this life is to connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) through everything. The word “slave” means connected with love. We do not only ask Him to give us and do things for us, but He loves when we connect to Him because we love Him and love His closeness.
- When we respond to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we will be rightly guided. We can focus so much

on our actions that we forget our contract with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) which is:

SURAH AL FATIHA 5

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

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

- We do not want to be a machine that only focuses on themselves and forgets connecting to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The nearness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is very subtle and gentle. For the one who does not know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is near, He is still near to them by watching them and providing them. Just as a mother will take care of her child, feed them and clothe them, even if they do not appreciate her or come to her and say, "I love you".

- But for the one who knows about the nearness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), they will feel the nearness of Allah's love and support. They appreciate Him, praise Him and love Him.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is above the seven heavens, yet He is so near that He can come in between to protect us and guide us.
- Being nurtured with the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes our lives clearer. People want connection and closeness and alhamdulillah Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) connects us through the study circles.

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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.

- The theme of Surah Aal Imraan is to remain firm on the guidance. We think firmness is about being rigid or like a stone, but firmness in the religion is to have a great amount of mercy and kindness while in tense and difficult situations. It is important to not panic, exaggerate or be harsh.

- The supplication of those who are firmly rooted in knowledge know that with different situations and challenges in life, the heart can change. We can never guarantee our heart will remain firm due to our knowledge. Those who are firmly rooted in knowledge know how things can change in life, and in these moments, they do not refer back to their knowledge, but only go back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- After Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grants guidance, our eyes can turn and then our heart turns. No matter how much knowledge we have, we cannot guarantee our heart cannot be flipped.
- When things are doubtful, we can quickly be something else. Now we feel closeness and

happiness, but we fear our heart can turn and do not feel that closeness or gratitude.

SURAH AN NOOR 37

يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ

They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will [fearfully] turn about -

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to not make our hearts turn after being guided, and we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to gift us with mercy. In times of shakiness, we are afraid to lose our feelings.
- Sometimes we want to be firm on our values, and then we can go into the mode of being harsh, but that is not firmness. Firmness is to keep our hearts guided and to be gifted WITH mercy and compassion.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 9

رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

Our Lord, surely You will gather the people for a Day about which there is no doubt. Indeed, Allah does not fail in His promise."

- Now the ayah is about the Day of Judgement, we may see it as far, but it is near.

SURAH AL MAARIJ 6 TO 7

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إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ بَعِيدًا

Indeed, they see it [as] distant,

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وَنَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا

But We see it [as] near.

- (رَبَّنَا) (Our Lord,): those who are deeply rooted in knowledge invoke Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by

“Rabbana” (رَبَّنَا) – “our Lord” – which means they seek the special nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- When the heart is in its place and it is not looking right or left, then there will be connection. But let us take the opposite, if our heart is not in its place, meaning it's roaming around, it has desires, it's facing different issues, it is distracted, then the heart cannot find mercy.
- During the Battle of Uhud, everyone became scattered. Before the battle, they were all connected and each was given orders to follow. But then another scene caused them to be scattered, why? Because their eyes turned to the war bounty. Our firmness can be a firmness for everyone and our distraction can

be a distraction for everyone. Thus all of us need to be a safeguard for one another.

- Due to the distraction of one group, it caused everyone else to be distracted. Rumors started to spread and the Prophet (ﷺ) was injured. But Who can bring everything together? Who can set everything back in its right place? Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – only He can gather the people.
- And just as Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to gather the people on the Day of Judgement, surely He can gather the people in this life.

SURAH AL ANFAAL 46

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ
وَأَصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.

- There will be separation between people when there is separation of feelings and diversion. What causes companions or spouses to separate? When there are no feelings, and what causes the feelings to go away? When the eyes wander somewhere else.
- For any kind of relationship, everyone is responsible to keep the connection. It is not just one-sided.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told the Prophet (ﷺ) to not reprimand those who made a mistake, and for those who made a mistake to not lose hope and leave.

- Two people can be connected together, but the sin of one causes separation. So the responsibility after guidance is more than before. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep our hearts firm and to grant us mercy.
- (إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ) (surely You will gather the people): Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The One Who gathers the people, which people? All – believers and nonbelievers –good-doers and evildoers.
- There are people we connect with and there are people whom we do not connect with, but it is in the Hands of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to gather them all.
- Why will Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gather them all on the Day of Judgement? For the accounts and

recompense. What about the Day of Judgement?

○ (لَيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ) (for a Day about which there is no doubt.): it is a Day which there is no doubt about it.

○ (إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ) (Indeed, Allah does not fail in His promise.): it is confirmed and guaranteed that the appointment of the Day of Judgement will be fulfilled. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will for sure fulfill His promise.

○ Imagine there is a final exam and beforehand there are quizzes. Which one must happen and will not be postponed or preponed? The final exam. Quizzes can take place anytime; they can be shifted, they can be postponed. But

the final exam will take place for sure and for all people and at the same time.

- It is confirmed the Day of Judgement will take place and it is confirmed Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will never break His promise.
- Who will benefit from this? Those who are firmly rooted in knowledge because they believe in it and they say it.
- When we remember there is a Day when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will gather and judge all people, then this keeps us firm.

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- We all want *rushd* – we all want to be rightly guided without falling into mistakes all the time. And after we finish fasting, we do not want to be far from away from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The connection with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not only about rituals, but to be connected to Him when He hears our voices.
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MAY ALLAH KEEP US ALL FIRM. AMEEN.

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