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INTRODUCTION

THE RIGHTS OF ALLAH BEFORE
ANYTHING ELSE

SUPPLICATION SEEKING THE HELP OF
ALLAH

"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

- We will always have a different need or
different problem to attend to, and each day
we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), “O Allah help me with
my problem, O Allah give me then”, but then
where is (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ) (You Alone we
worship and You Alone we ask for help).

Where is the “right of Allah”?

- We do not want to start our relationship with
Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with, “what will You do for
me?”. Just as we do not like it when our kids
just come up to us and tell us, “do this for me,
do this for me”, and we still do it, but we feel

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

they are not fulfilling our rights. And we just help them in being rebellious, and then this continues with their spouses, at work and so forth.

- The rights of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are before our rights, though He will still give us when we ask Him. Just as a mother, she will still give her children though they are not fulfilling her rights, but is this right?
- Nurturing is to know what are the rights of those above us, and more importantly what are the Rights of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When we give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His Right first then He will not only help us in our affairs, but He will place light in our heart, and then we will change. Why do we struggle for change?

Because we do not place what is important first.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Hayiy (The Modest) and He will not force Himself on us, but He will always remind us of (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ) (You Alone we worship and You Alone we ask for help). After knowing Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), praising Him and magnifying Him, we want to be a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we want to worship Him because He is so giving, kind and merciful.
- That's why Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appreciates the believers because they remember Him more than their needs and problems.
- We want firmness, we want stability and progression. We want to do our best and

meet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in the best way, and that is by not forgetting Him.

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to help us remember Him before we remember others, we ask Him to help us be grateful to Him before we are grateful to others, and we ask Him to help us do excellence to Him before we do excellence to others.
- The mother of Maryam (peace be upon her) said, “I have a girl”, though Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) already knows this. And this trains ourselves to speak and express to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) before others.
- We already recite the Qur'an with voice, the Fajr, Maghreb and 'Isha prayer are recited

with voice, and the adhkaar as well, and this helps us to speak to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- There is no separation from our life and worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Firmness is not about doing worship perfectly while being separated from life. Firmness is when we do not make separation from our life and being a worshipper at the same time.
- Firm worship begins with our feelings of love, hope and fear of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then we will automatically speak to Him and then we do not know how our limbs will follow, and then we will be an example and role model in how much we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and to be firm on the religion.

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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 will feel so much peace and rest when we speak to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We need to have strong conviction that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Truth and not what someone says. We want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us firm on (لا إله إلا الله محمد) because this is what will keep us grounded in the best way.
- There was a man who said my brother has stomach pain, so the Prophet (ﷺ) told him to drink honey. And then the man came back and said, "my brother still has stomach pain".

So the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Allah has told the truth and your brother's stomach has lied."

ALLAH HAS TOLD THE TRUTH

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ، قَالَ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ إِنَّ أَخِي اسْتَطْلَقَ بَطْنَهُ. فَقَالَ "اسْقِهِ عَسَلًا". فَسَقَاهُ ثُمَّ جَاءَ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَدْ سَقَيْتُهُ عَسَلًا فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُ إِلَّا اسْتَطْلَاقًا. فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "اسْقِهِ عَسَلًا". فَسَقَاهُ ثُمَّ جَاءَهُ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَدْ سَقَيْتُهُ عَسَلًا فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُ إِلَّا اسْتَطْلَاقًا. قَالَ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "صَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَكَذَبَ بَطْنُ أَخِيكَ، اسْقِهِ عَسَلًا". فَسَقَاهُ عَسَلًا فَبَرَأَ.

"A man came to the Prophet (ﷺ) and said: 'My brother is suffering from loose bowels.' He said: 'Let him drink Honey.' So he drank it. Then he came and said: O Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)! He has drunk honey, but it has only made him worse.' So the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: 'Let him drink honey.'" He said: "So he drank it. Then

he came and said: 'O Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)! I gave him some more to drink, but it has only made him worse.'" He said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: 'Allah has told the truth and your brother's stomach has lied. Give him honey to drink'. So he gave him some more honey to drink and he was cured.'"²

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not want shallow, ignorant or weak people. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants someone who is strong, loves Him and does not fear the blame of the blamer. And this means faith.
- No one can honor or humiliate, no one can give or withhold except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We are all slaves of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and strength is to believe in Him.

² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2082

SURAH AL MAEDA 54

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهُ
 بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٌ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٌ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ
 يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ذَلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ
 يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never fear of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower.

- Anyone who is not firm on the religion and leaves it just because something affects his stability, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will replace him with someone who loves Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He loves him.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants people who have feelings. It did not say someone worshipping. They strive for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and do not fear the blame of the blamers. This is the favor of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Whom He gives to whomever He wills.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants people who are strong and who love Him. The love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes us place Him first, to put His Words first and the Words of the Prophet (ﷺ) first.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows how to help us and He knows what we need. Imagine having surgery and while being operated on, the patient tells the doctor, “cut here but don’t cut here”. This will not be accepted. And to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

is the best example, He knows how and what will reform us.

- We need to see (لا إله إلا الله) strongly with our eyes which is detachment from anything besides Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and attachment to Him alone and anything that happened to us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is strong in justice and balance, and even if a person tries to change the balance, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings it back to balance.
- To witness Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to have strong belief is something that we all need in order to remain firm in our life.

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- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make the Qur'an the spring of our hearts. There are different challenges in life and there is the attraction of the duniya, but we need to have taqwa.
- Taqwa is to give up and leave what agitates our heart so that our heart is at rest. Taqwa is when only belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in our heart so that moves us to act or not act, and not because of the words or actions or desires of people.
- What does it mean when someone is at rest with faith? It means to act based on faith and not because someone says to do or not do.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to remove anything that irritates our heart and then He will make a

way for us and grant us with no account. We do not want to go to something doubtful, but we want to go to something solid so that we always incline and hold on to it, and that is (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ).

- Only the truth is what makes things work. Our input is belief and that is correct, but we trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to guide us to what needs to be done. And then it comes on the tongue and then actions.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 16

الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Those who say, "Our Lord, indeed we have believed, so forgive us our sins and protect us from the punishment of the Fire,"

- So we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to forgive our sins and protect us from the fire because we believe in Him.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 17

الصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالْقَانِتِينَ وَالْمُنْفِقِينَ وَالْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ
بِالْأَسْحَارِ

The patient, the true, the obedient, those who spend [in the way of Allah], and those who seek forgiveness before dawn.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminds us of simple words of being patient, truthful, constant in our relationship, to give and not only to take, and to seek forgiveness before dawn.
- These actions will quiet us and put us in our place. For example, if we have something great we want to give our child, but he is jumping and is all over the place, we will be

unable to give it because he will not appreciate it.

- If we are shown something great while we are unstable then what is great will go against us. We will not be firm.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 18

شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُو الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا
بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Allah witnesses that there is no deity except Him, and [so do] the angels and those of knowledge - [that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

- This ayah is the greatest to witness to (لا إله الا الله).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Himself witnesses to (لا إله الا الله).

He does not depend on people to believe in Him or not. He does not need someone to

verify this great testimony. He is Al Mu'min – The Verifier of Truth.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not need someone to verify Him. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) testifies on Himself to (لا إله إلا الله). Not everyone sees this and not everyone gives the right to this great testimony.
- The scholars said this ayah is the greatest testimony because many people disbelieve in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), many people associate with Him and many people do not do their best. But still He does not give away this great testimony.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not need to explain Himself to us, but still He witnesses to the great testimony of (لا إله إلا الله). Even the great

creations of angels and those grounded in knowledge testify to (لا إله إلا الله), but it is because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) testifies to it First. We believe in Him and we take His Word and we take His testimony from Himself.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us through different evidences and testimonies to teach us (لا إله إلا الله).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) could have not sent anyone, but still He sends ayat to us, customized for us. We cannot blink because of how it strikes our heart, but then it depends if a person takes it in and accepts it, or if a person leaves us it.
- If we testify because of (لا إله إلا الله), Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will honor us. With one ayah and one word, it makes us submit and belief.

- And for someone else, he can have thousands of ayat come to him, but still he has question marks. We want to trust to what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) testifies to Himself.
- After this we need to be open to whatever comes because we trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), rely on Him and believe in Him. We do not rely on ourselves.
- The ayat that come after this ayah are show us that when we testify to the greatest testimony, then anything else will be easier.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) revealed Himself to us that (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) – there is no one worthy of worship except Allah. He bears witness to it. The angels bear witness to it, and those who are well-established in knowledge bear witness to

it because they have certainty and conviction in it.

- The more we know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more we will seek His forgiveness. Knowledge purifies them so they do not see anything except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and not themselves or others.
- There is no detachment of knowledge from their life so there is constant purification.

SURAH MOHAMMED 19

فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مُتَقَلَّبَكُمْ وَمَثْوَاكُمْ

So know, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], that there is no deity except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin and for the believing men and believing women. And Allah knows of your movement and your resting place.

- They do not look at themselves but only look at Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), how? By seeking forgiveness. No one can change their mind of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because they have witnessed to the greatest testimony – (لا إله إلا الله).
- There is no point to knowledge if it makes a person arrogant. If a person is arrogant then he will just become doubtful when he goes through life. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us established in knowledge. Ameen.
- To know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is very beautiful because He is everything for us and He deserves everything from us, but it is important to remain our seats and not leave.

MAY ALLAH KEEP US FIRM ON (لا إله إلا الله). AMEEN.

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