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INTRODUCTION

SUPPLICATION FOR FIRMNESS

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ يَقُولُ فِي صَلَاتِهِ " اللَّهُمَّ
إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الثَّبَاتَ فِي الْأَمْرِ وَالْعَزِيمَةَ عَلَى الرُّشْدِ وَأَسْأَلُكَ شُكْرَ
نِعْمَتِكَ وَحُسْنَ عِبَادَتِكَ وَأَسْأَلُكَ قَلْبًا سَلِيمًا وَلِسَانًا صَادِقًا
وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا تَعْلَمُ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا تَعْلَمُ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ
لِمَا تَعْلَمُ " .

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to say in his
prayer:

*"Allahumma inni as'aluka at-thabbuta fi al-amr
 wal-'azimata 'alar-rushdi wa as'aluka shukr
 ni'matik wa husna 'ibadatik wa as'aluka qalban
 saliman wa lisanan sadiqan wa as'aluka min
 khairi ma at'lamu wa author bika min sharri ma
 at'lamu wastaghfiruka lima ta'lam*

(O Allah, I ask You for steadfastness in all my affairs and determination in following the right path, I ask You to make me thankful for Your blessings and to make me worship You properly.

I ask You for a sound heart and a truthful tongue. I ask You for the best of what You know and I seek refuge in You from the worst of what You know and I seek Your forgiveness for what You know.)¹

¹ Sunan an-Nasa'i 1304

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not need anything from us, but it is good for us when we connect to Him.
- We all want to be firm so that we can progress, but we face situations, trials, sins and problems that can make us slip. To be firm is not about doing the same thing from the outside; it is about firmness of the heart.
- No one can understand us or know about us more than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not look at our outer, but He will look at our heart.

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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.

○ (اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الثَّبَاتَ فِي الْأَمْرِ) (O Allah, I ask You for steadfastness in all my affairs): no one can keep us firm except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

○ (وَالْعَزِيمَةَ عَلَى الرُّشْدِ) (and determination in following the right path,): we ask Allah (سبحانه) to give us determination on (الرُّشْدِ) – which is absolute guidance where we know it is right.

○ (وَأَسْأَلُكَ شُكْرَ نِعْمَتِكَ) (I ask You to make me thankful for Your blessings): we ask Allah (سبحانه)

(وتعالى) to make us grateful for His blessings. We cannot just be grateful on our own.

◉ (وَحُسْنَ عِبَادَتِكَ) (and to make me worship You properly.): we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to do things in excellence.

◉ (وَأَسْأَلُكَ قَلْبًا سَلِيمًا) (I ask You for a sound heart): we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for a sound and pure heart free of disbelief, association, hypocrisy and anything that displeases Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from hatred, arrogance and pride.

◉ (وَلِسَانًا صَادِقًا) (and a truthful tongue): we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for a truthful tongue because whatever is in the heart will be shown on the tongue.

○ (وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا تَعْلَمُ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا تَعْلَمُ)

You for the best of what You know and I seek refuge in You from the worst of what You know): we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for all good and we seek refuge with Him from all evil.

○ (وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا تَعْلَمُ)

for what You know.): we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to forgive us for all that He knows.

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○ There is always a challenge between truth and falsehood. There is someone struggling and trying hard to be firm, to be grateful and to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And the other group disbelieves.

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قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فِي فِئَتَيْنِ الْتَقَتَا ۖ فِئَةٌ تُقَاتِلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأُخْرَى
كَافِرَةٌ يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِثْلَهُمْ رَأْيَ الْعَيْنِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ بِنَصَرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ إِنَّ
فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ

Already there has been for you a sign in the two armies which met - one fighting in the cause of Allah and another of disbelievers. They saw them [to be] twice their [own] number by [their] eyesight. But Allah supports with His victory whom He wills. Indeed in that is a lesson for those of vision.

- In order to be firm, we need an example and this will give us firmness for the present and future. We should never think any situation we go through is a waste. Each situation will keep us firm to the next situation if we believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Therefore, it is important to appreciate the ayat and situations.

- The ayat are all bridges to pass what we are facing. And it is important to have “an account of ayat” on our path to Allah (سبحانه). And ayat are not limited to only Qur’anic ayat, but what we go through as well. We think in order to overcome a problem, we have to repeat what we did in the past, but find that it does not work. The ayat are about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and believing in Him, and not about having the same outcome if we do the same thing.
- (قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فِي فِئَتَيْنِ الْتَقَتَا فِئَةٌ) (Already there has been for you a sign in the two armies which met): and the ayat are specifically about two groups who meet together.

○ (فِيَّةٌ تُقَاتِلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ) (one fighting in the cause

of Allah): The first group struggles for the sake of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and continues in their way.

To struggle against our nafs, against our sins, against wiswas, shirk and disbelief for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best struggle, because we are not struggling for ourselves, fame, ego or position.

○ The struggle for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) needs to be sincere for Him, even if we are struggling to do our work, to come to class and so forth. And at the same time when we are struggling for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we should not hurt or harm others. Struggle for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) should be harmless.

- The one struggles so the Name of Allah (سبحانه) is exalted is the one who struggles for Allah (تعالى). So this person does not struggle for his word or the words of others to be the highest.
 - And the best struggle is to struggle to acquire knowledge because when we learn, we are going against our desires and the shaitan. It cannot be that when we struggle for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to learn that we harm others.
 - (and another of disbelievers): (وَأُخْرَى كَافِرَةٌ)
- There is another group struggling, but it is not for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not even mention they struggle, though they may be struggling for fame, idols, sins, but since

they disbelieve, the struggle is not even worthwhile.

○ This ayah was revealed when the Companions were in the Battle of Uhud, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminded them of the Battle of Badr to take as an ayah so that they believe in Him and remain firm. It is not about mentioning the techniques of what they did in the past in order to attain victory, but to renew the intention that it is for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

○ For example, when we first start to acquire knowledge, our intention is for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but then with time, this intention can get lost. We focus only on the outer, but there is no inner intention anymore.

○ (يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِّثْلَيْهِمْ رَأْيَ الْعَيْنِ) (They saw them [to be]

twice their [own] number by [their] eyesight.): the believers see the disbelievers double in number. Imagine facing a problem, but seeing it as double, and this makes it a greater challenge – both inner and outer.

○ Someone might ask, “why would they see it as double?” If we see it as less, then we will believe in ourselves and what we see. But the only provision that will make them survive is that it is for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and this will make them sincere. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to detach us from any means, so we only trust Him.

○ (وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ بِنَصَرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ) (But Allah supports with

His victory whom He wills.): Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will support with His victory for those who only

attach to Him. And the victory given to them is not the end of the story. The victory from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is to keep them firm.

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إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ أَنِّي مُمِدُّكُمْ بِأَلْفٍ مِّنَ
الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُرْدَفِينَ

[Remember] when you asked help of your Lord, and He answered you, "Indeed, I will reinforce you with a thousand from the angels, following one another."

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وَمَا جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بُشْرَىٰ وَلِتَطْمَئِنَّ بِهِ قُلُوبُكُمْ ۚ وَمَا النَّصْرُ إِلَّا مِنْ
عِندِ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

And Allah made it not but good tidings and so that your hearts would be assured thereby. And

victory is not but from Allah. Indeed, Allah is
Exalted in Might and Wise.

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إِذْ يُغَشِّيكُمُ النُّعَاسَ أَمَنَةً مِّنْهُ وَيُنْزِلُ عَلَيْكُم مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً
لِّيُطَهِّرَكُم بِهِ وَيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُم رَجَزَ الشَّيْطَانِ وَلِيَرْبِطَ عَلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ
وَيُثَبِّتَ بِهِ الْأَقْدَامَ

[Remember] when He overwhelmed you with drowsiness [giving] security from Him and sent down upon you from the sky, rain by which to purify you and remove from you the evil [suggestions] of Satan and to make steadfast your hearts and plant firmly thereby your feet.

12

إِذْ يُوحِي رَبُّكَ إِلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ أَنِّي مَعَكُمْ فَثَبَّتُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا سَأُلْقِي
فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الرُّعْبَ فَاضْرِبُوا فَوْقَ الْأَعْنَاقِ وَاضْرِبُوا
مِنْهُمْ كُلَّ بَنَانٍ

[Remember] when your Lord inspired to the angels, "I am with you, so strengthen those who have believed. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieved, so strike [them] upon the necks and strike from them every fingertip

- Due to the faith of the believers, Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) brought angels as support so their hearts can remain firm. When Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) gives us support, why? To keep going and to know that it is an ayah to believe in Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) and attach to Him alone. It is not about relying on the support and forgetting Allah (سبحانه و تعالی). So this does not mean when they go to battle again, that they will have angels as support.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brought angels as glad tidings and for the hearts to be at peace, but victory is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone.
- Someone in battle cannot sleep because there is tension, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) allowed them to sleep so that they can be secure. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brought down rain from the sky to be purified outwardly and inwardly from the touch of the shaitan.
- Istighatha (استغاثة) is to beg Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for help. They saw the enemy as bigger and this will motivate them to beg Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and be desperate for Him and His aid. For example, if there is a lion in front of us, and we see it as double the size, then our dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be stronger and more

desperate for His help. But if we see it as it is then we can depend on ourselves and think we can do it without making dua full of feelings.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will tie their hearts so their feet will be firm. So He will keep them firm due to their belief and will cast fear in the hearts of the disbelievers. But who will benefit from this?
- (إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ) (Indeed in that is a lesson for those of vision.): people of vision, those of insight, will see the ayat from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as support to the believers that if they face any struggle in the future, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will grant them victory if the struggle is for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- They have insight due to their belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They do not see matters as what their eyes see, but they see due to their faith and belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- As a result, they benefit from everything, it is a (عِبْرَةٌ) – it will help them crossover and pass any matter because they believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and do not believe in what they see.
- In conclusion, firmness is when we have insight.
- In times of changes, it is to be purified and attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). It cannot be that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes us in to take us out; it is only if we take ourselves out.

- It is important to always think good of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because He wants to purify us and open more for us. And this will bring more feelings, and we will be on the path to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with more feelings, more firmness and more insight.
- We all want to be on the path to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and we want to reach Him without giving up. It is important to always think good of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because He will bring support.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US PEOPLE OF INSIGHT AND MAY HE
KEEP US FIRM. AMEEN.

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