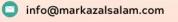


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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله

## ليلة سلام - عشر الآواخر من رمضان NIGHT OF PEACE LAST TEN NIGHTS OF RAMADAN

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## NIGHT OF DECREE - NIGHT OF PEACE

Por the last ten nights, we think the focus is just worship, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says He will give reward us an equivalent of a 1000 months (over 83 years) of worship. What is more important is to focus on how we need to submit to the decree. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) called it the "Night of Decree" and not the "Night of Worships".

- Someone can be so proud of his worships, such that he becomes arrogant when a decree takes place. For example, someone may be praying in the masjid, but screams if the a/c does not work or if a baby cries, subhan Allah. That is a decree, do we handle it with peace or not?
- And the best decree given to us is the Qur'an.

#### SURAH AL QADR

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم 1 إِنَّا أَنزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ

Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree.

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْر

And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree?

3 لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِخَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرِ

The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months.

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تَنَزَّلُ الْلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِم مِّن كُلِّ أَمْرٍ

The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter.

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## سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

Peace it is until the emergence of dawn.

- The Name of Allah mentioned in Surah Al Qadr is "Ar Rabb" – The Nurturer, The Reformer. We accept the decree of Allah because He is The Lord and Nurturer. So what makes us accept the decree? When we know the decree is nurturing for us.
- On the Night of Decree, all the details of what will happen in one year will come down from

the Preserved Tablet to the angels, and for them to receive the full-year decrees requires nurturing for the angels.

#### SURAH AL QADR 4

## تَنَزَّلُ الْلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِم مِّن كُلِّ أَمْرِ

The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) allows all the angels to come down in succession. The angels are the inhabitants of the heavens, so imagine they live in a different environment, but Allah (سبحانه) gives them permission to see people worshipping on the earth. Recall when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told the angels that He will create a successor on the earth, they said:

#### SURAH AL BAQARAH 30

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً فَالُوا أَتَجْعَلُ فَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَيَهُا مَن يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَيُهَا مَن يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَيُهَا مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ عَلَمُ لَلْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَمُ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

And [mention, O Muhammad (\*\*)], when your Lord said to the angels, "Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority." They said, "Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood, while we declare Your praise and sanctify You?" Allah said, "Indeed, I know that which you do not know."

- But Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show them "I know what you do not know", so they will see human beings, successors on the earth, in a state of worshipping and praying to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Jibreel (عليه السلام) used to come down for the revelation and would bring the punishment as

well. Jibreel (عليه السلام), who is the head of the angels, would come down to the messengers to bring revelation from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and he would bring the torment as well. He is called "Ar Rooh" (The Spirit) in the surah. He brought the Qur'an to the Messenger (ﷺ) and the Qur'an brings life to the hearts.

- Jibreel (عليه السلام) used to come down just for the Messenger (ﷺ), and now he comes down to all the people on the Night of Decree, subhan Allah.
- Imagine someone who is up and is always worshipping, but then comes down and sees people worshipping, surely this requires nurturing. The angels have no desires at all and they are already worshippers. And the people

worship for one night and they get the reward of a thousand months. And this is the favor given to the Ummah of Mohammed (ﷺ) to have this reward. Allah (سبحانه وتعانى) has honored the human being when the angels prostrated to Adam (عليه السلام) and He has favored this Ummah with multiplication of reward.

- Even the most perfect creation needs nurturing so what about someone else?
- For every decree in our life is nurturing, it is Allah Ar Rabb Who nurtures us, reforms us and fixes us because He owns us. He will nurture us with His blessings and favors and He nurtures us through the decree.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) knows everyone so He knows what is good for us. Imagine a mother knows what her child likes to eat and then someone

says, "don't give him this." We do not like it when someone who does not know suggests. So who are we to suggest that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not know when a decree befalls us? Subhan Allah.

o Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) even nurtures The Throne which is the greatest creation. The nurturing of the messengers is greater than the nurturing of the rest of the people. And the nurturing of the messengers of determination is greater than other messengers. The nurturing of the two Khalils, Ibrahim (عليه السلام) and Mohammed (ﷺ), is greater than the nurturing of the other determination. of And the messengers nurturing of Mohammed (\*) is the peak of nurturing.

- The decrees Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings are all (أمر) command. On the Night of Decree, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bring the decrees for the one year to the angels and all the assignments will be given to them. So the angels for rain and vegetation have the decrees of where it will rain in the upcoming year. The angel of death will have the decrees of who will die for the upcoming year, and the decrees are commands they must fulfill.
- When the decrees come to us, we take it as a command so that the best comes out from us.

#### BEST DUA ON THE NIGHT OF DECREE

قلت: يا رسول الله أرأيت إن علمت أي ليلة القدرما أقول فيها؟ قال: "قولي: اللهم إنك عفو تحب العفو فاعفُ عني" العها عنه وسلم)! If I asked: "O Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) realize Lailat-ul-Qadr (Night of Decree), what

should I supplicate in it?" He replied, "You should supplicate: Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun, tuhibbul-'afwa, fa'fu 'anni (O Allah, You are All-Pardoning, and love to pardon; so pardon me)."

- We do not know what is written for us, but we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعاني) to pardon us for our shortcomings in the past and to decree the best decrees for us in the coming year. Dua can change the decree, that's why making dua important is better.
- If there is pardoning then a person's condition will change 360 degrees, he will go from disbelief to belief, from ingratitude to gratitude. For example, someone maybe in court and it is ruled that he goes to prison. Then a command comes from above to release him. And

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi, Book 9, Hadith 1195

- similarly, when we are pardoned, we are released and freed.
- The angels of the carriers of the throne say, "Glory be to Your pardoning after Your power" (سبحانك على عفوك بعد قدرتك). The pardoning of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can change a given decision. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) pardon us all. Ameen.
- Por example, someone may be indebted and must pay, but then he is pardoned and does not pay back. The pardoning is from someone above to someone below. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in authority and He gave us limbs, He gave us ability, but we are not doing our best, and He could take us out and replace us, but He pardons us and that is the power of Allah (وتعالى).

- There are decrees but the best decree is when the Qur'an was revealed. The Qur'an in its entirety was brought down from the Preserved Tablet to the lowest heaven in the Night of Decree. And then on the Night of Decree, it started to be revealed in parts to the Prophet (\*\*). And now we have the entire Qur'an and isn't this a great decree for us? Alhamdulilah.
- We will find all the answers for the decrees we go through in the Qur'an.

#### SURAH AL ANBIYAA 10

## لَقَدْ أَنزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ كِتَابًا فِيهِ ذِكْرُكُمْ الْفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

We have certainly sent down to you a Book in which is your mention. Then will you not reason?

o If someone mocks us, the Qur'an tells us what to do. When something happens to us, the

Qur'an tells us what to do. So we have to appreciate the Qur'an on the Night of Decree.

#### SURAH AL QADR

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ا إِنَّا أَنزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ

Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree.

o All the decree Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings to us is the best and it is a short-cut.

#### SURAH AL QADR 5

Peace it is until the emergence of dawn.

The revealing of the Qur'an is peace and even the decrees for the upcoming year are peace. People go straight to forecasting doom and gloom at the start of something, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says it is peace and there is goodness. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us establish the Night of Decree. Ameen.

#### ALLAH IS THE MOST PEACEFUL

وعن ثوبان رضي الله عنه قال: كان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: إذا انصرف من صلاته استغفر ثلاثا ، وقال: "اللهم وسلم: إذا انصرف من صلاته استغفر ثلاثا ، وقال: "اللهم "

" أنت السلام ومنك السلام تباركت يا ذا الجلال والإكرام
" Thauban (May Allah be pleased with him)
reported: Whenever the Messenger of Allah (صلى)

" concluded his prayer, he would beg forgiveness from Allah thrice and then would recite: "Allahumma Antas- Salamu, wa minkassalamu, tabarakta ya Dhal-Jalali wal-Ikram (O Allah, You are the Grantor of security, and security comes from You. You are Blessing, O You Who have majesty and nobility)!"

# ALLAH AS SALAM (السلام) – THE MOST PEACEFUL

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is As Salam Who is free of faults.
  And we will have peace when we submit and greet others with salam.
- Allah As Salam gives us a peaceful night and peace is when we accept the decree, and peace is when we want Allah's pardoning. When we are in peace, it also means nothing in the future will come to disturb our peace, and this is from the impacts of the Name of Allah As Salam.
- We all want to be a Muslim, one who submits to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and then we will be in peace. We are not in peace when situations come that trigger our weakness and sensitivities, but then when we submit to it and

- overcome our ego, then we will be in peace.

  And nothing will come to trigger it again.
- The angels submitted by prostrating to Adam (عليه السلام), but Iblis did not. Abu Bakr (ra) believed the moment he was told the Prophet (ه) went on Israa and Mi'raaj. He did not questions it, so with this decree he became "sideea" (ever-truthful) after that.
- When we accept the decree the moment it comes, we will truly be in peace after that. When the decree comes, it makes us tight and restricted in that moment, but when we give up our nafs and submit, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will keep us in peace all the time.
- When a fitnaa comes, either we take it in, so it changes our "chemistry", or we do not submit

- to it, but only want (צוְנָגּוּצוּשׁ), then no fitna will affect us after that.
- We cannot close the mouths of people, but we need to overcome our sensitivities. And this depends if we submit or not. Before we might get irritated when someone says something, but then with nurturing, it does not bother us anymore, and that is peace. The challenges and fitnas will not bother us anymore because we have submitted.

#### RECAP FROM SURAH FUSSILAT

The best decree is the Qur'an and it is all peace, and in Surah Fussilat, the disbelievers do not want to submit to the Qur'an because they see it as challenging their status. However, they not only do not accept it in their heart, but they want to do something to defeat it.

#### SURAH FUSSILAT 26

# وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَسْمَعُوا لِهَٰذَا الْقُرْآنِ وَالْغَوْا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْلِبُونَ تَعْلِبُونَ

And those who disbelieve say, "Do not listen to this Qur'an and speak noisily during [the recitation of] it that perhaps you will overcome."

They said if you hear the Qur'an, then bring down its standard by doing something else, such as clapping, whistling and making other sounds. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us how people even want to defeat the truth with (عنو) (vain talk), and not even falsehood. And this is something so specific which Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us in Surah Fussilat.

They will bring up vain and senseless talk that is not haram, but only disturb and take away from the grandeur of the Qur'an.

### ALLAH AL GHAALIB (الغالب) – THE DEFEATER

- Allah Al Ghaalib is the Defeater. He is the One in control.
- This Name is mentioned only once in Surah Yusuf. When the Names are mentioned once, it shows more significance in that surah.

#### SURAH YUSUF 21

وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ أَمْرِهِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

And Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know.

We see this Name is highlighted throughout the story of Yusuf (عليه السلام).

- Even if looks like one is being defeated, the end is in the Hands of Allah Al Ghaalib.
- Yusuf (عليه السلام) had the dream and didn't tell his brothers, but still they plotted against him.
- Afterwards they wanted to remove Yusuf from his father's eyes and sold him to slavery thinking this is his elimination. But in the end this became a reason for him to be established in the land.
- over His affair,). (أَمْرِهِ عَلَىٰ غَالِبٌ وَاللَّهُ) (And Allah is predominant
- Little did 'Azeez know that the young boy he bought would be a minister in the end.
- When the wife of 'Azeez locked all doors thinking no one could see her, specifically her husband was the one who caught her in the end.

- Then when Yusuf (عليه السلام) was sent to prison, she said he would be nothing afterwards, but this was his gateway to becoming someone very great.
- Then after the prisoners went their own way, no one of the inner circle could interpret the dream of the king and then the winebearer remembered. Even though he didn't disclose to Yusuf (عليه السلام) that this was a dream of the king, Yusuf (عليه السلام) still knew.
- o In the end, Yusuf (عليه السلام) said he refused to come till they declare his innocence
- o In all these situations we see (أَمْرِهِ عَلَىٰ غَالِبٌ وَاللَّهُ)
  (And Allah is predominant over His affair,).
- His brothers didn't recognize him and accused him of stealing. But with Allah Al Ghaalib, even

if any decree seems against us, everything is to show us (أَمْرِهِ عَلَىٰ غَالِبٌ وَاللَّهُ) (And Allah is predominant over His affair,).

- There is a bigger picture that we cannot see.
  Which is why it is very important to submit to
  Allah (وتعالى سبحانه).
- We have to know that no one can go against what Allah (وتعالى سبحانه) wants and not to think that people have power.
- Though people try to bring down the truth, yet the truth became more exposed and more people want to know it.
- In the end, the tables will always turn against those who plot, and it will always go in favor of the muttageen (pious).

- There is a good end for the one who has taqwa as they believe and submit to what Allah (سبحانه) wants.
- When any decree comes, the nafs wants to plan and defeat, but we no not want to allow the nafs to be the dominator over us.
- Even if matters get blocked, we don't know how much purification it can be for us.
- When we reject the decree, we are rejecting the way of being purified and beautified, but knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes us more accepting of the decrees.

## رَضِيتُ بِاللهِ رَبًّا وَبِالْإِسْلامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيًّا

I am pleased with Allah as a Lord and Islam as a religion and Muhammad as a Prophet.<sup>2</sup>

MAY ALLAH ALWAYS MAKE US SUBMIT TO HIM. AMEEN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Muslim No# 386

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