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LAST TEN NIGHTS OF RAMADAN

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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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INTRODUCTION

- ◉ We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to make us among the grateful and to be grateful means the blessing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appears on us.
- ◉ A worshipper never feels he does not need Allah's pardoning. We want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to pardon us for all our shortcomings.

SURAH AL FURQAN 62

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ خِلْفَةً لِّمَنۢ أَرَادَ أَنۢ يَذَّكَّرَ أَوْ أَرَادَ
شُكُورًا

And it is He who has made the night and the day in succession for whoever desires to remember or desires gratitude.

RECAP FROM SURAH FUSSILAT

○ Surah Fussilat opens us up and there are some “veins” and trails we do not want to open, but Surah Fussilat opens every part. And a beautiful reminder:

1. The tears of repentance wash away the stains of sin
2. The fragrance of sincerity breathes life into the heart
3. The peace of humility treats the wounds created by pride
4. Be with Allah and He will take you up high with no worries

- Sometimes we do not know the reality of ourselves, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows us our reality, but the message is to continue the path. Whether the disbelievers say something that makes us want to stop or we discover who we are and then we want to stop, but in both cases, we need to continue on (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله).
- We can never stop our heart from tawheed. Only with tawheed, we can continue the path. And for any incident in our life is not to pull us down, it is not a recompense or punishment, but to make us attach more to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to believe in Him.

NIGHT OF DECREE – NIGHT OF PEACE

- The Night of Decree is all peace, all the decrees are peace, and peace means we will not be afraid that something will spoil our peace in the future.
- We do not want to deactivate our listening or be numb to Allah's ayat.

SURAH MARYAM 19

وَسَلَامٌ عَلَيْهِ يَوْمَ وُلِدَ وَيَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ يُبْعَثُ حَيًّا

And peace be upon him the day he was born and the day he dies and the day he is raised alive.

- Birth, death and resurrection are the greatest transitions in life. In any transition, we do not want to turn away from the decrees.
- Surah Al Furqan is about outer-battles and Surah Fussilat is about inner-battles, but we do

not want to leave. We change, situations around us change, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) never changes and the Prophet (ﷺ) does not change. We are not fixed, the earth rotates, and we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep our hearts firm. Ameen.

- To attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) means we understand (لا إله إلا الله) and are sincere to Him. To be sincere means to only look at Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى) and we never want to forget the Prophet (ﷺ). We never want to ignore him or not have feelings for him.
- Transitions happen when we start to become attached to something. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is possessive of our hearts and He wants us to be pure, attaching to Him only.

- We have seasons and situations in life is so that we do not become attached. And when we attach to something, it brings us down, but when we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it brings us up.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The One Who is center and constant in our life. We do not want shirk because that is to attach to anything else out of love and magnification.
- A wassiyah (instruction) to everyone and to our children and offspring, (ماذا تعبدون من بعدي) (what do you worship after me). The messengers would ask their children, “what do you worship after me?”

SURAH AL BAQARAH 133

أَمْ كُنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ إِذْ قَالَ لِبَنِيهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ
 مِنْ بَعْدِي قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ إِلَهَكَ وَإِلَهَ آبَائِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ
 وَإِسْحَاقَ إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob, when he said to his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We will worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac - one God. And we are Muslims [in submission] to Him."

- We need people, companions and spouses, but they are to help us reach Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They are a means to help purify us, but not to attach to them.
- Belief in the decree is a pillar of faith, and it is to believe in the good and bad of it. We accept the good decrees because it is in line with what

we want, but we turn away from the bad decrees, but there is faith in it as well.

- The nafs is torn between our body and soul. And when a decree comes, we might show we are accepting it from the outside, but our heart is restless. Do we think we can deceive Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that He does not know we are not at rest?
- The feeling of ego is from our earthly component. The earthly component wants to pull us down, but we do not want it to be the leader. We want our soul to be the leader, and not our body.
- When we are in peace then we will be saved from our own self. When we accept the decree, it brings up our value, and when we do not, it brings down our value.

- Accepting the decree not only raises our rank and brings value to us, but it uplifts others as well. Everyone has the potential to reach Firdaous Al 'Ala, but that is when we accept the decree. The decree also means "value" and we will have more value when we accept the decree of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

PARDONING INCREASES OUR VALUE

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "ما نقصت صدقة من مال، وما زاد الله عبداً بعفو إلا عزاً، وما تواضع أحد لله إلا رفعه الله عز وجل"

Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Wealth is not diminished by giving (in charity). Allah augments the honour of one who forgives; and one who displays humbleness towards another seeking the pleasure of Allah, Allah exalts him in ranks."¹

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Introduction, Hadith 555

- People think their value is when others praise them, but that is the measure of the ego. There is no one more valuable than the Prophet (ﷺ).
- A person can be deceived with his value according to what people say, but our value is how much we accept the decree. Our value is not connected to people. People hate us one day and love us one day, they bring us up one day and take us down another.
- Tests come to purify us and bring out the truth from us and this test will not end if we still show our ego. But that test will end the moment we surrender.
- Ibrahim (عليه السلام) accepted all the decrees from the start. He was thrown into the fire. He accepted to leave his wife and son in the desert and he accepted to slaughter his son.

What did Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant him? He made him a leader.

- The pardoning of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes us higher and gives us value.
- The ego controls us because it wants to give itself value. But if we want value, then we need to take our ego outside the picture, and then we will have value.
- If we want value, then we should not listen to our ego, and that is peace, because then we will not worry or fear what others tell us.
- The ego puts itself in competition, but there is no competition because each one has their value. The people of paradise are all in one heart so there is no competition.

- We all need to give and when we give the best of what we have, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give us value.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is worthy of everything and there is no one more perfect than Him. He can say to only love Him and no one else. He could have not have created the angels and messengers.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has the Most Beautiful Names and He did not make it only for Him, but He said to invoke Him by His Names.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not need any angels to carry His Throne or any worshippers, but it is all good for us. We will not see perfection if we are not giving. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves for people to be compassionate.

- Our worth is when we accept the decree and give. It is not just about accepting the decree and we do not show compassion or love.
- If we accepted every decree from Allah (سبحانه و تعالی), then truly we would be elevated.

SURAH MARYAM

- We see how Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) reminds us of the Night of Decree when He takes us back to the past decrees. And we previously studied Surah Maryam, and this is to make us more grateful when we remember the past feelings.
- Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) called the entire Surah after Maryam (peace be upon her) and she is an example of a worshipper and devotee of Allah (سبحانه و تعالی).

- Surah Maryam is about mercy in the context of not making the religion stuck with us, but to pass it on to our children, family and society.
- The religion needs to be spread and one way is with children and offspring, such as Maryam (peace be upon her) and Eisa (عليه السلام), Zachariah (عليه السلام) and Yahya (عليه السلام), and Ibrahim (عليه السلام) wanted his father to accept, but he did not; however, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made his offspring among the messengers.
- But towards the end, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not have a son, so the real connection is when we are connected as a slave to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Dua can be with our invocation and dua can be with our worships.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not have a son, but He has slaves, and to be a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not mean to be humiliated, but to rely on our Master and love Him.
- To be a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the way to all kinds of mercies. And when we are a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), He will connect us with others.
- If we believe and do good, what will Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) place between us? Love, and that is the best connection.

SURAH MARYAM 96

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَيَجْعَلُ لَهُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ وُدًّا

Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds - the Most Merciful will appoint for them affection.

SURAH FURQAN

- Surah Al Furqan begins with challenges but then it ends with the Slaves of the Most Merciful.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not care for us if we do not make dua, so it is important to always make dua, and then we will be granted furqan.
- Allah (swt) is possessive of our hearts and when we attach to anyone besides Him will bring only torment and more sins of the heart to us.
- We attach to others thinking they are perfect, but this will lead to disappointment because all humans are imperfect. For example, if we become so attached to our husband, we will only see our faults.
- (لا إله إلا الله) is the purest connection and surely He will connect us to everyone else in the best way. Knowing Allah (swt) and His Most Beautiful

Names removes that attachment to others because we see how He is so perfect and everything else is imperfect.

- People change and people die, but Allah Al Hayy Al Qayyoom (The Ever-Living, The Self-Sustaining Master) will take care of us.
- Allah (swt) shows us imperfection of people, so that we detach from them and attach to Him.
- If we see people are harsh, we attach to the gentleness of Allah (swt).
- If we see people are fast, we attach to the forbearance of Allah (swt).
- And that is why our purpose is to know Who is Allah (swt).

MAY ALLAH MAKE US AMONG THE GRATEFUL ONES. MAY HE GRANT US ALL A GOOD END. AMEEN.

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