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INTRODUCTION

SURAH AL ALAQ 1

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Recite in the name of your Lord

- The name of this class is (اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ) (Recite in the Name of your Lord). This ayah is the start of the revelation on the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

- This ayah is translated as 'recite in the Name of your Rabb'. But more than reciting the ayat is to read the Actions of Allah, the signs of Allah, to read the Names of Allah. We thank Allah to grant us this understanding of the ayah.
- Our journey with the Qur'an begins with reciting. But over time Allah Al Latheef (The Most Subtle) helps us to see His nurturing so gently. As we go through life, Allah show us more and more of His Actions.
- In the beginning perhaps we see our actions - when we are trying to read and learn. In this time surely there is a connection to Allah but it is through our actions. We still cannot recognize Allah's actions. This is also out of the Mercy of Allah.

- After being on this journey and path of knowledge. Allah upgrades it to make it more than a path of knowledge, but to be a path of love, a path of companions - something so much greater and more majestic.
- Then the connection with Allah is not about our actions but to see His Actions, to see His Names. Then when we see His actions, we react to it and we feel it more and this brings more elevation.
- There is a nurturing that leads to these feelings and it is Allah Who has joined us all together in this part of our lives to see His Actions and experience this nurturing together - **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ** **الْعَالَمِينَ** ([All] praise is [due] to Allah , Lord of the worlds).

- We ask Allah to make this class pure for the sake of Allah, a truthful opening that remains until we all meet Allah together in the end.

JOURNEY OF NURTURING

- This ayah was the start of the revelation, a new life for the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).
- Everything before this was a preparation to reach this stage. This is the story of nurturing for all of us- where we were born, who raised us, what we saw, who came into our lives, who left our lives - everything before was a purification and a nurturing.
- Allah nurtures us to purify us and to adorn us- nothing is random.

- The journey in the end is only about Allah, about our Rabb.

SURAH AL A'RAF 172

أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ ۖ

"Am I not your Lord?"

- This journey of nurturing started even before we were on this earth, when Allah asked us (أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ) ("Am I not your Lord?") and we all answered (بَلَىٰ ۗ شَهِدْنَا) ("Yes, we have testified.").
- In the end we will be asked من ربك (Who is your Lord?) and we want to answer ربي الله (My Rabb is Allah).
- We want to read in the Name of Allah our Rabb and not in the Name of anyone else.

- In life we see sunrise, we see sunset, good and bad but through everything we want to see the nurturing of Allah. May Allah always open for us to see His ayat. We want to love Allah and the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) because this is what we prepare for the Day of Judgement.
- We go through situations to show us our relation with Allah and the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) For example, if a child comes and puts a toy in our face and we try to stop them but they keep going. But even in this situation we do not want the nurturing to be blocked because our focus is on the child or on ourselves. We want to take it higher and think what it feels like when Allah wants to protect us from something and we reject it. We reflect this situation to our relation with Allah.

- At the same time we have feelings for the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم). He used to call the people and showed them the way to be protected but how he was rejected.
- Everything is a nurturing for (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله) Laa Ilaaha illa Allah, Muhammad Rasool Allah.
- We see ourselves in the beginning and over time Allah makes us focus on His actions.

DUA AT THE GOLDEN AGE

- The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was 40 years old when he first received revelation. This is the golden age mentioned in the Qur'an.

SURAH AL AHQAAF 15

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ
 كُرْهًا ۖ وَحَمْلُهُ وَفِصَالُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ
 أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ
 وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي ۗ إِنِّي
 تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning [period] is thirty months. [He grows] until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty years, he says, "My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims."

- What dua did they make when they were 40 years old?

"MY LORD, ENABLE ME TO BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FAVOR WHICH YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON ME AND UPON MY PARENTS

- When a person is 40 years old, he remembers his parents and he recognizes his whole life journey.
- This can also be a time when one may think 'why did my parents do this' and look back and think something they did was the reason that caused them to be different. But we shouldn't see it like that.
- Allah chose them to be our parents and everything was from the nurturing of Allah. Never to blame our parents.

- We are grateful to Allah for everything. And for our parents.

AND TO WORK RIGHTEOUSNESS OF WHICH YOU WILL APPROVE

- A righteous deed is something that will rectify us, correct us and make us better.
- We don't want to think that after reaching 40 years old the nurturing is done. Allah will always make us better in a very distinct way.
- We may also think that righteous deeds is limited to the limbs. But we don't know how Allah opens deeds of the hearts to feel, for the hearts to move for Allah.
- Before we may think to that to pray many voluntary prayers or to recite many pages of the Qur'an is better. But now Allah shows us

how precious it is to smile at each other, to even help someone to fix their hair can untie knots within that were tied years ago.

AND MAKE RIGHTEOUS FOR ME MY OFFSPRING.

- This is not only regarding one's children. Allah is the Most Vast- so we do not think this part does not include us if we do not have children.
- Offspring is anyone who follows us and not only someone who takes our name. It is someone you mentor, show them something, and then they take on after you.
- Our thinking may be limited but Allah is the Most Vast.

INDEED, I HAVE REPENTED TO YOU,

- We return to Allah and this is more than returning to Allah our from sins.
- In the beginning we think repentance is only from sins but then when Allah shows us what it means to repent not just because of sins but because of His greatness.

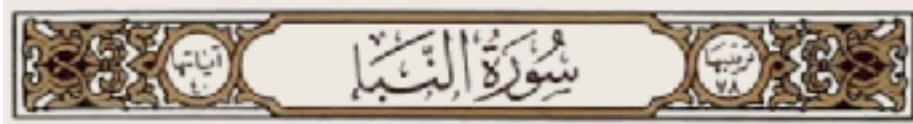
AND INDEED, I AM OF THE MUSLIMS."

- Then we always want to submit to Allah and never turn away.
- Remember the moment of submission, when a person has gone through so much that he just falls in prostration and submission.

- We want to feel this all the time, whether we go through something or not. We want to always submit to Allah.
- With submission we can live in peace with Allah and with the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).
- The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was at the age of 40 when Allah put in him the feelings to be in isolation. Though the cave was small in size but what came after was the revelation- to know Allah is Rabb Al Alameen.
- May Allah guide us to see His ayat, appreciate His actions, His names and His nurturing.
- Every nurturing is a step to come forward or stay behind and go back. We want to always accept and move forward to Allah.

- The end of our nurturing is with death.
- Though the prophethood of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was only for 23 years but there was so much baraka.
- In this class we will recite chapters from Juz Amma. Though the surahs have shorter ayat, they are filled with so much meaning and depth.
- May Allah open for us and show us

SURAH AN NABA



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

عَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿١﴾ عَنِ النَّبَاِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٢﴾ الَّذِي هُمْ فِيهِ مُخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٣﴾
 كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤﴾ ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥﴾ أَلَمْ نَجْعَلِ الْأَرْضَ مِهْدًا ﴿٦﴾
 وَالْجِبَالَ أَوْتَادًا ﴿٧﴾ وَخَلَقْنَاكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ﴿٨﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا نَوْمَكُمْ سُبَاتًا ﴿٩﴾
 وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ لِبَاسًا ﴿١٠﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا النَّهَارَ مَعَاشًا ﴿١١﴾ وَبَنَيْنَا
 فَوْقَكُمْ سَبْعًا شِدَادًا ﴿١٢﴾ وَجَعَلْنَا سِرَاجًا وَهَاجًا ﴿١٣﴾ وَأَنْزَلْنَا
 مِنَ الْمُعْصِرَاتِ مَاءً ثَجَّاجًا ﴿١٤﴾ لِنُخْرِجَ بِهِ حَبًّا وَنَبَاتًا ﴿١٥﴾ وَجَنَّاتٍ
 أَلْفَافًا ﴿١٦﴾ إِنَّ يَوْمَ الْفَصْلِ كَانَ مِيقَاتِنَا ﴿١٧﴾ يَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ
 فَنَأْتُونَ أَفْوَاجًا ﴿١٨﴾ وَفُتِحَتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتْ أَبْوَابًا ﴿١٩﴾ وَسُيِّرَتِ
 الْجِبَالُ فَكَانَتْ سَرَابًا ﴿٢٠﴾ إِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ كَانَتْ مِرْصَادًا ﴿٢١﴾ لِلطَّاغِيْنَ
 مَثَابًا ﴿٢٢﴾ لِيُثَبِّتُنَّ فِيهَا أَحْقَابًا ﴿٢٣﴾ لَا يَذُوقُونَ فِيهَا بَرْدًا وَلَا شَرَابًا
 ﴿٢٤﴾ إِلَّا حَمِيمًا وَغَسَّاقًا ﴿٢٥﴾ جَزَاءً وَفِاقًا ﴿٢٦﴾ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا
 لَا يَرْجُونَ حِسَابًا ﴿٢٧﴾ وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا كِذَابًا ﴿٢٨﴾ وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ
 أَحْصَيْنَاهُ كِتَابًا ﴿٢٩﴾ فَذُوقُوا فَلَنْ نَزِيدَكُمْ إِلَّا عَذَابًا ﴿٣٠﴾

- The word (النَّبَأُ) An Naba is a great news.
- The word (نَبِي) Nabi (messenger) comes from the same root. They came to bring great news about Allah and the Day of Judgement.

NURTURING LESSONS FROM THE CLASS

- Each one of us has a distinct story and what unites us is the Word of Allah. We saw that when we recited there were different intensities, sounds and number of verses that were recited. This shows us that everyone is on a journey and everything is a nurturing of Allah -
- الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ([All] praise is [due] to Allah , Lord of the worlds).

- The moment Allah said read its not about us anymore but about the nurturing of Allah.
- Someone read more ayat because they were enjoying while others didn't know and asked for help. It is not about reading more or less or about knowing or not knowing - it is all about the nurturing of Allah.
- What makes the journey distinct is that it is not about our story but it is about Allah.
- In the end the people of paradise say **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** ([All] praise is [due] to Allah , Lord of the worlds).
- It is also beautiful to only listen to the recitations. Sometimes when we are reciting ourselves and are in the situation we cannot see the full beauty. This also shows us what it

means to listen to the story of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

- The whole Qur'an is a result of the nurturing of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and listening to it saves us from going through the same pain.
- If we follow the Qur'an with taqwa we can cross everything without going through pain.
- Being behind the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is how to reach safe in paradise.
- May Allah always keep us on this path of لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله
Laa Ilaaha illa Allah
Muhammed Rasool Allah - there is no one worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammed is the Messenger of Allah.

MAY ALLAH MAKE THE QUR'AN THE SPRING OF OUR HEARTS. AMEEN.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

<https://vimeopro.com/markazalsalam/recite-in-the-name-of-your-lord>

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