

# مدارج السالكين

## PATH OF THE TRAVELLER

All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.

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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللّٰهِ

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PATH OF THE TRAVELLER (مدارج السالكين)  
YOU ALONE WE WORSHIP AND YOU ALONE  
WE ASK FOR HELP (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ)

SUPPLICATION TO BE GUIDED TO THE BEST  
DEEDS AND MANNERS

اللّٰهُمَّ اهْدِنِي لِأَحْسَنِ الْأَعْمَالِ وَأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِأَحْسَنِهَا  
إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَقِنِي سَيِّئَ الْأَعْمَالِ وَسَيِّئَ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَقِي سَيِّئَهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ

Allahummahdini liahsanil-amali wa ahsanil-  
akhlaqi la yahdi li ahsaniha illa anta wa qini  
sayy'al-a'mali wa sayy'al-ahaqi la yaqi sayy'aha  
illa ant.

O Allah, guide me to the best of deeds and the  
best of manners, for none can guide to the best  
of them but You. And protect me from bad

deeds and bad manners, for none can protect against them but You.<sup>1</sup>

## SUPPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL KNOWLEDGE

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا، وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا، وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

*Allāhumma innī azalea `ilman nāfi`a, wa rizqan ṭayyiba, wa `amalan mutaqqabbala.*

O Allah, I ask You for knowledge that is of benefit, a good provision, and deeds that will be accepted.<sup>2</sup>

- We are all travelers and all of us are travelling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And how will we go to Him, what is our ride and transport? What will take us? (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ) (It is You we worship and You we ask for help.).
- If we have the belief that we are travelling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then it is important to know

<sup>1</sup> Sunan an-Nasa'i 896

<sup>2</sup> Ibn Majah no. 925

Who He is, the One Whom we are travelling to, and we need to know how to get there. It is not just about wishing, “I want to get there and however I get there, it doesn’t matter.”

- We want to start right and end right. What is our goal? (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ) (It is You we worship).
- What does our heart believe, what does our tongue express and what do our limbs act?
- We cannot travel to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) if we are empty from the outside. We want to travel to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with knowledge and consciousness. And will all return to Him, whether we know it or not. But there is a difference between the one who knows he is travelling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the one who does not know.

## SURAH AL 'ALAQ 8

إِنِّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ

Indeed, to your Lord is the return.

- We want to be a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with our heart, tongue and limbs. For example, how do we know when our child is listening to us? When we tell him to do something, and he says “yes” and he does it. But we do not know what is inside his heart.
- However, if he does not say “yes” and just does it, there is still something incomplete. And similarly, we do not like it if someone just tells us to do things by only pointing at what to do without telling us.
- And if the child says, “yes I’ll do it”, but he does not do it, then we feel we have been cheated.

- And just as we notice this kind of behavior and these kinds of combinations with people, it is all to teach us what does (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ) (It is You we worship and You we ask for help.) means, and how we deal with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and how we are travelling to Him.
- It is important to have feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that is by knowing Who He is.

### KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ALLAH (العلم بالله)

- First, we have to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) exists and there is no one like Him. If we see something beautiful, we do not stop just there, but take it back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because He is The Most Beautiful.

- Knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is something that has to be learned and studied. We cannot know about His Most Beautiful Names and Attributes by just “exploring” and “discovering”. We need to go and see what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said about Himself in the Qur'an and what the Prophet (ﷺ) said about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in the Sunnah.
- In order to have feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the minimum is to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not about anyone telling us anything or “I feel it”. It is important to go to what is solid and firm. If we do not have solid knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then anything can shake us and make us doubt Him.

- When we study the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with evidence, even if we face a problem, or someone says, “look what’s happening to you”, we need to stand firm on the knowledge we know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Ar Rahman – The Most Merciful.
- There are many Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) mentioned in Surah Al Burooj because someone might think, “why do bad things happen to believers? Or why would Allah allow it?”, because a person must have firm knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And a person wants to be high like the “burooj” – like the stars – high in faith. If we are just good when others are good to us and are bad if others are bad to us, then we can never go up this way.



- We want to be firm in our feelings, connection and faith in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and that is to sacrifice for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not for ourselves.
- Knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will keep us glowing and good all the time. We do not want to take our fuel from people's talk, but to take that fuel from knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- People will change, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not change. He is The Most Forgiving and no one can change His forgiveness.
- What will make us have feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? Knowledge of Him.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use the faults of people to show us (لا إله إلا الله). He will show us that everyone has the tendency to forget, they are not The All-Knowing.
- If someone is kind to us, then that is good, but we cannot depend on it to keep going. People cannot always show kindness. No one is perfect and any good qualities are from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in the first place and He can take it away. No one is divine; we are all slaves of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We do not want to have shaky feelings in our relationship with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and that is only when we know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Our faith makes us strong, and what will make it strong no matter what happens? Knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- No one can benefit us, no one can harm us, no one can give us and no one can withhold from us except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And it is important to show the best behavior to others, even if they show the worst because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use anyone and make them do anything. But what will make us show the best to others? When we know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- In Surah Al Burooj, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says if the bad people repent, He is The Most Forgiving, The Most Loving, so what about someone who is good?

- Those who are firmly rooted in knowledge are those who are firm in situations because they know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

MAY ALLAH INCREASE US IN KNOWLEDGE AND KEEP US  
FIRM AMEEN.

## REFERENCES

1. مدارج السالكين - ابن القيم

## RELATED RESOURCES

IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ALLAH

NAMES OF ALLAH POSTERS

TADDABUR NAMES OF ALLAH IN THE QUR'AN AND SUNNAH

SURAH AL BUROOJ

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