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## LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH FUSSILAT

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### INTRODUCTION

#### BEST DUA ON THE NIGHT OF DECREE

قلت: يا رسول الله أرأيت إن علمت أي ليلة القدر ما أقول فيها؟ قال: "قولي: اللهم إنك عفوتحب العفو فاعفُ عني"

I asked: "O Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)! If I 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)."<sup>1</sup>

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

- Every nurturing we go through, whether it is through the decrees or seasons of worship, it is all to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – Our Rabb is Allah.

## LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH FUSSILAT TAFSIR AND TADDABUR

- We find a great amount of nurturing in Surah Fussilat and to call to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not only for specific people. Everyone has the potential to make dawah to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in different ways.
- In the path of knowledge, there are different ways to call the people, but surely purification is needed to detach from the self and ego, and then one can truly call to tawheed Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – to His Oneness.

- Everyone goes through nurturing so they may attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone and can be upright.

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وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allah and does righteousness and says, "Indeed, I am of the Muslims."

- This ayah is for everyone. When we first read it, we may think it is only the one speaking and giving classes, but there is vastness in this ayah and everyone is included.
- (وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا) (And who is better in speech): here we have a group of believers who say, "our Rabb is Allah" and are steadfast. There is no one better in speech than this person. Who

is the most excellent who says “our Rabb is Allah”, and:

- His way is the best
- His speech is the best
- His condition is the best
- Someone may be calling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but his manners are not good or his condition is not good. Dawah is inclusive of everything. It is not just about speaking and having knowledge, without having a way and good manners in displaying it.
- (مِمَّن دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ): (than one who invites to Allah): the word (دَعَا) means to invite and to call. He calls to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to love Him. And he calls to all that brings the people closer to Allah (سبحانه

(سبحانه وتعالى), to see the generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to see the blessings of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to know more about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to have manners pleasing to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and to be good to families, parents and people in general.

- He calls the people to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), whether in worship, behavior or manners. He encourages different ways in calling the people.
- The way people call to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can be:
  - Through speech: whether it is about speaking of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), worships or blessings, and it all goes back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And through speech, whether it is to speak or write about calling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Through worship: people see how one is praying to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), reciting the Qur'an, and that is calling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as well.
- Through best manners: when a person shows patience, gratitude, kindness and gentleness. A person shows good qualities that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves.
- Through innovation: inviting others to the classes, giving books to others, sending messages, schedules and telling others about class.
- The goal is to call to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not to themselves. Also a person needs to find the right time to call the people, and in this case,

the seasons of worships of Ramadan and Hajj are good times.

- Ibn Kathir (may Allah be pleased with him) said, this ayah also refers to those who call to the prayer – the mu'edhin. A person may focus on the imam who leads the prayer, while forgetting there is a mu'edhin who calls the people to the prayer in the first place. People may focus on the one who gives the lecture, but the one who invites the people to it are included in this ayah. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reward everyone who calls to Him. Ameen.
- Ibn Mas'ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “if a I was a mu'edhin, then I will not care to do umrah, hajj or struggle for the sake of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).”



- 'Umar bin Al Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him): said, "I will not care how much I stand in the night prayer or fast in the day because I heard the Prophet (ﷺ) seek forgiveness for the mu'edhins three times."
- The Prophet (ﷺ) said there will be a time when they will leave the one calling to the prayer to the weak, thus underestimating it.
- If there is no one calling to prayer, then the people will not come. People may tell others to come to class or give a book to invite others to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reward everyone in the path of the dawah. Ameen.
- Everyone goes through different nurturing to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and then we want to call others to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- (وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا) (and does righteousness): he is also doing good deeds, so he invites to the prayer and he prays. He is guided and guiding others.
- There is also the two units of prayer between the adhaan and iqamah which is a sunnah. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us to revive this sunnah.

## TWO UNITS OF VOLUNTARY PRAYER BETWEEN THE ADHAAN AND IQAMAH

وعن عبد الله بن مغفل، رضي الله عنه، قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "بين كل أذانين صلاة، بين كل أذانين صلاة، بين كل أذانين صلاة" وقال في الثالثة: "لمن شاء"

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "There is a Salat (prayer) between every Adhan and Iqamah; there is a Salat between every Adhan and Iqamah." (While saying the same for the) third

time (he (ﷺ) added), "It is for him who desires (to perform it)."<sup>2</sup>

- (وَقَالَ إِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ) (and says, "Indeed, I am of the Muslims."): he is not someone who just goes forward while forgetting the essentials, and that is being Muslim. They are truthful.
- And the worst speech is the one who does not call to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), does not do good and does not submit to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We all want to be in the path of the dawah, inviting others, and to not feel selfish. This is what brings unity because all Muslims are working together, and we are all going through nurturing to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

<sup>2</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Book 8, Hadith 109

- Our concern is to call others to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and may we all encourage others by our ways, words and invitation. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make everyone among the sidiqeen. Ameen.
- We are working all together in the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). There are no barriers, we are all one, all saying, “our Rabb is Allah” and calling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We appreciate Allah’s nurturing to attach to Him out of love and magnification. It is not about how many people attend, but to invite others.

## SUPPLICATION TO BE GUIDED TO THE BEST DEEDS AND MANNERS

اللَّهُمَّ 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.

### BENEFITS FROM THE AYAH

- There are different ways to call to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this ayah shows vastness.
- We are nurtured to detach from ourselves and be pure for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The special status of the mu'edhin – calling to the prayer.

اللهم إنك عفو تحب العفو فاعفُ عنا

O ALLAH, YOU ARE MOST PARDONING, AND YOU LOVE TO PARDON; SO PARDON US

## REFERENCES

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2. تفسير ابن كثير – TAFSEER IBN KATHIR
3. تفسير الشيخ بن عثيمين – TAFSEER SHEIKH BIN UTHAYMEEN



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

<https://vimeopro.com/markazalsalam/surah-fussilat-live-with-the-quran-in-ramadan>

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