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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)."¹

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi, Book 9, Hadith 1195

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.²

SUPPLICATION FOR TAQWA

أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ يَقُولُ: "اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ
الْهُدَى وَالتَّقَى وَالعِفَافَ وَالعَنَى"

'Abdullah bin Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه) used to say: "Allahumma inni as'alukal-hudawat- tuqa wal-'afafa wal-ghina (O Allah! I ask

² Sunan an-Nasa'i 896

You for guidance, piety, chastity and self-sufficiency)".³

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to overlook and pardon us, and to make us better than before. Even if we are worshipping, it is the pardoning of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that changes us.
- Pardoning is to accept people as they are and what they show us, so that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will accept us as we are.

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- We want to be nurtured to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), remain firm and to be good role models who call others to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

³ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 71

However, there are still trials and tests from outside.

- The more one calls to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more one will find obstacles from the humans and jinn. It can be anyone whether it is within the family or outside, and there is the shaitan.

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وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ۚ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا
الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ

And not equal are the good deed and the bad. Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; and thereupon the one whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend.

- (وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ۚ) (And not equal are the good deed and the bad.): a good deed is not equal to an evil deed. To speak good is not equal to speaking bad. To make people

happy is not equal to make people sad. To seek the pleasure of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not equal to not seek the pleasure of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- In the path to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we must know this fact – a good act cannot equal a bad act. If we are doing good, but face an insult, putdown, or anything we do not like that affects us, either:
 - We take it in and it affects our heart, or we can do what is better, what is it?
- (ادْفَعْ بِأَلَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ) (Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better;): to push it away is not about being quiet about it, but to repel it with the best. If someone cuts us off, then we should connect. If someone oppresses us then we

should pardon. If someone speaks bad to us, then we should speak good to them.

- In the dawah to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), one is a role model and should show the best because this purifies the nafs from the ego and it stops the chain of evil.

- (فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ)

thereupon the one whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend.): if a person repels good with evil, then that enemy who wants evil will deal with us like a close, beloved friend who feels for us. What causes someone to change? Because we changed and did not want to lower the standard. Will we not have an impact on the person? Dawah is not only about talking, but dawah is about repelling evil with

good and showing good manners. A big part of the dawah is how to deal with others.

- Dawah is about benefitting others and this is a way how others will benefit when repelling evil with good. A person does not want to disobey Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with his actions, so the other person changes. But who is capable of doing this?

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وَمَا يُلْقَاهَا إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَمَا يُلْقَاهَا إِلَّا ذُو حَظٍّ عَظِيمٍ

But none is granted it except those who are patient, and none is granted it except one having a great portion [of good].

- (وَمَا يُلْقَاهَا إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا) (But none is granted it except those who are patient,): this patience is needed to hold the ego from saying something

bad and patience is needed to suppress it in the heart.

- The self and desire love to repel evil with evil because it has been hurt, but to be patient shows selflessness, and then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide him to repel evil with good.
- If we repel evil with good, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will raise our rank and grant us honor. But if we repel evil with evil, we will only humiliate ourselves.
- (وَمَا يُلْقَاهَا إِلَّا ذُو حَظٍّ عَظِيمٍ) (and none is granted it except one having a great portion [of good].): whoever does this will be granted happiness in this life and the next.

BENEFITS FROM THE AYAH

- Our behavior, how we treat others and how we repel evil with good is a great means of dawah.
- There is harm when inviting others to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but one repels evil with good.
- Patience is needed in the path to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

اللهم إنك عفو تحب العفو فاعفُ عنا

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

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

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

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