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INTRODUCTION

ALLAH AT TAWWAAB – THE INITIATOR AND
ACCEPTOR OF REPENTANCE

SURAH AN NASR

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ

When the victory of Allah has come and the
conquest,

2

وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا

And you see the people entering into the
religion of Allah in multitudes,

3

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا

Then exalt [Him] with praise of your Lord and ask
forgiveness of Him. Indeed, He is ever
Accepting of repentance.

- Allah Al Qadeer will decree situations to remind us of Him and to extract worship from us. He is The All-Mighty and All-Perfect. He is the One Who always accompanies and supports us, and Allah At Tawwaab will choose the right time to return to Him.
- We always want to return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and love Him and we should not depend on anyone or anything to return us back to Him.

- Even if we feel desperate, humiliated, low and broken, the return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is always with honor.
- Allah At Tawwaab initiates our return and how we will return, and this makes it a beautiful return. The One Who returns to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), even if their past was wicked, even if others close the door in their face, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will accept them. And He will not accept them with any kind of acceptance, but He will accept them with honor.
- There is no time limit as to when we can return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We can return to Him at any time and any place. He initiates the return to us. He makes us feel lost, so that we want to return to Him.

- The feelings of returning to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are called repentance. And repentance is not only for sinners, but the more we know about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more we will enjoy returning to Him, even if we are doing our best.
- Surah An Nasr is about achievement and victory, but which Name of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is mentioned? Allah At Tawwaab.
- The return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is pleasure and happiness.

ALLAH REJOICES WITH THE REPENTANCE OF HIS SLAVE

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " اللَّهُ أَفْرَحُ بِتَوْبَةِ عَبْدِهِ مِنْ أَحَدِكُمْ سَقَطَ عَلَى بَعِيرِهِ، وَقَدْ أَضَلَّهُ فِي أَرْضٍ فَلَاةٍ " .

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Allah rejoices with the repentance of His slave than anyone of you

rejoices with finding his camel which he had lost in the desert. "¹

- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) rejoices, He will place joy in our heart. The sinner needs happiness and even the one who achieve need happiness because the shaitan can pull them down.
- When we see the return of people, it is just to increase our faith in Allah At Tawwaab – The Initiator and Acceptor of Repentance. We want to be someone who always returns to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), asking for guidance and being grateful to Him. And just as we return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in this life, we want to return to Him with ease in the hereafter.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Bestower to make us return to Him and He will even open gates of

¹ Sahih al-Bukhari 6309

blessings to all people so they are overwhelmed with His kindness and return to Him. So even if the person is a sinner, they feel the need to return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) due to His great blessings on them.

- So the return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not only with sins, but even with blessings. And the real victory is when we always return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Nurturing is to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) without forcing anything. We take what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows us and then highlight Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Names.

LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 1 TO 3

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

الم

Alif, Lam, Meem.

2

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of existence.

3

نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ

وَالْإِنْجِيلَ

He has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] the Book in truth, confirming what was before it. And He revealed the Torah and the Gospel.

- We want to have peace of mind, good health and good life, but someone might say, “what are you saying? We cannot be smiling every day.” However, we have to know that people are not perfect and when we feel down, we can easily stop not appreciate any nurturing.

FIRMNESS

- To be firm does not mean to be strict, rigid, dry or “flavorless”. Firmness means things happen in life, things can affect us, but we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us firm in whatever we are doing.
- When someone goes through so much nurturing after Surah Al Baqarah, and we make a mistake that we should not make, then we can easily look for the door and leave.

- But there is no leaving, there is no key to the door; we have to remain in our position. We admit to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that we are human and we made mistakes, but we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us.
- The shaitan will come and say, “look at how much you’ve learned and now you make a mistake like this”, then we will start accounting ourselves so much that say, “I’m not worthy, it’s better to leave”. We may appear as being so pious and humble when we account ourselves so harshly, but it is actually selfishness and thinking we are the center.
- To be firm does not mean to not make mistakes, but to be firm is to be flexible, to accept our mistakes and the mistakes of others. And through our mistakes is the way we

return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). It is important to not give up on ourselves or others.

- Surah Al Baqarah is more about structure, but still in the end we say, “we listen and we obey”. But in Surah Aal Imraan it is about situations that come along the way, so we should accept ourselves and the mistakes of others, and remain firm. We should not leave our position due to our mistake or the mistake of others.

- And from Surah Aal Imraan, to be firm is to refer back to:

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

- The Book (Qur'an)

- Thus firmness is not about referring back to ourselves, but to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Book.

- The Prophet (ﷺ) accepted the mistake of the Companions in the Battle of Uhud and did not

scold them, why? In order to keep the unity between one another because unity is greater than a task.

1. ALLAH AL HAYY AL QAYYOOM

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Hayy, He has the perfect life, but our lives and the life of others are imperfect, so we should accept this. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Qayyoom to maintain our life. We can be busy doing so many tasks at one time and we can forget to prepare breakfast or brush our teeth, and when we feel that we cannot keep up, we can be quick to give-up on everything.
- We do not want to be someone who expects a lot from others or place a great load on ourselves either.

- To be firm is to not leave our position and to accept that we make mistakes with a good heart.
- What is the point of doing tasks, but losing people along the way? To leave performing a task is fine, but to leave a person and feelings behind are difficult.
- We can easily make a big issue out of anything, but it is important to keep our faith and to believe that Allah Al Qayyoom will look after us and look after everyone else. And He will bring support in a way we do not expect. There is an incident where one of the students fractured her foot in class and from all the days, a student who is also a doctor, came to attend for the firm time. And this shows how Allah is Al Hayy Al

Qayyoom to take care of everyone in the best way. And He will bring all the means necessary.

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Hayy Al Qayyoom, so we should not take on the role of thinking we are “qayyoom” and can do everything on our own. To be qayyoom is not our position, it is the position of Allah Al Hayy Al Qayyoom, so we do not need to stress.

○ The Names of Allah Al Hayy Al Qayyoom include all of the 99 Names of Allah, so when we can call on Al Hayy Al Qayyom, we are calling Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by all His Names.

○ That's why Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on him said) said if he would go through any situation, he would call on “O Allah, there is no one worthy of worship except You, Al Hayy Al Qayyoom.”

2. THE BOOK

- The Qur'an is the Word of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so it is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who is talking to us and this keeps us firm. And all that is in the Qur'an is to increase us in faith and this will keep us firm.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brought down the Qur'an in truth. Everything inside it is the truth and there are no mistakes in it. This is the Book which we refer to and it will keep us firm mentally and emotionally. Firmness is when we are mentally and emotionally balanced. Firmness is when our internal is under control and we can do our best.
- What is the impact when we have a Book that is the truth?
 - Believe in it
 - Act on it

- Always refer back to it because it is solid and will not change with the environment
- Messages from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) give us balanced feelings. And our feelings will be balanced when we go back to the Qur'an. When we learn the Qur'an, and then go through a situation, our reaction will be balanced. What else will keep us firm?

FAMILIAR BOOK BROUGHT DOWN GRADUALLY

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 3

نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنْزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ
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He has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], the Book in truth, confirming what was before it. And He revealed the Torah and the Gospel.

- (مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ): all that is in the Qur'an is familiar and confirms the previous books. The Qur'an is not something strange or something off and different.
- The Qur'an confirms what is in the previous books, but it has been purified from any additions or deletions from the people. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has promised that no one can change the Qur'an and this keeps us firm.
- All the messengers in the previous books mentioned to believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone, to follow the messenger and there will be a Last Day. All the books agree upon the tenets of faith, but what changes are the legislations and rituals, thus it is faith that will keep us firm.

- (وَأَنْزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ) Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) revealed the Tawrat on Musa (عليه السلام) and the Injeel on Eisa (عليه السلام). And this shows Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appreciates all the books and messengers; Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) always wants to join the people. Surah Aal Imraan is to invite the followers of Eisa (عليه السلام) to Islam and Surah Al Baqarah is to invite the followers of Musa (عليه السلام) to Islam, and the Qur'an joins it all together.
- We believe in the Tawrat, Injeel, Musa (عليه السلام) and Eisa (عليه السلام) and the Qur'an brings it all together. Islam and the Qur'an are not to separate, but to invite, connect and bring the people together.

- Notice for the Qur'an, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says (نَزَّلَ) which is to be brought down gradually and (أَنْزَلَ) is to be brought down in one go.
- The Qur'an was not revealed as a whole, unlike the Tawrat and Injeel which were revealed as a whole.
- So we will be firm when we learn gradually and step-by-step, unlike learning everything in one go similar to a “crash-course”.

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- *Even if we feel desperate, humiliated, low and broken, the return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is always with honor.*
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MAY ALLAH AL HAYY AL QAYYOM KEEP US FIRM AND TO
REFER TO HIS BOOK. AMEEN.

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