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INTRODUCTION

SURAH TA HA 25

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قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي

[Musa (Moses)] said: "O my Lord! Open for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, contentment, and boldness).

SUPPLICATION TO SEE THE FACE OF ALLAH

وَأَسْأَلُكَ لَذَّةَ النَّظَرِ إِلَى وَجْهِكَ وَالشَّوْقَ إِلَى لِقَائِكَ فِي غَيْرِ ضَرَاءٍ
مُضِرَّةٍ وَلَا فِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَا بِزِينَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً
مُهْتَدِينَ

I ask You for the sweetness of looking upon Your face and a longing to meet You in a manner that does not entail a calamity that will bring about harm or a trial that will cause deviation. O Allah, beautify us with the adornment of faith and make us among those who guide and are rightly guided.¹

○ (وَأَسْأَلُكَ لَذَّةَ النَّظَرِ إِلَى وَجْهِكَ وَالشَّوْقَ إِلَى لِقَائِكَ) (I ask

You for the sweetness of looking upon Your face and a longing to meet You): The utmost goal is the delight of seeing the Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and before we see Him, we need to see His signs, and to love how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures us, commands us, prohibits us and tests us. How can we love Him if we do not see His commands, creation and decree?

¹ Sunan an-Nasa'i 1305

- The month of Ramadan is the month of forgiveness and we want to see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not our deeds.
- We want to witness the signs of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we want to be firm in looking at Allah's ayat. We are afraid to look at our actions or the actions of people.
- And in the month of Ramadan, it is guidance, and for some it will be more criterion and clarity, such that a person sees the signs of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

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شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ
الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear

proofs for the guidance and the criterion
(between right and wrong).

- We long to meet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and before Ramadan, the Qur'an will be criterion for us. We are not busy with planning, but we want the feelings.
- (في غير ضراء مُضرة) (in a manner that does not entail a calamity that will bring about harm): we want complete feelings; we want our chest to be empty for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If we want to see something and are excited to see it, but along the way the car breaks down, and we are late, so when we reach the meeting, we are already worn out.
- And similarly, we want complete feelings, we want to submit all ourselves to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – we want complete connection. We want

100% love and longing, and we cannot prevent trials coming to us. We cannot prevent problems and disturbances taking place. So we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to protect us from any kind of harm that affects us. When we look today, there are people who used to have homes and food, and now they are in tents. So we need to appreciate the blessings of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) at all times.

○ (وَلَا فِتْنَةً مُضِلَّةً) (or a trial that will cause deviation.): and we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to protect us from any trial that can deceive us and distract us. Musa (عليه السلام) came early to meet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), longing for Him, but he left his position SO his people became tested.

And similarly, we cannot pray or fast before time.

- Imagine being excited and then a person becomes deflated. That's why it is important to be in our position and enjoy our role at that moment.

- (اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَا بِزِينَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً مُهْتَدِينَ) (O Allah,

beautify us with the adornment of faith and make us among those who guide and are rightly guided.): then we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

to be adorned with faith so that we are guided and guiding others. To be guided is to believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and submit to Him.

How do we guide others? By forcing or convincing them? No, but by inspiring them and being a good model.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can guide us just by commands and a list of what to do and not do, but this is not the way Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) deals with us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us different ayat and decrees so that we are inspired by His ways and kindness, as a result we have feelings for Him, and then we will accept anything He commands.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) was inspiring to others because of the decrees and situations he went through, and not just by convincing others. And this is the difference between influencing and just being logical and convincing.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can tell us in a convincing manner, but He shows us and nurtures us so there are feelings, and then we take it in. And similarly, with our children, we can easily tell them this is right and this is wrong, but when we tell them a story, it is inspiring to them, so they take it.

LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

- Surah Aal Imraan is to be firm on the deen – in our faith, worships and manners, but there are challenges and the talk of the people.

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ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ إِلَّا أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَاتٍ وَغَرَّهُمْ فِي
دِينِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ

That is because they say, "Never will the Fire touch us except for [a few] numbered days,"

and [because] they were deluded in their religion by what they were inventing.

- When we face a test in our life, it is always about something we have previously learned. For example in school, there is a lesson first and then there is a test. And similarly, when we face a test in life, it is not about something we do not know or to wait what is something new that we will learn to know it, but to look back at what we have been taught.
- In the previous ayah, the Jews asked the Prophet (ﷺ) what is your religion? He said, "the way of Ibrahim". And they said, "Ibrahim is a Jew", so the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "go to your book and see what it says". They refused and turned away from their Book. The Prophet (ﷺ) did not mention what the Qur'an said; he did

not force the Qur'an on them. He told them to go to what they are already familiar with. So for those with knowledge and experience, it is not about bringing new information, but to go to what a person already has.

○ They knew the truth is in their Book, but they did not go to it, so what did they say instead?

○ (ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ إِلَّا أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَاتٍ) (That

is because they say, "Never will the Fire touch us except for [a few] numbered days,"): they knew the truth is in their Book, but they did not want to go to it, so they thought to themselves, "the fire will only touch us for a few days".

○ And this shows they know they did wrong for not accepting what the Prophet (ﷺ) said. And they even went ahead by placing judgement

on themselves. For example, when attaining a driving license, a person knows that speeding is not allowed. But he does not care for being on the right, he'll say, "so what if a pay fine and just get away with it." Or sometimes a person knows he is violating in his business dealings, but he says, "so what if we pay a fine or we just have a lawyer ready".

- And there are those who know they are doing wrong, but place a judgment and say "Allah is The Most Merciful", and this shows underestimating the rules of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by underestimating His punishment.
- Surah Aal Imraan teaches us to be firm on the religion and to never underestimate the punishment of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and to never think the fire is nothing. It is important to not

underestimate the punishment and blessings of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave them the manna and salwa, but they were bored of the high-quality food, and wanted what is on the earth. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told them to enter Bait Al Maqdis and just prostrate, but they feared the people there, so were lost for forty years. They had messengers to always lead them and this is a blessing to have someone teach and nurture them and not just someone who rules over them, but they disrespected the messengers and killed them. So they underestimated their blessings, books and messengers, and this leads to underestimating the punishment.
- For example, someone misbehaves in school and doesn't care if he disrespects the

teacher. And says, "even if I'm given expelled this year, I'll come back another year."

- The fire of the duniya is just one part of seventy parts of the fire of the akhira. We cannot handle the fire of this duniya, so what about the akhira? We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for the well-being. Ameen.

FIRE OF THE DUNIYA IS ONE OF
SEVENTY PARTS OF THE FIRST OF THE
AKHIRA

عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " نَارُكُمْ هَذِهِ جُزْءٌ مِنْ
سَبْعِينَ جُزْءًا مِنْ نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ لِكُلِّ جُزْءٍ مِنْهَا حَرُّهَا "

Abu Sa'eed narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:
"This fire of yours is one part from seventy parts
of the fire of Hell, each part of it is like the heat
of this one."²

² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2590

- The one who been in the most delights of this life will say he did not have any delight when dipped in the fire. If this is just a dip, so what about a day in the fire? We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for the well-being. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) protect us from the fire. Ameen.
- When the Prophet (ﷺ) first spoke, he said, “I am a warner to you of the fire.”
- We have to fear the fire in order to hope to enter paradise. If there is no fear of the fire then there is no hope for paradise either.
- It is important to never underestimate anything Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings to us, and we should never underestimate our evil deeds and the punishment of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- They even said the days we worshipped the calf is the number of days we will be in the fire, astaghfar Allah.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Merciful and Kind but there are people who are deceived with the Generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH AL INFITAAR 6

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّبَكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ

O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Generous,

- Imagine a mother who is so kind to her children but they continuously disrespect her, will she not show another face to them? Yes.
- We want to benefit from the generous nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by respecting Him before loving Him. We should not underestimate it when someone is kind to us.

We want to give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His due position and to always respect Him.

SUPPLICATION TO HAVE THE FAITH ADORNED IN OUR HEARTS

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، وَكَرِّهْ إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ
وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الرَّاشِدِينَ.

O Allah, make us love belief and adorn our hearts with it. Make us hate disbelief, deviance and rebellion. Place us among the rightly-guided.³

وَعَرَّهْمُ فِي دِينِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ) (and [because]

they were deluded in their religion by what they were inventing.): to be continued in sha'a Allah.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US MAGNIFY HIM AND HIS DEEN AND
MAY HE PROTECT US FROM THE FIRE. AMEEN.

³ Al Adab Al Mufrad, Book 1, Hadith 699, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

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