

ALLAH AL WADOOD (The Most Loving)

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- Allah Al Wadood is the Most Loving. This Name is mentioned twice in the Qur'an and both times it in the context of sinners.

SURAH HUD 90

وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تُوبُوا إِلَيْهِ إِنَّ رَبِّي رَحِيمٌ وَدُودٌ

And ask forgiveness of your Lord and then repent to Him. Indeed, my Lord is Merciful and Affectionate."

SURAH AL BURUJ 14

وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الْوَدُودُ

And He is the Forgiving, the Affectionate,

- These can be points where one can easily lose hope. Even if they come back from the

sin, they feel that they cannot have the same feelings, or connect with people in the same way because of the stains of sin.

- But both times Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us that He is the Most Merciful and Most Forgiving.
- We define love as 'if you love me, you give me' and 'if you don't give me, you don't love me'. This is not real love but these feelings are from the nafs and whispers of shaithan.
- Allah Al Wadood loves us and calls us to what benefits us and brings us happiness. He knows and He gives what is good for us in this world and the next. Real love is not only for this world but for the hereafter.
- Sometimes children demand for something that is not good for them. The parents may give in but later the children themselves say

‘why did you not stop me?’. It is not love to get what we want but true love is to do what is pleasing to Allah.

- Allah is the Most Loving Who knows that we humans can easily weaken in our faith, our bodies, determination, persistence and thinking. We may be thinking good, but it can stop all of a sudden or start to lessen.
- Out of His love, we can return back to Him because He knows that we are weak and make mistakes.
- Knowing how He deals with us makes us love Him and want to return back to Him. This is how He expresses His love to us.
- There were moments in our lives when all doors were closed and He showed us that only He is truly there for us.

- This makes us love Him, to want to worship Him and to be His slave.
- To be a slave is not only to surrender with limbs but to have feelings for Him. The slave has hope, love and fear of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When there are no feelings in a relationship, then naturally we turn to other things.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves the believer, He loves the prophets, messengers and those who follow them.
- He fills their hearts with His love so they start to love Him more, speak about Him and praise Him more. Their hearts are more attracted to Him. They want to know more about Him and long to meet Him.

- They turn to Him in every situation. Their heart overflows with so much love for Him that this love cannot remain with them alone. It must be shared and seen between the believers.

SURAH MARYAM 96

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَيَجْعَلُ لَهُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ وُدًّا

Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds - the Most Merciful will appoint for them affection.

- The word “wudd denotes love that is expressed, whether through a smile, a message or simply by remembering each other. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keep us firm on loving for Him.
- Allah Al Wadood places the seed of repentance in the hearts of the sinners. They feel guilt and remorse so they return to Him. Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accepts his

repentance and showers him with love and kindness. They do not feel left out but are truly connected to Him.

- Love is the traveling of the heart to seek its beloved. Where is this heart going? To Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). This becomes the sustenance for the soul and the coolness of eyes.
- This love is to single out Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in worship. We naturally love our parents, we love to eat and drink but to love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a worship.
- Whether we are alone, or with people, this love does not waver.
- At the same time, any kind of shirk can remove the purity from this love. We need purification with knowledge before

beautification with love. This is the start and the end of the journey.

- There can never be an end to loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because there is no end to His beauty and majesty. This love is ongoing.
- What are signs of true love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)?
- Before going to sleep, Who do you love, turn to and remember? When you wake up, Who do you remember? Then comes the time of prayer. This is when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) calls us to connect to Him and talk to Him - this is a time of love. Also, when going through difficulties, Who does the heart turn to?
- Loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) cannot only be in the time of blessings.

- It is in our nature to love those who do good to us and hate those who do bad. But loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is above all. To love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is to love Him for Himself. It is not related to only waiting for blessings and gifts.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves a slave, He will bring him closer, make him love faith, hate sins, push away anything that can occupy him and gives him awkward feeling when he connects with someone else. He wants to go back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When we love someone, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said to tell them.
- Love is not meant to be hidden because Allah is Al Wadood Who expresses His love.

- Love is not only for this life but for the hereafter.

SURAH AL 'ANKABUT 5

مَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو لِقَاءَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ أَجَلَ اللَّهِ لَآتٍ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

Whoever should hope for the meeting with Allah - indeed, the term decreed by Allah is coming. And He is the Hearing, the Knowing.

- In times of conflict, we just surrender to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because we look forward to the hereafter for completion. This world will not be complete without the hereafter and the hereafter cannot be complete without this world.
- Tafseer As Saadi explains about this ayah - anyone who loves his Lord, longs to come close to Him, to meet Him, racing towards His

Pleasure, then receive glad tidings of meeting your Beloved.

- We look forward to meeting the One Who has been there for us and has taken care of us. He will honor those who love for Him.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us love Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), love the Prophet (سبحانه وتعالى), and love each other. May He keep us together till the end and join us together in the hereafter.
- Allah is Al Wadood, irrespective of the actions of people.
- We are limited in expressing our love because we do not have all good qualities.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Most Generous, the Most Forbearing and the Most Rich. He does

not need anything from us. Imagine how much love He shows us.

LOVE OF ALLAH IS OBLIGED

" قال الله تعالى وجبت محبتي للمتحابين فيّ، والمتجالسين فيّ،

والمتزاورين فيّ، والمتباذلين

Allah, the Exalted, says: My love is due to those who love one another for My sake, meet one another for My sake, visit one another for My sake and spend in charity for My sake.¹

- If there is no love, every problem will be big and every blessing will be small. But if there is love, every problem will be small and every blessing will be big.
- Loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes our hearts pure and easy.

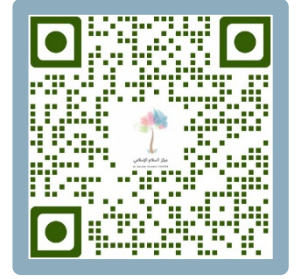
MAY ALLAH GRANT US HIS LOVE. AMEEN.

¹ Riyadh as-Salihin 382

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