



LOVE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (ﷺ)

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AL MUSA'IR (The Setter of Prices, The Kindler)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the One Who sets the price and value to things. He also kindles the fire. Decrees happen to show us the value of matters and kindle our feelings.
- Everything that happens is to us increase in faith, to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and see the reality of matters.

- Not everything can be given a price - some things are priceless. For instance to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to love Him, to love the Prophet (ﷺ) and to love each other are all priceless. Everything is good from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- In His Hands lies all goodness. The name of Allah Al Musa'ir is very important for us to know the value of things.

NAME OF ALLAH AL MUSA'IR IN THE SUNNAH

ALLAH AL MUSA'IR

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ غَلَا السَّعْرُ عَلَى عَهْدِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ . صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . فَقَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَدْ غَلَا السَّعْرُ فَسَعِّرْ لَنَا . فَقَالَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمُسَعِّرُ الْقَابِضُ الْبَاسِطُ الرَّازِقُ "

It was narrated that Anas bin Malik said: "Prices rose during the time of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), and they said: 'O Messenger of Allah, prices have risen, so fix the prices for us.' He said: 'Indeed Allah is the Musa'ir, [1] the Qabid, (Restrainer) the Basit,[2] the Razzaq (Provider).¹

- Stretching and withholding go together.
- When prices go up, we can forget Allah (سبحانه), His Names and actions. We tend to focus only on the actions of people.

¹ Sunan Ibn Majah 2200

- Naturally the companions went to the Prophet (ﷺ) but he reminded them of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He is the One Who provides. As long as we are alive, our rizq will come to us. This is guaranteed.
- Sellers benefit when prices go up. We do not know how much protection is there in other aspects of our lives with raised prices. This is all related to our belief and belief in the decree.
- He puts value and removes value for things.
- They have different pricing strategies that are used. There are market prices, service prices and some things are not even given a price.
- He is the One Who restrains and stretches according to His perfect wisdom and knowledge.

- All the changes are to nurture us.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) reminded them of their Creator. He is the One Who will take care of our needs. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not care about us if we do not ask Him.
- Any crisis moves our heart but this is all to move our hearts to Him.

SURAH ASH SHURA 27

وَلَوْ بَسَطَ اللَّهُ الرِّزْقَ لِعِبَادِهِ لَبَغَوْا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنْ يُنَزِّلُ بِقَدَرٍ مَّا يَشَاءُ ۚ إِنَّهُ بِعِبَادِهِ خَبِيرٌ بَصِيرٌ

And if Allah had extended [excessively] provision for His servants, they would have committed tyranny throughout the earth. But He sends [it] down in an amount which He wills. Indeed He is, of His servants, Acquainted and Seeing.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings matter in precise measure, otherwise everyone will transgress.

- A baby cannot be given a variety of foods. Someone in kindergarten cannot be placed in grade 12 saying he will learn more. Everything comes in the right measure.
- The commodity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is valuable. And this is His paradise. Paradise is surrounded by difficulties. They are not easy to overcome but the moment we cross over them, we are in paradise.
- On the other hand, hellfire is surrounded by temptations. The moment we fall into them, we are in torment. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make it easy for us to move forward to Him.
- Shaikh Al Islam, Ibn Taymiyyah (رحمه الله) said that no one causes the raising of prices or lowering of prices except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Nothing can happen except by the Will of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), by His Ability and decree.
- This life is an abode of test. This is the place of inconsistency and disruptions. It is not the place of complete joy. Whoever knows this reality will not be overjoyed by its delights and will not fall into extreme sadness when there is difficulty. He knows everything is a test. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made this life as a test. The reward is in the hereafter.
- Now He takes from us in order to give us, and tests us to recompense us.
- Provision and lifespan go together. As long as a person is alive, his provision will come to him.

- If one door is closed, another one will surely open. We all want to know the means to attain provision.
- There are means to attain provision.

1 - REPENTANCE & SEEKING FORGIVENESS

SURAH NUH 10 TO 12

10.

فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا

And said, 'Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed,
He is ever a Perpetual Forgiver.

11.

يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا

He will send [rain from] the sky upon you in
[continuing] showers

12.

وَيُمْدِدْكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا

And give you increase in wealth and children
and provide for you gardens and provide for
you rivers.

- The Prophet (ﷺ) told us every son of Adam makes mistakes and the best of them are those who repent back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- It is a good way of living to always return back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and seek His forgiveness. This keeps us humble.
- He will make provision fall on you in constantly. He will stretch wealth and children. Make gardens and rivers for you.

2- TO GO FORWARD EARLY IN SEEKING PROVISION

SUPPLICATION OF THE PROPHET (ﷺ)

لقوله - صلى الله عليه وسلم :- اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَأُمَّتِي فِي بُكُورِهَا

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "O Allah, bless my people in their early mornings."²

² Sunan Abi Dawud 2606

- We want to be awake in that time and go forward to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in the early morning time.

3- INVOCATION

SURAH AL MAEDA 114

قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مَائِدَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ تَكُونُ لَنَا عِيدًا لِأَوَّلِنَا وَآخِرِنَا وَآيَةً مِنْكَ وَارْزُقْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

Said Jesus, the son of Mary, "O Allah , our Lord, send down to us a table [spread with food] from the heaven to be for us a festival for the first of us and the last of us and a sign from You. And provide for us, and You are the best of providers."

- Isa (عليه السلام) invoked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to bring down a table full of food.

4- TAQWA (CONCIOUSNESS OF ALLAH)

SURAH AT TALAQ 2, 3

2.

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out

3.

وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

And will provide for him from where he does not expect.

- When we are in a problem, we go against our desires and this is taqwa.
- For instance, a person may be looking for a job and is offered a job which is unlawful. He thinks to himself, 'do I take it? Perhaps I take it for now and once I find another job I can move?'. Taqwa is needed in these critical moments. When we leave matters for Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى), He will provide us in ways we do not expect. He even makes the person forget anything he may have missed out before.

- There was a man who was in a setting where he would have to serve alcohol. He went through the inner struggle and left the job in the end. This was a time of test. He was then offered another job by the same employer in a location where he did not have to serve alcohol. He moved to the new location and his whole family was provided.

5- LEAVING SINS

SURAH AR ROOM 41

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ
بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ

Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste

part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness].

- When a person leaves a sin and reforms himself, he will see goodness.

6- RELYING ON ALLAH

- Having tawakkul does not mean to not take action. but it is to take complete action while the heart is only attached to Allah.

RELIANCE OF THE BIRDS

قال رسول الله - صلى الله عليه وسلم -: لَوْ أَنَّكُمْ تَوَكَّلْتُمْ عَلَى اللَّهِ حَقَّ تَوَكُّلِهِ لَرَزَقَكُمْ كَمَا يَرْزُقُ الطَّيْرَ تَغْدُو خِمَاصًا وَتَرُوحُ بِطَانًا.

“I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) say: ‘If you were to rely upon Allah with the reliance He is due, you would be given provision like the birds: They go out hungry in the morning and come back with full bellies in the evening.’³”

³ Sunan Ibn Majah 4164

- They are thinking good of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) provides them.
- Sometimes we see these decrees in the actions of children. One child quickly asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for a toy while another said no I will not get. In the end, the one who asked gets from where he did not expect.

7- PERFORMING HAJJ AND 'UMRAH CONSECUTIVELY

PERFORMING HAJJ AND 'UMRAH

عن عبد الله بن مسعود رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله - صلى الله عليه وسلم -: «تَابِعُوا بَيْنَ الْحَجِّ وَالْعُمْرَةِ فَإِنَّهُمَا يَنْفِيَانِ الْفَقْرَ وَالذُّنُوبَ كَمَا يَنْفِي الْكَبِيرُ خَبَثَ الْحَدِيدِ وَالذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ، وَلَيْسَ لِلْحَجَّةِ الْمَبْرُورَةِ ثَوَابٌ إِلَّا الْجَنَّةُ».

"The Messenger of Allah said: 'Perform Hajj and 'Umrah consecutively, for they remove poverty and sin as the bellows removes impurity from

iron and gold and silver, and Hajj Al-Mabrur brings no less a reward than Paradise."⁴

- Consecutive umrahs are a reason to remove poverty.
- The reward for attending study circles is equivalent to performing hajj.

8- SPEND IN THE WAY OF ALLAH

SURAH SABA 39

وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."

- Spending is not only restricted to money. It can include anything from giving food, a pencil or clothing. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will keep this and give you something in exchange.

⁴ Sunan an-Nasa'i 2631

SPEND & ALLAH WILL SPEND ON YOU

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه يبلغ به النبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم

- قال: قَالَ اللهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى: يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ أَنْفِقْ أُنْفِقُ عَلَيْكَ

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Allah said, 'O son of Adam! Spend, and I shall spend on you.'"⁵

- When a thought comes to give, share or send something, just do it. Nothing will be lost.
- A thought might pass our minds to send food over to a friend. But then we think, 'perhaps, they already have'. Then when we overcome ourselves and send over the food, then we see that person was in need at the time.
- Then a few days later, we may be craving something and someone brings it over to us unexpectedly. We don't know how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings matters to us.

⁵ Sahih al-Bukhari 5352

9- SPENDING ON THE STUDENT OF KNOWLEDGE

SPEND ON THE STUDENT OF KNOWLEDGE

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ كَانَ أَخَوَانِ عَلَى عَهْدِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَكَانَ أَحَدُهُمَا يَأْتِي النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَالْآخَرُ يَحْتَرِفُ فَشَكَا الْمُحْتَرِفُ أَخَاهُ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ " لَعَلَّكَ تُرْزَقُ بِهِ " .

"There were two brothers during the time of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). One of them used to come to the prophet (ﷺ), and the other had some business. The businessman among them complained to the Prophet (ﷺ) about his brother, so he said: 'Perhaps you are provided for because of him.'"⁶

- May Allah provide our families and grant them consistent income.

⁶ Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2345

10- CONNECTING WITH FAMILY

KEEPING GOOD RELATIONS WITH FAMILY

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله - صلى
الله عليه وسلم - يقول: مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يُبْسَطَ لَهُ فِي رِزْقِهِ أَوْ يُنْسَأَ لَهُ
فِي أَثَرِهِ فَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ

I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, "Who ever
is pleased that he be granted more wealth and
that his lease of life be pro longed, then he
should keep good relations with his Kith and
kin."⁷

- We don't want to miss out on this opportunity.
At least we make a WhatsApp family group so
everyone can be connected. May Allah (سبحانه
وتعالى) join our families together and also to
make dua for our parents and speak good to
them.

⁷ Sahih al-Bukhari 5985

11- HONORING THE GUEST AND THE WEAK

BLESSINGS & INVOCATION OF POOR

عن مصعب بن سعد قال: رأى سعد رضي الله عنه أن له فضلاً
 عن من دونه، فقال النبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم -: «هل تُنصرون
 وتُرزقون إلا بضعفائكم؟»

Once Sa`d (bin Abi Waqqas) thought that he was superior to those who were below him in rank. On that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "You gain no victory or livelihood except through (the blessings and invocations of) the poor amongst you."⁸

- This includes our children, helpers and anyone employed by us. We give them the same food, clothing. If the helpers make something for us, we give them from the same food.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will provide us when we are good to those below us.

⁸ Sahih al-Bukhari 2896

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminds us of the value of this world.

SURAH AL AN'AM 32

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ وَلَلدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ
أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

And the worldly life is not but amusement and diversion; but the home of the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allah , so will you not reason?

- Younger children like to play and older children are occupied, for instance with their gadgets.
- But Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminds us that the abode of hereafter is better.
- Everything has an adornment and a purpose.
- Trees and flowers are beautiful but also have a purpose. They bring fruits. Clothing is

beautiful with colors, cuts and designs. This is an adornment but it also has the purpose to cover the body.

- This whole world is adornment but it also has the purpose for us to believe in Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى) and to do good deeds.

SURAH AL KAHF 7

إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ زِينَةً لَهَا لِنَبْلُوهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا

Indeed, We have made that which is on the earth adornment for it that We may test them [as to] which of them is best in deed.

- We are not in this world to remain here forever. If a person attaches to the adornment, then he will forget the purpose.

EASY IN BUYING AND SELLING

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " رَحِمَ اللَّهُ رَجُلًا سَمَحًا
إِذَا بَاعَ، وَإِذَا اشْتَرَى، وَإِذَا اقْتَضَى "

Narrated Jabir bin `Abdullah: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "May Allah's mercy be on him who is lenient in his buying, selling, and in demanding back his money⁹"

- People can be harsh during negotiations and come with a mentality to not be ripped off.

AN HONEST TRADER

والنبي عليه الصلاة والسلام يقول: " التَّاجِرُ الصَّدُوقُ الْأَمِينُ مَعَ
النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ "

'The trustworthy, honest Muslim merchant will be with the martyrs on the Day of Resurrection.'¹⁰

- Being an honest trader is a great means of da'wah.

⁹ Sahih al-Bukhari 2076

¹⁰ Sahih At Targheeb 1782

- The seller is not hiding anything about the product so Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bless the trade. If a person lies in order to sell something, there will be no blessing. He may have sold the product but ends up having to spend more money on other situations that he faces. When there is honesty from both parties, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) blesses them.
- The people went to one of the pious predecessors and told him about raised prices. He replied to them saying 'what makes you sad? The One Who provides us when prices are low is the One Who will provide us when prices are high'.

SURAH ADH DHARIYAT 56 TO 58

56.

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I did not create the jinn and mankind
except to worship Me.

57.

مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُونِ

I do not want from them any provision, nor do I
want them to feed Me.

58.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ

Indeed, it is Allah who is the [continual] Provider,
the firm possessor of strength.

- Allah Al Mateen has absolute strength and consistently provides.
- Worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we will always be provided.
- He is the One Who shows us the true value of companionship, of knowledge and of knowing Who He is.

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) increase and move our hearts to love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to love the Prophet (ﷺ) and to be pleased with Allah in the decrees.

SUPPLICATION FOR KNOWLEDGE, PROVISION AND GOOD DEEDS

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا ، وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا ، وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

*Allaahumma innee as'aluka 'ilman naafi'an,
warizqan tayyiban, wa 'amalan mutaqabbalaa*

O Allah, I ask You for knowledge which is beneficial and sustenance which is good, and deeds which are acceptable.¹¹

- Another meaning of Al Musa'ir is the kindler of the fire. He makes the fire to light up and get more intense. We want to kindle our heart and have feeling for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in this life and not have a cold heart with no feelings.

¹¹ Ibn Majah No# 925, 3843;

- The fire will move the hearts that did not move for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) now. We don't want this.
- Changes and decrees happen to bring movement in our hearts. If prices didn't go up, hearts would not move. If there is no sickness, hearts will not move. Ultimately, all the decrees are to move the heart in the right way to believe in Allah.

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- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the One Who gives value. When the companions complained about the prices, the Prophet (ﷺ) did not intervene and set the prices. If he did not give value to things then how can we give value to anything else?
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Al Musa'ir gives not only monetary value but value in intangible ways.
- We see how at times we have burnings feelings in relations and in other times feelings are dimmed. This shows us it is only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who gives value.
- This makes us relaxed and at peace. The feelings and value of people is not what moves us.

- A single decree can show us the value of many matters at once.
- People can praise us a moment and dispraise us in another. We may be afraid of someone in a moment and not care in another. Our up and down feelings are not a measure to give value to anything. So we free ourselves from the feelings and perceived value from others.
- For instance, the Prophet (ﷺ) has great value but not everyone gave him value. True value is our value in front of Allah.
- We love to show ourselves and for people to give us value. This is a challenge. 'Why do they not give me value?'
- Connections with people is what kindles our feelings. Shirk puts feelings of fire in the heart. Hasad (jealousy) is like fire in the heart.

- We have more feelings towards the things we do. Others may not have the same feelings and this does not matter.
- Shirk and hasad is not giving value to the self. A person pushes away these burning feelings by invoking Allah.
- Arrogance is another feeling that burns from within. We push away these feelings. A person with an atom of arrogance in the heart will not enter paradise. If someone accuses us, instead of justifying and denying we accept and move on. We do not want to have an atom of arrogance in our hearts.
- If a person is burning from within, surely he will burn those around him. Just like when Iblis said, why should I prostrate to Adam?

- Firawn had burning feelings that he will be killed so to put off these feelings he killed the boys and left the women.

ALLAH GIVES VALUE

عَنِ الْبَرَاءِ بْنِ عَازِبٍ، فِي قَوْلِهِ: (إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُنَادُونَكَ مِنْ وَرَاءِ الْحُجُرَاتِ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ) قَالَ فَقَامَ رَجُلٌ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ حَمْدِي زَيْنٌ وَإِنَّ ذَمِّي شَيْنٌ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " ذَاكَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى . "

Narrated Al-Bara bin 'Azib:regarding the saying of Allah the Most High: Verily, those who call you from behind the dwellings, most of them have no sense (49:4). He said: "A man stood and said: 'O Messenger of Allah! Indeed my praise (of others) is worthwhile and my censure is appropriate.' So the Prophet (ﷺ) said: 'That is for Allah, the Mighty and Sublime.'"¹²

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the One Who gives us value and this solves all our insecurities.

¹² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3267

- The state of our heart is our paradise and fire. This is how we will be in our graves in the end.
- Dealing with our feelings within is more challenging than dealing with any outer enemies.

MAY ALLAH GIVE US VALUE IN FRONT OF HIM. AMEEN.

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