

ALLAH AL KAREEM

(The Most Generous)


All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.

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- The generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not limited to physical things such as food, drink or money but it is something greater.

SURAH AL INFITAR 6

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّبَكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ

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

- The generosity of Allah is about the way He deals with us. Even if anyone disbelieves in Him or rejects Him, He is still generous to all. He continues to give, nurture, guide, show feelings and care.

- We can easily withhold from others when we are treated unfairly or poorly or rejected.

SURAH AN NAML 40

قَالَ الَّذِي عِنْدَهُ عِلْمٌ مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَرْتَدَّ إِلَيْكَ
 طَرْفُكَ فَلَمَّا رآه مُسْتَقِرًّا عِنْدَهُ قَالَ هَذَا مِن فَضْلِ رَبِّي لِيَبْلُوَنِي
 أَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكْفُرُ وَمَن شَكَرَ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ وَمَن كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ
 رَبِّي غَنِيٌّ كَرِيمٌ

Said one who had knowledge from the Scripture, "I will bring it to you before your glance returns to you." And when [Solomon] saw it placed before him, he said, "This is from the favor of my Lord to test me whether I will be grateful or ungrateful. And whoever is grateful - his gratitude is only for [the benefit of] himself. And whoever is ungrateful - then indeed, my Lord is Free of need and Generous."

- Our Rabb is the Most Rich so He does not benefit from our gratitude or ingratitude. At the same time, He is the Most Generous.

- No one can have this combination of richness and generosity despite being rejected.

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

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures us with generosity and not with miserliness or harshness.
- Imagine what will happen to the human when he is constantly rejected. He will surely feel tight and cannot have right feelings. The way he deals with others will also be restricted. He will hold back from believing, showing feelings and devotion from the heart. So we do not want to be deceived by the generosity of Allah.

- From His generosity is that He is constantly giving, to the believer and the disbeliever, to the obedient and the disobedient.
- Humans can easily be stingy. When they see others are good, they give easily and when they see others are not being good, they easily withhold.
- But Allah Al Kareem is always the Most Generous. He is not giving more just because we prayed an extra prayer or because we fasted or gave sadaqah.
- He is the Most generous of the generous. No one can generous like His generosity.
- When He gives and praises, it is generous. When we remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), He will remember us in front of a greater creation – the angels.

- And He is generous in how He pardons. Even if the sinners commit the depth of sins, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) still brings him back to Him. No one is like Allah.
- He is generous to make ease accessible to the people.
- If someone wrongs us, we tend to stay away from them or make many conditions if they want to return to us. But to return back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is with a small turning of the heart.
- He is free from imperfection in His generosity. Sometimes people can have sicknesses such that they will give away all their money, but the generosity of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is never connected with any weakness, imperfection or shortcoming.

- He honors whomever He wills and dispraises whomever He wills. Whomever Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) honors, no one can dispraise. Whomever Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) honors, no one can dispraise. He does what He wills. We want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to honor us and never disgrace us.
- What is the equation to attain honor from Allah?

SURAH AL HUJURAT 13

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَاكُمْ

Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you.

- The measure is taqwa (consciousness of Allah) The most honorable of all creation are the messengers of Allah because they are the greatest in taqwa. They have complete

taqwa, obedience and servitude to their Rabb.

- Out of His generosity, He created humans in the best form.
- He honored the children of Adam. How? He taught them the Qur'an and hikmah (sunnah) and taught them how to express.
- His Book, the Qur'an, is honorable. This book has guidance, clarity and distinction, knowledge and wisdom, glad tidings and warnings, the ways of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and the best manners. It calls to the best belief, speech, actions and behaviors. Whoever takes the Qur'an will be honored.
- When we know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Most generous, we want to be generous.

- Yusuf (عليه السلام) was called generous, son of a generous man. His generosity is exemplified in many situations. Despite what his brothers did to him, he easily forgave them. He did not say, 'let us sit together, talk about what happened and clear matters'. He overlooked what they did and asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to forgive them.
- His generosity was also apparent when he was in prison. He did not judge the prisoners, but he understood that they were slaves who also made mistakes and he did not deprive them from what he knew about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Knowing Allah Al Kareem makes a person vast in his feelings, overlooking and he will not be always accounting.

- When we know Allah Al Kareem, we want to turn to Him with complete faith and have generosity in our feelings towards Him.
- If any door is closed, we do not want to give up but to have more feelings towards Him.
- We want to honor His religion by following it, to honor his messengers by taking them as a good example. We want to honor his commands and prohibitions by following them. We want to honor His blessings by being grateful to Him. And we want to honor ourselves by believing and having taqwa.

FORGIVENESS THROUGH PRAISE

أَلَا أَعْلَمُكَ كَلِمَاتٍ إِذَا قَلْتَهُنَّ غَفَرَ اللَّهُ لَكَ ، وَإِنْ كُنْتَ مَغْفُورًا لَكَ ؟
 قُلْ : لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَكِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ ،
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ
 الْعَظِيمِ ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

‘Should I not teach you some words that if you say them, Allah will forgive you, even if you were already forgiven?’ He said: ‘Say: None has the right to be worshipped by Allah, the Most High, the Magnificent. None has the right to be worshipped by Allah, the Most Wise, the Generous. None has the right to be worshipped but Allah. Glory to Allah, the Lord of the heavens, the Lord of the earth, and the Lord of the Honorable Throne.¹

- This is all praising Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this shows so much vastness and generosity.

WORDS FOR RELIEF

لا إله إلا الله الحليمُ الكريمُ ، لا إله إلا الله العليُّ العظيمُ ، لا إله إلا الله ربُّ السمواتِ السبعِ ، وربُّ العرشِ الكريمِ

None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, the Forbearing, the Generous. None has the right to be worshipped but Allah the High the Great. None has the right to be worshipped but Allah the Lord of the heavens, the Lord of the earth, and the Lord of the Honorable Throne.²

¹ Sahih Aj Jam’ie 2621

² Sahih Aj Jam’ie 4517

- In this dua we are not asking Allah (سبحانه) to make a way out for us, but we praise Him. This is so vast and generous. No words can be vaster than the praise of Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى).

ALLAH LOVES GENEROSITY

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَرِيمٌ يُحِبُّ الْكُرْمَاءَ ، جَوَادٌ يُحِبُّ الْجَوْدَةَ ، يُحِبُّ مَعَالِيَ
الأخلاقِ ، وَيَكْرَهُ سَفْسَافَهُ

Indeed Allah is Karim (Generous) and He loves generosity, He is Jawad (Bounteous) and He loves giving in abundance. He loves excellent manners and hates foolishness.³

- In the end, we will all see His generosity on that one Last Day.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US GENEROUS. AMEEN.

³ Sahih Aj Jam'ie 1800

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