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## INTRODUCTION

- Our relationship here is more than just learning but nurturing. What keeps us firm in any situation are the feelings of the heart, to learn, to accept mistakes and to pardon each other.
- We all go through different challenges in this life, but what will keep us firm is to have support, to have someone who loves us, to learn with them, to have someone ask about us and how we are doing.

- Nothing can feed our body and soul except for the Words of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and belief will give life to everything.
- The more we know about the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Qur'an, the more our language and words will be different, what we see and hear will be different because we see the actions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His ability and not just the creation.
- The Qur'an not only reforms our body and religion, but it speaks to our emotions by telling us, "don't be sad", "don't be afraid" and "you will come above".
- The Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) give us feelings of connection and it heals us. It closes our gaps, weaknesses and heals our relationships.

- We will not be broken when others do not appreciate us because Allah Ash Shakir Ash Shakoor (The Appreciative, The All-Appreciative) will appreciate us.
- Sometimes people do not accept us as we are, but Allah Al 'Afuw (The All-Pardoning) accepts us.
- Sometimes we are blamed for the same mistake again and again and it hurts us each time, but Allah Al Ghafoor (The All-Forgiving) consoles us.
- Sometimes we want to be more beautiful, and Allah Al Jameel (The Most Beautiful) will beautify us.
- Sometimes we are stuck in life and things are not moving, Allah is Al Muqadim Al Muakhir (The Expediter, The Delayer).

- We will not be enriched if we do not feel poor to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We will not see the beauty if we do not see its opposite.

## THERE IS NO ONE WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows us (لا إله إلا الله). He will show us how no one can show us mercy. He will stop them from providing us or even pardoning us or forgiving us so that we believe there is “No one worthy of worship except Allah”.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to show us that people are slaves like us and no one can show mercy except Him. And then the tables turn, and He will put us in a situation where we are ourselves cannot show mercy to others. And this is to show us that no one can show us mercy and

we cannot show mercy either. It is only (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ).

- When we truly attach to (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) then we will not have expectations, hope or fear of others and then we will have the best relationships.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) bears witness to the greatest testimony which is (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ). And the angels and the people of knowledge bear witness to it as well.

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 18

شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُو الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ  
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Allah witnesses that there is no deity except Him, and [so do] the angels and those of knowledge - [that He is] maintaining [creation]

in justice. There is no deity except Him, the  
Exalted in Might, the Wise.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will make us witness to (لا إله إلا الله).  
And (لا إله إلا الله) is the best remembrance, it is the strongest handhold and it is the remaining word.
- When a person knows Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then they will not blame, object, scold, reject or expect from others because they know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to teach them (لا إله إلا الله).
- All the pains and problems go away when we know (لا إله إلا الله). The moment our mind switches that it is (لا إله إلا الله), then the people will show us mercy, then they will pardon, then they will give and so forth. The moment we attach to (لا إله إلا الله) then everything will go back to normal.

- We may face problems with others due to overattachment, for example, a wife might constantly think of her husband, and the more she thinks of him, the further he goes away, but the moment she attaches to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), her husband will come running to her.

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN

- Before Surah Aal Imraan was Surah Al Baqarah which is about overcoming our weaknesses such as asking too many questions, bearing too many burdens, arguing and disobeying because these matters cannot be taken along in the journey of the Qur'an.
- There is a journey ahead and a person cannot stop every time and slow down. So Surah Al Baqarah is a station where there are many

stops so that we may overcome our fears and overcome the weaknesses of our nafs.

- And now as we reach Surah Aal Imraan, we want to remain in our seats, though there will be stations of nurturing along the way. And this will continue until we reach Surah Al Ikhaas – The Chapter of Purity.
- We all want to be on the Straight Path and remain on it, but those who do not remain it because they cannot handle it are the hypocrites and disbelievers.
- The Sirat is very narrow and sharp, and the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) requires no fear; it requires firmness, kindness, generosity and mercy. But the one who is afraid, stresses and is sad then these will be hindrances.

- As long as we remain on the Sirat, we will be nurtured, but there will be no scratches or harm. But if we leave it and leave the Qur'an, then we will learn the same, but there will be scratches and pain.
- That's why we want to remain on this journey because it is zero risk and we will learn many things, but we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us firm.

## BEING NURTURED WITH ( لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ )

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) uses everyone to show us ( لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ). When we feel any bad feeling within us such as disappointment or being saddened, instead of feeling pity for ourselves, we want to find our strength with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## SUPPLICATION TO UNITE THE HEARTS

"اللَّهُمَّ أَلِّفْ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِنَا وَأَصْلِحْ ذَاتَ بَيْنِنَا وَاهْدِنَا سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ  
وَنَجِّنَا مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَجَنِّبْنَا الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا  
بَطَنَ وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِي أَسْمَاعِنَا وَأَبْصَارِنَا وَقُلُوبِنَا وَأَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا  
وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ وَاجْعَلْنَا شَاكِرِينَ لِنِعْمَتِكَ  
مُتْنِينَ بِهَا قَابِلِينَ وَأَتِمِّمْهَا عَلَيْنَا " .

O Allah, join our hearts, mend our social relationship, guide us to the path of peace, bring us from darkness to light, save us from obscenities, outward or inward, and bless our ears, our eyes, our hearts, our wives, our children, and relent toward us; You are the Acceptor of Repentance, the Especially Merciful. And make us grateful for Your blessing and make us praise it while accepting it and give it to us in full.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sunan Abi Dawud, Book 2, Hadith 580, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to unite our hearts to believe in (لا إله إلا الله). Our safety and our refuge is (لا إله إلا الله). And if we did not have (لا إله إلا الله) in our life, we will be trapped in webs, holes and get caught by hooks.
- In life we go through experiences, and not so that we become victims, but to bear witness there is no one worthy of worship except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We will not enjoy the beauty of the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) if we do not fulfill the first part of the testimony of (لا إله إلا الله).
- We will not have pleasant relationships when we have expectations and hopes from them. Why do we face barriers and blocks? Because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants us to go to Him before anyone else.

- By nature, humans are good, they are made of sand and water. They are made of clay which means they can change, they can get affected, they can be under the influence and they can be oppressed.
- Sometimes people cannot be themselves because they are under medication, magic, evil eye, pressure, stress or debt. People can be under something that can affect their mental health so they cannot show their best.
- We have to give so many excuses for others, even for those who work for us, we are to give them seventy excuses if they do something we did not tell them, or they do not do something we told them.

## GIVE SEVENTY EXCUSES TO THE HELPER

جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ كَمْ  
 أَغْفُو عَنِ الْخَادِمِ فَصَمَتَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ثُمَّ  
 قَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ كَمْ أَغْفُو عَنِ الْخَادِمِ فَقَالَ " كُلَّ يَوْمٍ  
 سَبْعِينَ مَرَّةً " .

"A man came to the Prophet (ﷺ) and said: 'O Messenger of Allah! How many times should the servant be pardoned?' The Prophet was silent. Then he said: 'O Messenger of Allah! How many times should the servant be pardoned?' He said: ' Seventy times each day.'"<sup>2</sup>

- How can we remove “shocks” in relationships and keep relationships going? When we attach to (لا إله إلا الله). But when we attach and expect from others, then it will not only make us drown, but it will make the other person drown

<sup>2</sup> Jami` at-Tirmidhi 1949

because we will push them to do things based on our expectations.

- Faults, ignorance, expectations will be defeated with (لا إله إلا الله). We will not know the meaning of beauty, if we do not see ugliness. We will not know the meaning of knowledge, if we do not see ignorance. We will not know the meaning of belief, if we do not see disbelief.
- There is one key that all of us need to have and carry with us. Anything we want, anything we expect, anything we fear, anything we want increment of, anything we want a solution for will be granted with this key. And this key is (لا إله إلا الله).
- (لا إله إلا الله) is the key to paradise. If this is the key to paradise, will it not open all doors of this duniya? Will it not open all solutions for us, will it

not open a house, a car, a job, a spouse? Of course it will.

وَ (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is the everlasting word, it is the strongest handhold, and it is something which we want to pass on, just as inheritance is passed on. Before Yaqoub (عليه السلام) passed away, he gathered all his twelve sons and asked them, "what will you worship after me?". What did they say?

### SURAH AL BAQARAH 133

أَمْ كُنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ إِذْ قَالَ لِبَنِيهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ  
مِنْ بَعْدِي قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ إِلَهَكَ وَإِلَهَ آبَائِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ  
وَإِسْحَاقَ إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob, when he said to his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We will worship your God and the God of your

fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac - one God. And we are Muslims [in submission] to Him."

- (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is heavier than the heavens and the earth and all that it contains.
- Musa (عليه السلام) asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to teach him words by which he can remember Him. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said, "(لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ)". Then Musa (عليه السلام) said, "but this is what everyone says.". And this is something we might say as well.
- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told him, "don't you know if you place the heavens and earth on one pan of the scale and (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) on the other pan of the scale, it will outweigh it all."

## WORDS TO REMEMBER ALLAH – ( لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ) (الله)

وَعَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: " قَالَ مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: يَا رَبِّ عَلِّمْنِي شَيْئًا أَذْكُرُكَ بِهِ وَأَدْعُوكَ بِهِ فَقَالَ: يَا مُوسَى قُلْ: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ فَقَالَ: يَا رَبِّ كُلُّ عِبَادِكَ يَقُولُ هَذَا إِنَّمَا أَيْدٍ شَيْئًا تَخُصُّنِي بِهِ قَالَ: يَا مُوسَى لَوْ أَنَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعَ وَعَامِرَهُنَّ غَيْرِي وَالْأَرْضِينَ السَّبْعَ وَضِعْنَ فِي كِفَّةٍ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ فِي كِفَّةٍ لَمَالَتْ بِهِنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ " .

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying that Moses asked his Lord to teach him something with which to make mention of Him or to supplicate Him, and was told to say, "There is no god but Allah." He replied to his Lord that all His servants said this, but he wanted something particularly for himself, and He said, "Moses, were the seven heavens and their inhabitants apart from me and the seven earths put in one side of a balance and 'There is no

god but Allah in the other, 'There is no god but Allah' would outweigh them."<sup>3</sup>

- (لا إله إلا الله) is something that we never want to forget. We never want to forget it when we go through any pain, disappointment or sadness because (لا إله إلا الله) is its treatment.
- When we have a baggage of experience and then face something similar to it, our body will quickly become anxious and will try to defend itself. We might have tried to patch our "past luggage", but it has not healed, so the solution is (لا إله إلا الله).
- Yusuf (عليه السلام) was placed in a well by his brothers when he was child, so imagine what kind of "pain" he will have in his heart when he sees them. But he never reacted badly with

<sup>3</sup> Mishkaat Al Misbaah Book 9, Hadith 83

them and it did not show on his face either. As a result his brothers could not sense it.

- If we live on (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) and die on (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), we will enter paradise. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sent books for (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), He sent messengers for (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), He created angels for (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), He brings decrees for (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), the Day of Judgement is for (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), paradise and the hellfire are for (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ).
- There is nothing stronger, more powerful and will treat everything from the root with no side-effects or harm except for (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ).
- However, we will not be able to see the beauty of (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) if there are other attachments or other expectations.

- When we start feeling tense from a situation or our mood changes, then we need to remember (لا إله إلا الله).
- There are many beautiful things around us, many delights and good moments, but why do we not feel it and enjoy it? Because we have been cluttered with attachments and expectations.
- For example, when we can eat all types of food but then we cannot enjoy their individual flavors. But when we detox, and then eat a piece of bread and butter, it is so distinct in flavor. When we eat a piece of chocolate, we can truly taste it.
- And similarly, what will make us enjoy all the beautiful sceneries and moments around us? When we there is (لا إله إلا الله).

- In life we go through phases, and we will not be upgraded unless we “detox”.
- When there is shirk in our life, it will not even make us enjoy the water we drink or the moments we have with our family or enjoy our worships.
- Shirk is a trap, it is deceiving, it is bitter and it spoils anything we touch. An atom of shirk spoils the deeds and deprives of paradise.

## PROTECTION FROM SHIRK

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا  
أَعْلَمُ

*Allāhumma innī a`ūdhu bika an ushrika bika wa  
anā a`lam, wa astaghfiruka limā lā a`lam.*

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I associate anything with You knowingly, and I seek Your forgiveness for what I know not.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Sahihul-Jami' As-Saghir 3/233

- Shirk is a great wrong which can ruin everything. That's why Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us (لا إله إلا الله).
- When we feel any pain in our life, we just need to remember that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to teach us (لا إله إلا الله). Then the relationship will be good, the job will be good and everything will be good.
- In conclusion, (لا إله إلا الله) is the word of tawheed and this is the ability of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to teach us (لا إله إلا الله) before starting Surah Aal Imraan.

## DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- *We will not be broken when others do not appreciate us because Allah Ash Shakir Ash Shakoor (The Appreciative, The All-Appreciative) will appreciate us.*
- *Sometimes people do not accept us as we are, but Allah Al 'Afuw (The All-Pardoning) accepts us.*
- *Sometimes we are blamed for the same mistake again and again and it hurts us each time, but Allah Al Ghafoor (The All-Forgiving) consoles us.*
- *Sometimes we want to be more beautiful, and Allah Al Jameel (The Most Beautiful) will beautify us.*

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- All the pains and problems go away when we know (لا إله إلا الله). The moment our mind switches that it is (لا إله إلا الله), then the people will show us mercy, then they will pardon, then they will give and so forth. The moment we attach to (لا إله إلا الله) then everything will go back to normal.
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- When we start feeling tense from a situation or our mood changes, then we need to remember (لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ).
- There are many beautiful things around us, many delights and good moments, but why do we not feel it and enjoy it? Because we have been cluttered with attachments and expectations.

MAY ALLAH KEEP US FIRM ON (لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ). AMEEN

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