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YOU ALONE WE WORSHIP AND YOU ALONE
WE ASK FOR HELP (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ)

- When a command comes, either we submit willingly or unwillingly. We want to listen nicely and willingly with a quiet voice to take it willingly. But if we refuse, then it will come to us where we are forced to do it. For example, the doctor tells us to watch our diet and exercise, and if we do not, then we face a medical issue where we are forced to watch our diet and exercise.

- And similarly, there are stages to the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى):
 1. First it begins with blessings, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grants us blessings, so we are in a state of good while fulfilling His commands
 2. But if we do not willing submit to His command, then a decree happens that will bring us back to fulfilling His commands
- And surely, it is better to go forward while we are in a good state, and not be forced while we are in a bad state.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can show that He can force us and He can show His power, but we need to magnify His position first. When we respect His position, then we will accept what He tells us.

- For example, if we have a helper at home and they are doing their own thing and not listening, then this will cause a mess because there is no respect to the one in position.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the One Who gives position in life, He gives position to parents, to the rulers, to the one responsible in order to keep stability. For example, if a mother tells her child to do something, but then his sister takes that role and tells him what to do, she will be harsh. And the Prophet (ﷺ) said that from the signs of the Day of Judgement, the mother will give birth to her master, meaning the mother will want to please the child, as if submissive to him.
- In the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it is important to know our position, and it is (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ) (It is You

we worship). Falsehood can be very loud and it can be moving, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the messengers invite to truth, and there is no compulsion in the religion. The truth is gentle and it has position, so we need to submit to it.

- What does it mean to be active in the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? To know the position of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to know our position, and then any activity we do will be right. What is the point of being active while not giving position to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Messenger (ﷺ).
- The Qur'an is the Word of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and how we will take it is how much we give position to it. There are scholars who would wear the best and most expensive garments

when reciting the hadith due to the great respect they have for the Prophet (ﷺ).

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) spoke to Musa (عليه السلام) twice, in the first meeting, there was no appointment and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) spoke to him. But for the second meeting, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) set a certain time, place and to bring his people, but what happened? Musa (عليه السلام) came earlier because he loved Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and he did not bring Banu Israel with him, and said they will come later. Did Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accept this?

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وَمَا أَعْجَلَكَ عَنْ قَوْمِكَ يَا مُوسَى

[Allah] said, "And what made you hasten from your people, O Moses?"

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قَالَ هُمْ أَوْلَاءِ عَلَيَّ أَثْرِي وَعَجِلْتُ إِلَيْكَ رَبِّ لِتَرْضَىٰ

He said, "They are close upon my tracks, and I hastened to You, my Lord, that You be pleased."

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قَالَ فَإِنَّا قَدْ فَتَنَّا قَوْمَكَ مِنْ بَعْدِكَ وَأَضَلَّهُمُ السَّامِرِيُّ

[Allah] said, "But indeed, We have tried your people after you [departed], and the Samiri has led them astray."

- The incident is to give position to Allah (سبحانه) and follow what He commanded. And what happened? His people ended up getting tested and the tone of the meeting was different from the first.
- Can the prayer be prayed before its time, can we start fasting Ramadan from now? No. Can we perform hajj in another place or time? No. We need to listen and obey. And this leads us

to the Name of Allah Al Muqeet – The Nourisher.

ALLAH AL MUQEET – THE NOURISHER

(المقيت)

- The nourishment from Allah Al Muqeet is in the right place, time and amount to bring balance.
- The word (قوت) refers to essential nourishment. He nourishes every creation in a way suitable for them. Like the nourishment of angels is tasbeeh. Animals are nourished in a way suitable for them. In the same way, herbivores are not given meat but meat is for carnivores and omnivores.
- He also nourishes the body, heart and minds of people with specific things.

- For example, if we eat only what we want, we can harm ourselves, until we reach a stage where a doctor will give us specific instructions and quantities of food to eat in order to bring us back to balance.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) set specific times for our five daily prayers. We cannot say I want to pray fajr during isha time.
- When we go for hajj or umrah, the meeqaat is the place we enter ihram. When we hear the announcement that we will reach the meeqaat soon, it makes us conscious. This specific time and place make us have more taqwa. This is how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures us.
- We cannot decide to fast the month of Ramadan in another month.

- Even if a person is going into surgery many matters need to be measured and stabilized.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nourishes us with what we need in every phase of our lives. When we are born we drink mother's milk and as we grow our nourishment also changes.
- From nourishment of our hearts is to follow the Prophet (وسلم عليه الله صلى). We cannot innovate and follow anyone.
- We cannot skip Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His command or skip respecting Him. This brings balance to maintain respect and love and this is uloohiyah.
- If a person says I have feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and I will pray to Him anyway I want, I do not need to pray to Him give times, then this is not the right nourishment or balance.

- When we give the right position to Allah (سبحانه و تعالی), to His Messenger and to those He gave position above us, He will make our path easy.
- When there is position, there will not be excessiveness, wastage or unfulfilled matters.
- May Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) help us to have taqwa to accept His decree and not go against Him. Everything comes in the right time and place.
- May Allah help us live this balanced life to give the position to Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) and His Messenger and understand our position of being His slaves.
- This gives life to the hearts and bodies and makes us active in the right way.

- Dajjal will test the people with food and the nourishment for believer in that time is the remembrance of Allah.
- We think doing our way will give us nourishment, but our nourishment is when we obey those with position, and there is great blessing in obedience.
- In Surah Al Balad, people are active, but only working for themselves, so there is no progression. The meaning of (بلد) is not only land, city or town, but it also means dead and no progression.
- They are proud to spend on themselves, but they do not look at others and the needy. To be active, is not only to do things, but to do what is right, and to be in right time and place.

- From the voluntaries, there is something for ourselves and something that goes beyond to others. In order to be active is not for ourselves, but to be active for the sake of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Is it being active when there is a great amount of feelings in the heart, but nothing shows from the outside? No because the inner is not like the outer. And if someone is so active and all over the place, but does not know for what, is this being active? No, this is not active because the inner is not like the outer. In order to be active, we need a heart, tongue and limbs.
- To be active in:
 1. Heart
 2. Tongue
 3. Listening

4. Hearing
 5. Touching
 6. Walking
 7. Smelling
 8. Tasting the sweetness of faith
- o And each is active in its own way. To be continued in sha'a Allah.

MAY ALLAH GUIDE US AND GRANT US TAWFEEQ. AMEEN.

REFERENCES

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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