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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the High, the Most High and the Ever High. This encourages us to do our best and reach higher to reach the best life in the hereafter.
- In life we hear terms like the highest ranking jobs and salaries. Or high rises and penthouses that are more exclusive and expensive.
- We also hear hear terms like 'go higher', 'aim high' and no one is encouraged to go lower.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) put in our fitrah to like what is high and dislike what can take us low. The duniya is something low, even in its meaning.
- The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said the duniya is worth less than a mosquito wing to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- These names appear ten times in the Qur'an in total. Al 'Aliy appears eight times, Al A'laa appears once and Al Muta'al also appears once.

### SURAH AR RA'D 9

عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ الْكَبِيرُ الْمُتَعَالِ

[He is] Knower of the unseen and the witnessed,  
the Grand, the Exalted.

- The Name Al 'Aliy always appears with another Name. No one can compete with the highness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- A person may have a high position in life but that does not mean that they are the best or that they have knowledge or wisdom.

### SURAH AL BAQARAH 255 - AYATUL KURSI

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.

- Ayatul Kursi is the greatest ayah in the Qur'an is all about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Whoever recites Ayat al-Kursi at the end of every obligatory prayer, nothing but death will prevent him from entering Paradise. We also recite it in our morning, evening and sleep supplications.
- We can easily get pulled down by the duniya but talking about the Most High can bring us up.
- Ayatul Kursi is also protection from the shaithan who wants to pull us down and trap us with the duniya. Remembering the Most High picks us up.
- Allah is the highest in all His Names and Attributes. No one will show us higher

generosity, love, mercy or protection than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- The Name Al 'Alaa is mentioned in Surah Al 'Alaa.

## SURAH AL 'ALAA

سَبِّحِ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى

Exalt the name of your Lord, the Most High,

- Our Rabb, the One taking care of us is the Most High. He is dealing with us in the highest way so we do not think that any decree is bad.
- The mercy that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows us is the highest form of mercy. When we know He is dealing with us in highest way, we want to show our highest belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with no doubt. We want to show the highest speech by speaking the truth and goodness.

We want to show the highest form with our hearts by having sound hearts. We want to have the highest actions by following His commands and staying away from His prohibitions. Because He is the Most high and Most worthy to be shows the best.

- Allah Al Muta'al is in the highest position and He is in full control. A person may be in highest position but he has no knowledge or ability, so he cannot be in control.
- The highness of Allah is perfect in all aspects.
- Never can the highness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) be brought down or be close to anyone else.
- Unlike in life where we see those who come 1st, 2nd and 3rd in any competition stand very close to each other on the podium. They

maybe slightly higher and lower than each other by in a way they are all close.

- There is no way anyone can come second or even close to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). His highness is absolute. No one can come near to it; no one can compete with it or resemble it.
- It is a protection for our hearts to know His highness and we only want to take our hearts up to Him.

### ELEVATION BY THE QUR'AN

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْفَعُ بِهَذَا الْكِتَابِ أَقْوَامًا وَيَضَعُ بِهِ الْآخَرِينَ

By this Book, Allah would exalt some peoples and degrade others.<sup>1</sup>

- His Book is the most high and by it He raises people. This is the greatness and blessing of the Qur'an. It is not only for us, but for all. At

<sup>1</sup> Sahih Muslim 817a



the same time, He can debase and bring people down when they leave the Qur'an and do not implement it.

- We want to take anything from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because it is the highest.
- When we know Allah Al Aliy, we do not want to bring ourselves up to people. Firawn put himself in a position he was not worthy of. Iblis saw himself higher than Adam (عليه السلام). The one who has arrogance, feels no one can be like him, even though we are all equals and slaves.
- To be humble means to be a slave and accept the truth from anyone. Humbleness is to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to His creation.

- We may be sitting in a class and we easily accept the lessons from it, notice our faults and work on them. But when someone directly advises us with the same matter, we do not find it as easy to accept. We want to submit to the truth whether it comes directly or indirectly.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) elevates us when we are in sujood which is the lowest place. We praise the Most High, when we are in the lowest position. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in the highest position, above the seven heavens where He rose over the throne in a manner suiting His Majesty.
- Once the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) asked a slave girl where is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and she said He is in the sky. Then he asked her who he

was and she told them that he was the messenger of Allah. The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) then commanded to free her as she was a believer.

### ASK FOR AL FIRDAUS

فَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُ اللَّهَ فَاسْأَلُوهُ الْفِرْدَوْسَ

So, when you ask Allah (for something), ask for Al-firdaus<sup>2</sup>

- Al Firdaus is the highest level of paradise. The ceiling of it is the Throne of Allah so imagine the closeness and nearness to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Al Firdaus is mentioned twice in the Qur'an - once in Surah Al Kahf (Chapter of the Cave) and once in Surah Al Mu'minoon (Chapter of the Believers).

<sup>2</sup> Sahih al-Bukhari 2790

## SURAH AL MU'MINOON 60

وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا آتَوْا وَقُلُوبُهُمْ وَجِلَةٌ أَنَّهُمْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ رَاجِعُونَ

And they who give what they give while their hearts are fearful because they will be returning to their Lord -

- The surah begins about the outer traits of the believers and the middle of the surah talks about their hearts. The hearts of the believers are described to have (وَجِلَةٌ) as they know the greatness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They know their deeds can never equate to the greatness of Allah.
- The word (جلال) shows much majesty, honor and magnificence of Allah. These believers see and feel this in their hearts.
- Also the description of the 70,000 who enter paradise without account goes back to the

heart and how much they feel for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- At his deathbed, when the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was given the choice between remaining in this world as a king or to die, he chose (الرفيق الأعلى) - the Closest Companion, The Most High. He knew the real true life is in the hereafter and that honor and highness is with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us a good end.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us to show our best to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because He is showing His best to us.

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us Al Firdaus because we want the nearness to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Knowing the highness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes us to not underestimate any small sin or even any small good deed.
- Even if we do worship, that seem big, we are doing them for the sake of the Most High so this makes us humble.
- We need the Most High to help us worship Him.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US AL FIRDAUS. AMEEN.

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