

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

عش مع الله العليم

LIVE WITH ALLAH AL 'ALEEM – THE ALL-KNOWER

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INTRODUCTION

- For seventeen times a day, we are renewing our contract with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that is:

SURAH AL FATIHA 5

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

It is You we worship and You we ask for help.

- Though we are human and can forget, but it is important to not forget what is between us and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because that will protect us.

- (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ): "You alone we worship" – shows our purpose in life. We love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and if we love Him then surely we will continue being a slave to Him.
- We do not want our heart to turn to other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to love other than Him, hope from other than Him or fear other than Him. Our core feelings are love, fear and hope, and that is directed to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- For any worship or devotion, it is not only about "surface worship", but it must be from the heart.
- People can be impressed with outer actions, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not look at how we look from the outside or our wealth, but He looks at our hearts and deeds.

- Real acceptance is based on our actions of the heart – our feelings. We cannot have feelings of loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) if we do not know Him. Our heart will not hope from Him if we do not know about His mercy, and our heart will not fear Him if we do not know about His greatness.
- Allah Al 'Aleem is The All-Knower of whose deeds are accepted or not. Two people can be doing the same thing from the outside, but is accepted from one and not the another, why? One invokes Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and asks Him to accept. They are humble while giving. While the other feels they are doing their best and are confident of their deeds.

- Acceptance of deeds needs dua and a pure heart. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accept all our deeds.
- To worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not about being detached from the world and being unapproachable by others. What is the point of making dawah to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and while being detached from others?
- The Prophet (ﷺ) would help his household while at home. If they were stitching, he would stitch, if they were cleaning, he would clean. And this is so much purification for the self, and it brings more connection and bond for the household.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said he would place (خليفة) “successors” on the earth which is someone

who would build and develop things for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- The connection between worship and loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is that we have feelings and want to do our best. The religion is not forced on us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can force everyone, but He wants those who worship Him out of love. It is important to make the deeds truthful and of quality.
- Then we hope from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that He will accept what we do and make it beneficial. So as we hope, it will make us perform the deeds with a great amount of feelings. If we perform worships without hoping then it will make the feelings dry.

- We also need “brakes” in life, but we do not use it always. And the feeling of fear and fearing the punishment of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keeps us protected.
- Everything is a worship, whether it is what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has commanded us or the decrees that come to us. It is not about making up things.
- We will be balanced when we fulfill our purpose of love, hope and fear.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created us in the best form in order to fulfill the greatest purpose which is to worship Him.

SURAH AL INFITAAR 6 TO 9

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يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّبَكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ

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

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الَّذِي خَلَقَكَ فَسَوَّاكَ فَعَدَلَكَ

Who created you, proportioned you, and
balanced you?

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فِي أَيِّ صُورَةٍ مَّا شَاءَ رَكَّبَكَ

In whatever form He willed has He assembled
you.

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كَأَلْبَلٍ تُكَدِّبُونَ بِالذِّينِ

No! But you deny the Recompense.

- If we do not know why we are here in this life and what will give us peace then surely we cannot find that balance.
- The prayer can be very heavy or very light on someone, what can make heavy or light?

SURAH AL BAQARAH 45 TO 46

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وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ

And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah]

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الَّذِينَ يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُلَاقُوا رَبِّهِمْ وَأَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Who are certain that they will meet their Lord and that they will return to Him.

○ Our smile can be a worship, taking care of our home can be a worship, taking care of ourselves can be a worship, so when we go to the prayer as a command, then surely we will find our heart.

○ (وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ) – You alone we seek help. We will

not find a contract like this in real life. Imagine we are signing a contract to be hired as an

engineer, but we will not sign until the manager agrees that he will be with us every step of the way, give us the ideas, give us the resources and show us what to do, subhan Allah.

- So we worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we do not rely on ourselves, we rely on Him and ask Him to help us, give us emotional support, motivation, energy and health. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give us the resources, food, drink, clothes and ideas.

LIVE WITH ALLAH AL 'ALEEM

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The All-Knower and He will help us every step of the way. There are many details and he knows what we need.

- To live with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best living and it makes us very rich. He will not separate from us for a blink of an eye. And this removes a great amount of stress, it removes shirk and it removes arrogance and pride.
- Ibn Al Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him) said the actions of heart all return back to (إِيَّاكَ) (نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ) (It is You we worship and You we ask for help.). When the Qur'an tells us about different worships, it is not to rely on ourselves, but to rely on Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We do not want to just perform deeds and then it is not accepted because that would be a waste of time. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows what is best for us, what worship will be extracted from us and what help we need so that our deeds

are preserved. This is belief in Allah Al 'Aleem – The All-Knower. Let us take the opposite when we believe we know, when we believe we know what to do, will this not spoil our deed? Yes.

- When we have the feeling of “I do not know but only Allah knows” then we will have the best outcome.
- In the task of raising the foundation of the House of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), both Ibrahim (عليه السلام) and Isma'eel (عليه السلام) went through nurturing previous to it. They were nurtured by being separated from one another, and they were nurtured together when Ibrahim (عليه السلام) had to sacrifice his son, and both submitted. So if someone is assigned a great task after going through great nurturing, they will be humble as

they perform the task, and they will appreciate the work. Unlike someone who just goes and snatches work or is jealous of others so he does things on his own.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The All-Knower and surely a person has gone through nurturing before great deeds. We think someone who accomplished a good deed will celebrate after it, but we rely on Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to accept the deed.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 127

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا ۖ
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

And [mention] when Abraham was raising the foundations of the House and [with him] Ishmael, [saying], "Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing.

- When we conclude asking Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to accept our deeds, then our deeds will be preserved. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accept our deeds from us, verily He is The All-Hearer, The All-Knower. Ameen.

BEST OF DEEDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAKING THIS DUA

SURAH AL AHQAAF 15

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا ۚ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ
 كُرْهًا ۖ وَحَمَلُهُ وَفِصَالُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ
 أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ
 وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي ۗ إِنَّي
 تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning

[period] is thirty months. [He grows] until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty years, he says, "My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims."

- When a person takes care of his parents, and especially his mother, they will reach a point a point of maturity at the age of forty where they see how their life has progressed, they see where they once were and where they are now. They see how things have reached fruition and a state of stability. This can be after studying and then working in a job a person actually likes, or a person reaches a state where they are in agreement with their spouse

and children, so there is a state of contentment. When he has these feelings, he makes the following dua:

SURAH AL AHQAAF 15

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

"My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims."

○ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ

(My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents): we will appreciate our

parents and the blessing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) on us and our parents. We see how the blessings us and our parents is intertwined so we thank Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for it.

◉ (وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ) (and to work righteousness of which You will approve): we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to make us perform deeds which He will accept. It is not about reaching this age and then planning what to do next; Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide us to the best deeds which are pleasing to Him

◉ (وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي) (and make righteous for me my offspring.): and we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to reform our children and offspring. We can stress so much about what path our children need to

take in life, but we make dua to Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى). If we depend on our knowledge then so much work has to be done. And the opposite is true when we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to reform them.

- (إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ) (Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims): then we repent to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to be from those who submit to Him.
- Now what do we expect the answer and result will be to this dua?

SURAH AL AHQAAF 16

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ نَتَقَبَّلُ عَنْهُمْ أَحْسَنَ مَا عَمِلُوا وَنَتَجَاوَزُ عَنْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ فِي أَصْحَابِ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ وَعَدَ الصِّدْقِ الَّذِي كَانُوا يُوعَدُونَ

Those are the ones from whom We will accept the best of what they did and overlook their

misdeeds, [their being] among the companions of Paradise. [That is] the promise of truth which they had been promised.

○ (أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ نَتَقَبَّلُ عَنْهُمْ أَحْسَنَ مَا عَمِلُوا) (Those are the ones from whom We will accept the best of what they did): Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will accept the best of their deeds when they make this dua. We may do different things throughout the day, but we do not know which deed Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will accept. And He will accept the deed done with sincerity and excellence. It can be something as simple as a smile or feeding the birds, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows the intentions of the heart. Even the scholars said “If I know Allah accepted one deed of

mine then I will have paradise.” May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accept all our deeds. Ameen.

○ (وَنَتَجَاوَزُ عَنْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ) (and overlook their

misdeeds,): and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will overlook our mistakes which we do not consider asking forgiveness for it.

○ (فِي أَصْحَابِ الْجَنَّةِ وَعَدَ الصِّدْقِ الَّذِي كَانُوا يُوعَدُونَ)

([their being] among the companions of Paradise. [That is] the promise of truth which they had been promised.): they will go to paradise, and this is a truthful promise from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

○ We do not know if our deeds are accepted, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows. And it is important to make dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for it to be

accepted because this shows complete submission to His knowledge.

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي دُرِّيَّتِي ۖ إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

"My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims."

MAY ALLAH GRANT US TAWFEEQ TO ASK HIM TO ACCEPT OUR DEEDS. AMEEN.

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