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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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INTRODUCTION

- To read is to follow everything Allah shows us to **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ** (Laa ilaaha illa Allah - There is no one worthy of worship except Allah).
- The final juz is like a wassiyah when everything is summarized and direct.
- Last week we did Surah Al Burooj where we learned that our belief is something high, to represent the faith is something high and we do not want to bring it down by any attacks.

- We saw there were those who were openly digging trenches to put down the believers and now in Surah At Tariq we will look at attacks that are hidden inside but are piercing.
- The theme of Surah At Tariq is to witness the Oneness of the Most Merciful.
- We see the connection between the Mercy of Allah and 'knocking' in the dua -

SURAH AT TAARIQ 1

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ الَّتِي لَا يُجَاوِزُهُنَّ بَرٌّ وَلَا فَاجِرٌ مِنْ شَرِّ
 مَا خَلَقَ ، وَبَرًّا ، وَذَرَأًا ،
 وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ
 مَا ذَرَأَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا ،
 وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتَنِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ طَارِقٍ إِلَّا طَارِقًا يَطْرُقُ
 بِخَيْرٍ ، يَا رَحْمَنُ

I seek refuge with Allah's perfect words which no righteous or unrighteous person can transgress, from all the evil that He has created, made and originated. (I seek refuge) from the evil that descends from the sky and the evil that rises up to it. and (I seek refuge) from the evil that is spread on Earth and the evil that springs from it. And I seek refuge from the evil of the tribulations of night and day, and the evil of one who visits at night except the one who brings good, O Merciful One.¹

- It is out of the mercy of Allah that we testify to His Oneness.
- We do not want to misinterpret matters but to be a beautiful star that spreads لا إله إلا الله (Laa ilaaha illa Allah - There is no one worthy of worship except Allah).

¹ Ahmad No# 15461 with an authentic chain and Ibn As-Sunni #637. See Al-Silsilah Al-Sahihah No# 2995

SURAH AT TAARIQ



- Though the surah appears short but what is hidden is more than what appears from the outside.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 1 & 2

1.

وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ

By the sky and the night comer -

2.

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الطَّارِقُ

And what can make you know what is the night comer?

- Imagine the sky, it is very dark and in it are stars piercing into the skin of the sky. Similar to earrings that pierce into the ears.
- This is a beautiful description from Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى) for the stars in the sky.
- Knocking grabs our attention more so if there is a knocking in the night. It brings a scary feeling especially in the night.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 3

النَّجْمُ الثَّاقِبُ

It is the piercing star -

- Its a piercing star that we cannot miss.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us the stars are there for guidance, adornment and as protection against the shaithan.
- What Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given us from faith is something great. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) swear by the stars, for what?

SURAH AT TAARIQ 4

إِنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَّمَّا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ

There is no soul but that it has over it a protector.

- The nafs has so much value, every breath has value.

- This human has a precious life and has angels protecting him.
- Just as the skies are being guarded, adorned and protected by stars, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has set a protector for you, o nafs.
- We see in our daily lives how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is protecting us, whether through near misses when we slip while or even narrow escapes when we are driving.
- There is the whisper of the shayatheen but also there is the whisper of the angels who give us good thoughts and ideas.
- They are guarding and preserving our deeds.
- Whatever steps we take, whatever we say are all being recorded.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 5

فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ مِمَّ خُلِقَ

So let man observe from what he was created.

- Look, o human, what you have been created from.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 6

خُلِقَ مِنْ مَّاءٍ دَافِقٍ

He was created from a fluid, ejected,

- You are created from a water that was ejected. We may be embarrassed to think of it but this is our reality.
- Even if a person denies Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), he cannot deny the fact that he was created from this ejected water.
- This person denies thinking he knows but How can he deny Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who is Al Quddoos (The Most Holy, The Blessed)?

SURAH AT TAARIQ 7

يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الصُّلْبِ وَالتَّرَائِبِ

Emerging from between the backbone and the ribs.

- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us specific details about the creation of the human being.
- This water comes from between the back of a man and the chest of a woman. These are recent scientific discoveries that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us.
- So we do not be impressed with our knowledge. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows everything before anyone will discover it.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 8

إِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ رَجْعِهِ لَقَادِرٌ

Indeed, Allah , to return him [to life], is Able.

- This fluid can either return back and not be a human being and not exist or it can be ejected.
- It is by the decree of Allah that we exist and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to recreate us and resurrect us.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 9

يَوْمَ تُبْلَى السَّرَائِرُ

The Day when secrets will be put on trial,

- There is a Day when all the secrets will be out.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 10

فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَلَا نَاصِرٍ

Then man will have no power or any helper.

- He will not have strength or supporter - not from within nor from outside.

- Penetrating and piercing thoughts can be good or bad. If we do not know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), they can take us off balance.
- The bad thoughts and whispers of shaithan can be like a piercing light that can deceive us. He makes you see things that are not there, put you down saying, 'why are you like this?', 'why did you say this?'.
 ◦ But there is something greater than these piercing whispers. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will uproot these piercing whispers with the truth.
- Even if we are in a difficult pace, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bring back the balance in us.
- People can be mentally disturbed if they listen to the whispers and base their life on them.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 11

وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الرَّجْعِ

By the sky which returns [rain]

- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us about what is good.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will never leave the scale to be tipped and imbalanced. He will bring back the balance.
- The piercing thoughts may be constant, but just as the sky is retuning with rain to purify, He will purify and remove any bad thoughts with what He brings down.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 12

وَالْأَرْضِ ذَاتِ الصَّدْعِ

And [by] the earth which cracks open,

- Then just as the earth cracks open, He will break any false beliefs, whatever was pulling

you down and causing the imbalance within. It will break and there will be growth.

- You came out from a difficult place to be a nafs believing in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He brought back a beautiful scenery.
- We see rain but what is more is..

SURAH AT TAARIQ 13

إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلٌ فَصْلٌ

Indeed, the Qur'an is a decisive statement,

- These decisive words split between falsehood and truth. They fix the wrong thoughts we have with the correct belief.
- Anything that happened in the past is not because of injustice.
- If we look at the story of our lives and are stuck with the characters in them, we cannot go forward to لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ (Laa ilaaha illa Allah -

There is no one worthy of worship except Allah).

- These words are striking and they will break anything.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 14

وَمَا هُوَ بِالْهَزْلِ

And it is not amusement.

- It is not to be taken as a joke but to be taken with strength.
- The wrong belief and the hammering within, will be replaced with the Words of Allah.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 15 & 16

15.

إِنَّهُمْ يَكِيدُونَ كَيْدًا

Indeed, they are planning a plan,

16.

وَأَكِيدُ كَيْدًا

But I am planning a plan.

- Then we go back to something hidden.
- There are those who are plotting and conspiring but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Knower of the Seen and Unseen. What we hide and show is known to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

SURAH AT TAARIQ 17

فَمَهِّلِ الْكَافِرِينَ أَمْهَلُهُمْ رُوَيْدًا

So allow time for the disbelievers. Leave them awhile.

- Leave them and focus on the Words of Allah.

NURTURING LESSONS

- The night is time for tahajjud, remembrance of Allah and reciting the Qur'an. This is lights up the nights.
- We do not want to remain on the side of bad thoughts and worries as they can be penetrating and will pull us down as if we are getting hammered in.
- Allah Al Qaadir is able to bring back the balance. Al Qaadir means the result comes straight away with no time. Going back to لا إله إلا الله (Laa ilaaha illa Allah - There is no one worthy of worship except Allah) takes us back in a moment. Whereas the Name Al Qadeer shows things come step by step with time.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 18

قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ

[that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice.

- Allah is Al Qaadir and (قَائِمًا) so even if the thoughts are piercing and hammering, He rebalances everything in an instant.
- The 'piercing' verses in the surah are:

SURAH AT TAARIQ 4

إِنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَّمَّا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ

There is no soul but that it has over it a protector.

- The word is إِنَّ an affirmation.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 8

إِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ رَجْعِهِ لَقَادِرٌ

Indeed, Allah , to return him [to life], is Able.

- The word إِنَّهُ is a stronger affirmation that surely Allah is All-Able to bring us back.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 13

إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلٌ فَصْلٌ

Indeed, the Qur'an is a decisive statement,

- One Word of Allah is enough to remove the piercing, hammering words of anything else.

SURAH AT TAARIQ 15

إِنَّهُمْ يَكِيدُونَ كَيْدًا

Indeed, they are planning a plan,

- This is for us to keep in mind. We need to pierce the right things about Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى) in our minds.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us good deeds that no one knows about. We want to rectify ourselves now, correct our intentions, thoughts and desires because to be exposed on That Day is not easy.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US RETURN TO HIM IN THE BEST WAY.
AMEEN.

REFERENCES

1. تفسير الشيخ السعدي - TAFSEER SHEIKH AS SA'ADY



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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