



ALLAH AL GHANIY (The Most Rich)

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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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- The journey of feelings cannot be complete without knowing Who we are heading to and we are all heading to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- One of the Names of Allah is Al Ghaniy (The Most Rich).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has The Most Beautiful Names so we see His Perfection and also so we can connect to Him. This way we can have that pure love towards Him.
- The Name Al Ghaniy is mentioned around 18 times in the Qur'an. Most of the times, it is

joined together with Al Hameed (The Most Praiseworthy).

- Sometimes in life we can see someone who shows richness but they do not show praiseworthiness. They may spoil, waste their money or deal with it in a way that is harmful to themselves or to others.
- Despite the Richness of Allah, He still comes to us, He gives us, He cares for us and this is so praiseworthy. We praise Him for this.
- Everything in the heavens and earth belongs to Him and He tells us this so we do not need to turn to someone else.

SURAH MUHAMMAD 38

وَاللَّهُ الْغَنِيُّ وَأَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ

and Allah is the Free of need, while you are the needy.

- We are the ones who have needs, wants and requests. So we go to the One Who is the Most Rich and not to one who is needy like us.

SURAH MUHAMMAD 38

وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ

And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House - for whoever is able to find thereto a way. But whoever disbelieves - then indeed, Allah is free from need of the worlds.

- If our goal is not Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we turn to anyone else then this is poverty – it is not enrichment.
- Our richness is by connecting to the Most Rich. This is the richness of the heart.

- The richness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is so complete that He is not affected if anyone who obeys Him or disobeys Him.
- Unlike ourselves who gets affected both ways, whether someone listens to us or does not listen to us.
- Obedience or disobedience of people does not add or take away anything from the richness of Allah and His greatness.
- If everyone were to believe, it does not affect Him and if everyone were to disbelieve, it does not affect Him. This is from His perfect and complete richness.
- It is good for us to turn to Him, to believe in Him because we are the ones who will be asked. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not be asked.

SURAH AL 'ANBIYA 23

لَا يُسْأَلُ عَمَّا يَفْعَلُ وَهُمْ يُسْأَلُونَ

He is not questioned about what He does, but they will be questioned.

- There is general enrichment of Allah for all of creation to survive in this life. He provides them with food, air, oxygen and money. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives, this does not deplete from His richness.
- Then there is the special enrichment of Allah. This is for those who believe in Him. He enriches them in their hearts. He gives them feelings of faith and connection. He gives them divine understanding to know this life is temporary and the next life is the eternal life. They see things in this life and understand everything is temporary here - this is all a test.

- Knowing Allah the Most Rich makes one poor to His richness, His favors, His mercy, His nurturing, His guidance, His protection and His love. We are all in need.
- We are in need of these more than money, food and clothes. We are poor to be guided, to know what decision to make, what can keep us going, what to do in situations in life, how do we come back if we do something wrong, how do we return back to Him. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings the decrees and guidance. We are all poor and in need of this.

SURAH AL 'ANBIYA 23

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ

O mankind, you are those in need of Allah , while Allah is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us our true reality. We are all in need of Him.

- When we know we are in need and He is the Most Rich, we understand that the one who is poor to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the one who is actually the most rich.
- Anyone shows humbleness to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the one who, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) honors.
- The one who shows his weakness and disability to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) feeling 'ya Allah, only You can guide me, only You can show me', is the one who is the strongest in the Eyes of Allah.
- These are the measures and calculations. It is not about showing richness to others. It is not to feel 'I have everything'. Arrogance is not what takes us up.

- We can be tested with richness and we can be tested with poverty. We can be tested with health, and we can be tested with sickness. All of these are only tests and are not a measure of the love of Allah.
- What will we do with the test? Are we using the health He gave us to turn away from Him or to help others and come closer to Him? With the free time, are we using it to turn away from Him and engaging in something disliked to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? Or are we using that time to come closer to Him and help others?
- When we know that we are poor to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), there are manners and respect we need to have on the inside and on the outside.

- From the inner manners is - even if we are tested with something we do not have, not to feel inside 'I hate this', 'I hate You are doing this to me'. This is not showing respect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Instead to feel inside that this is a test. There may be one thing that I do not have, but there are so many other things that I do have. To still have hope that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give something bigger and greater.
- Even outwardly we do not show poorness. A person does not sit complaining about what he does not have. This also shows outward disrespect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH AL BAQARAH 273

يُحْسِبُهُمُ الْجَاهِلُ أَغْنِيَاءَ مِنَ التَّعَفُّفِ

An ignorant [person] would think them self-sufficient because of their restraint,

- These people hide their needs. They do not go around asking others. They know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will provide them. Their richness is by going to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not by going out and telling people 'look at me, I don't have'.
- This brings respect in our relationship with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), also in our relationship with others and ourselves.
- True richness is richness of the heart. This is truly when we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone and free our hearts from attaching to anyone rather than Him.
- Sometimes we show our needs to others. Whether we expect mercy from them, or pity

from them or we want something from them. But in the end we see disgust in their reaction. They may help, but they say 'please get away from me' or 'please don't do this'. This will not satisfy our hearts.

- But Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will never look down on us. Saying to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) 'I am in need', is what brings us up.
- We want to be rich with the truth. We want to live a life of truth. We want to follow the truth. We cannot be satisfied or enriched with lies. We cannot be enriched with deception.

ALLAH WILL ENRICH YOU

عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَقُولُ يَا
ابْنَ آدَمَ تَفَرَّغْ لِعِبَادَتِي أَمْلاً صَدْرَكَ غِنَى وَأَسُدَّ فَقْرَكَ وَإِلَّا تَفْعَلْ
مَلَأْتُ يَدَيْكَ شُغْلًا وَلَمْ أَسُدَّ فَقْرَكَ " .

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: "Indeed Allah, Most High said: 'O son of Adam! Devote yourself to My worship, I will fill your chest with riches and alleviate your poverty. And if you do not do so, then I will fill your hands with problems and not alleviate your poverty.'"¹

- To worship is not to be praying and fasting all the time. To worship is to have that connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Everything we do, whether we are feeding our family, we are going out with them - He knows we want to do our best. He will enrich our hearts to feel happy and satisfied.
- But anyone who is not occupied with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), his hands are always full with things to do and he is never satisfied. He does not have that rest.

¹ Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2466

- The measure with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is different.
- If we turn to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), He will enrich us. But if one feels that he is in no need of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), he will always feel impoverished.

SURAH AL QASAS 24

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ

"My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good You would send down to me, in need."

- Musa (عليه السلام) said this dua when he didn't have anything - no home, no money or family. He sat under the tree after helping the ladies and made this dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- He did not say I am poor, send me something. But he saw the greatness and goodness from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) first.

- We are all poor, in need of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- No one can say we can survive without Him.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) enrich us with the best days, best companions and make each day better until we meet Him.

MAY ALLAH ENRICH US. AMEEN.

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