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## LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN: SURAH AAL IMRAAN

All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.



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## INTRODUCTION

- What will make things bloom? Faith. There can be glamour and glitter, but if there is no faith, then it will wear out and become misery.
- Beauty and adornment will bloom when there is faith and taqwa.
- Real appreciation is to appreciate what is unseen. For example, if we see the trees blooming, we might ask, "who is the gardener? What kind of trees are these? Where did you get it from?", but then that is

the end of the conversation. Unlike seeing the beauty of the One Who created the beautiful trees, made them grow and bloom.

- And this reminds us of how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created the human being and sent the best guidance. He sent the best messengers and He brought down the best books.
- Problems are there, trials are there, bad people are there, the shaitan is there, but it is important to see the beauty and enjoy everything in the best way, and not in the wrong way.
- We need to be in this life looking at the beauty of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Why do we learn the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? Because people think religion is to only say the testimony of faith, pray and wear hijab, but it

is greater than this. It is to love of Allah (سبحانه) and to be submit to Him.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us senses and they are sharp senses – whether it is to see, to hear, to taste, to touch and to smell.
- It is more than just to see the sun and moon, but to see that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created it, He took care of it, He causes it to rise and set.
- When we drink water, we will see more than just quenching our thirst, but we will see the Dominion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## SURAH AL MULK 27

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَّعِينٍ

Say, "Have you considered: if your water was to become sunken [into the earth], then who could bring you flowing water?"

- The Dominion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not seen with gold and jewels, but with water.

## LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

### TASTED FAITH

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عَنِ الْعَبَّاسِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ "ذَاقَ طَعْمَ الْإِيمَانِ مَنْ رَضِيَ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا  
وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولًا"

It is narrated on the authority of 'Abbas ibn 'Abdul-Muttalib (may Allah be pleased with him), that he heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: "He has found the taste of faith (Iman) who is

content with Allah as his Lord, with Islam as his religion (code of life) and with Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as his Prophet."<sup>1</sup>

### PLEASED WITH ALLAH AS OUR LORD

- If we want to taste faith, it is not about complaining or rejecting. If we do so, then this is only interference in the decree of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and actions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). There can be no taste of faith if this is our state.
- We are made of sand, but we are being purified to go to eternal gardens. So we will go through nurturing and maintenance in this life, but we have to see above the evil or

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<sup>1</sup> Sahih Muslim 34

harm. We want to be pleased with Allah (سبحانه) as our Lord.

- Anything that comes our way is not to disturb us, but to purify us from our ego. And when we are purified from our ego, we will be beautiful. Ego makes us ugly while humility beautifies us.
- We want to be someone who comes in this life and accepts all that comes to us. No one has power to benefit us and no one has power to harm us except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and this makes us pleased with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as our Lord.

## SURAH AL MULK 1 TO 2

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Blessed is He in whose hand is dominion, and He  
is over all things competent -

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الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ  
الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ

[He] who created death and life to test you [as  
to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the  
Exalted in Might, the Forgiving -

- As humans, we should know our position and not interfere. Imagine if we have a house and it is designed in the best way and furnished with the best line of furniture, would we accept it if someone comes who has no knowledge or experience about interior design and says, "I don't like this curtain". Will we accept this? No.

- So what about ourselves in the Dominion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), complaining and saying “this is off, this is wrong, this isn't how it's supposed to be”, subhan Allah.
- The nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is customized and tailored for us. And He teaches us flexibility in different situations, but if we are rigid, then we will be broken.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings situations in our life that we do not like, but it is all to extract worships from us. For example, we scream at our children for going somewhere that is packed and we get stuck in traffic, so we overact, though this is wrong. But we can always reverse it to ihsaan by apologizing and saying a good word or giving a gift. And when we apologize to our child, it teaches them a big

lesson that it is important to apologize and correct our mistakes.

- Firmness does not come when we do not make mistakes, firmness comes when we make mistakes and correct it.
- To taste faith is not about objecting and complaining, but to accept what comes to us because it is all customized nurturing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## PLEASED WITH ISLAM AS OUR RELIGION

### SURAH AAL IMRAAN 19

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam

- Islam is the religion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it is the religion of all messengers, and not just

Mohammed (ﷺ). And he is the final messenger to all mankind and the messenger we follow.

- Also a Muslim is not only someone who fulfills the five pillars of Islam, but is also the one who does not harm others by his hand and tongue.

### PLEASED WITH MOHAMMED (ﷺ) AS OUR PROPHET

- Mohammed (ﷺ) is our prophet, he is not a god; he is a human whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) chose to be our role model. He is the best in manners and the best to teach us to lead the best lifestyle, best sleep, best eating and best way to be with our family.
- If we are pleased with these three matters, we will taste faith.

- To be pleased overcomes our ego. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is perfect and He loves us, and He knows what is good for us, so we should trust Him. Just as a mother sees more than what her child sees.
- But we are the ones who refuse Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He did not bring us in this life to be miserable unless we make ourselves miserable. And when we are grateful, He will increase us.

WHOEVER IS PLEASED, ALLAH WILL  
MAKE HIM PLEASED

عَنْ أَبِي سَلَامٍ، خَادِمِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. قَالَ " مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ أَوْ إِنْسَانٍ أَوْ عَبْدٍ يَقُولُ حِينَ يُمَسِّي وَحِينَ يُصْبِحُ رَضِيتُ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيًّا - إِلَّا كَانَ حَقًّا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يُرْضِيَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ " .

It was narrated from Abu Salam, the servant of the Prophet (ﷺ), that: the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"There is no Muslim - or no person, or slave (of Allah) - who says, in the morning and evening: *'Radaytu billahi Rabban wa bil-Islami dinan wa bi Muhammadin nabiyyan*

(I am content with Allah as my Lord, Islam as my religion and Muhammad as my Prophet),' but he will have a promise from Allah to make him pleased on the Day of Resurrection."<sup>2</sup>

- Religion is not a chain, any decree Allah (سبحانه) bring to us is not a chain, but anything the shaitan brings to us is a chain, anything our ego brings is a chain, or our expectations are chains.

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<sup>2</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah 3870

- The shaitan wants to place people in chains through false adornment. He beautifies something to make the human fall into it. Just as when the shaitan made one tree more attractive than all of paradise to Adam (peace be upon him) and Hawa, subhan Allah.
- Anything we have is sweeter and better than what we do not have, but the shaitan will make something we do not have as more attractive.
- We may have the same food as our neighbors, but we will see theirs as better. We may have a spouse and children, but we see what others have as better because there is no responsibility on our side.

## SURAH AN NAML 36

فَمَا آتَانِي اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا آتَاكُمْ

But what Allah has given me is better than what  
He has given you.

○ What we have is not a chain (أغلال), but it is  
(رباط) – tie. The root of (رباط) is (ربط) which is to  
join and tie. But (أغلال) comes from the root (غل)  
which is deep hatred.

## SURAH AL KAHF 28

وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدَاةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ  
وَجْهَهُ <sup>صَلَاةً</sup> وَلَا تَعْدُ عَيْنَاكَ عَنْهُمْ تُرِيدُ زِينَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا <sup>صَلَاةً</sup> وَلَا تُطِعْ مَنْ  
أَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهُ عَن ذِكْرِنَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ وَكَانَ أَمْرُهُ فُرُطًا

And keep yourself patient [by being] with those  
who call upon their Lord in the morning and the  
evening, seeking His countenance. And let not  
your eyes pass beyond them, desiring

adornments of the worldly life, and do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desire and whose affair is ever [in] neglect him) as saying:

- We want to tie ourselves with the prayer to connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We want to tie ourselves with good people to connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But (أغلال) will chain us and not make us connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- To be firm is not just about being firm on the good deeds, but to firm on the blessings Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us this house, this family, these children, this work, these friends, so we should be firm on the blessings and not look at attraction of the duniya and become separated.

- We appreciate what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given us because it is safety for us, but if we look elsewhere we will surely get attracted to it. The Prophet (ﷺ) told the Companions to remain in their places during the Battle of Uhud, but what happened? They looked elsewhere and became attracted to the war booty. They left their place and everything turned against them.
- Faith is a blessing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) which we want to be firm on. But it will become a chain if there are no feelings. We will feel we are chained if there are no feelings.
- What causes people to not appreciate their blessings? When their hearts turn somewhere else. When we look at the other home and

not ours, when we look at the other car and not ours.

- And for relationships it is even something greater to take care of and appreciate because there are feelings that come with it, there is nurturing that comes with it. And if we look elsewhere, then our relationships will only become shallow.
- We may attain tangible blessings, but to have feelings are hard to get once they are gone.

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أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ. صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. "ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ طَعْمَ الْإِيمَانِ - وَقَالَ بُنْدَارٌ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ - مَنْ كَانَ يُحِبُّ الْمَرْءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ. وَمَنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَبَّ

إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا . وَمَنْ كَانَ أَنْ يُلْقَى فِي النَّارِ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ أَنْ  
يَرْجِعَ فِي الْكُفْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ أَنْقَذَهُ اللَّهُ مِنْهُ "

It was narrated from Anas bin Malik that the  
Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

“There are three things, whoever has them has  
found the taste of faith (One of the narrators)  
Bundar said: ‘The sweetness of faith; When he  
loves a man and only loves him for the sake of  
Allah. When Allah and His Messenger are more  
beloved to him than anything else; and when  
being thrown into the fire is dearer to him than  
going back to disbelief after Allah has saved  
him from it.”<sup>3</sup>

○ The one who loves Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the  
Messenger (ﷺ) more than himself, and the

<sup>3</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah 4033

one who love others for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) unconditionally will have tasted the sweetness of faith.

- And we hate to go back to disbelief just as we hate to be thrown in the fire.
- Tasting faith is all about being firm on love. We want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to see our love for Him, to see our love for the Prophet (ﷺ), and to see our love of others for His sake. And we hate to disbelieve and go to the fire.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US TASTE THE SWEETNESS OF FAITH.

AMEEN.

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