






# LOVE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (ﷺ)


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## AS SAYYID (The Master)

- This name is mentioned in the sunnah and any name that is mentioned in the sunnah is related to our day-to-day activities.
- We hear words like mastermind, masterclass, masterpiece, masterplan and there are a lot of feelings associated with these words. They can move people and also lead to enslavement. Mastery in duniya is very different to Allah As Sayyid Who is The Master.

- There are books on how to be a master in the art of cooking, relations, trading, business or raising children. They can also go to matters that are very dark and this is from the tricks of shaitan. They can be related to cults that are deep and evil which bring out slavery in a very wrong way.
- A person can lose himself if he takes something else as a master and chains himself to it. Something ugly and shirk will come out from this connection. It is very hypnotizing and appealing. There is an emotional dynamic in this relationship with mastery.
- The True Master is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to take Him as our Master is freedom.
- When we take anyone as a master, we look up to them, have feelings towards them

thinking they have power. There are expectations that they are able to do things and it becomes very mesmerizing. This relation can spread to the side of materialism or to the side of emotions and feelings. Both extremes are closer to the shaitan. People become attracted to anyone who has mastery, either in a material sense or emotional.

- There can be one who is an expert in a field and is extremely focused. They are not distracted and are constantly learning. They are unlike the one who does not know but remains patient and is persistent. This person sees different things.
- All the messengers have the best qualities and these are not for themselves but everything is guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Their concern

is to see the Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not to highlight themselves.

- We have the quality of looking up to those who are proficient and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given us the messengers to follow. There is beauty and gentleness in this relation.
- It can be extreme if people take anyone else as master. They lose themselves in this relation. They do not have a choice and are unhappy.
- No one can be a Master except Allah Who gives us space to breathe, to feel, to love and in no way do we feel suffocated.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is All-Able to show us our mistakes on the spot, to make us obey and instill fear in us. He is our Master, yet He gives us the freedom to go to Him out of choice, with

love for Him, hoping from Him and longing for Him.

# NAME OF ALLAH AS SAYYID IN THE SUNNAH

## ALLAH AS SAYYID

حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ، قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا بَشْرُ بْنُ الْفَضْلِ، قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو  
مَسْلَمَةَ، عَنْ أَبِي نَضْرَةَ، عَنْ مُطَرِّفٍ قَالَ: قَالَ أَبِي: انْطَلَقْتُ فِي  
وَفْدِ بَنِي عَامِرٍ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، فَقَالُوا: أَنْتَ سَيِّدُنَا،  
قَالَ: السَّيِّدُ اللَّهُ، قَالُوا: وَأَفْضَلُنَا فَضْلًا، وَأَعْظَمُنَا طَوْلًا، قَالَ:  
فَقَالَ: قُولُوا بِقَوْلِكُمْ، وَلَا يَسْتَجْرِيَنَّكُمْ الشَّيْطَانُ"

Mutarraf reported that his father said, "I went in the delegation of the Banu 'Amir to the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace. They said, 'You are our master.' He said, 'The Master is Allah.' They said, 'The best of us in excellence and the greatest of us in generosity.' He said, 'Say what you have to say, but do not let the devil make you his agents.'" <sup>1</sup>

- This title of 'master' can be given to people. Overpraising can lead to complete attachment and can lead one to forget Allah

<sup>1</sup> Sunan Abi Dawud 4806

(سبحانه وتعالى) Who is above all. This person then forgets that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Master, He is the One Who guides and gives good qualities.

- On the other hand, a person can also see something bad and become extreme in his reaction. He can be unforgiving and rigid and not allow the person to reconnect.
- Even if we make mistakes, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes it easy for us to come back to Him.
- People can also take themselves as masters and if anyone disobeys them, they feel a burning within inside. This can make them irrational and lose themselves.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the True Obeyed Master and taking Him as our Master keeps us on the



straight path. Taking anyone else as a master leads to attachments in a wrong way.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has no need for us. We need Him yet He does not manipulate us to do anything. Unlike any other masters who can manipulate others to get what they want.
- When people take on a role of master, there is a deep desire and pleasure associated with manipulating others. This relation is complicated and can be sickly.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The True Master Who we attach to. He is the King and Owner. He is the Most Loving Companion and Nurturer Who takes care of us.
- Unlike the mastery of people that can become a power struggle.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Owner of all creation and no one owns them besides Him. It is a beautiful connection to know we are being taken care of by Him and that we belong to Him and no one else. There is no manipulation or ugly feelings associated with this connection.
- All of the creation are slaves to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this is an honorable word, to not be enslaved to anyone else. He is As Sayyid and True Mastership belongs to Him.
- The heavens, earth, angels, humans, jinn, plants and animals are all a creation of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He brought them to existence and only by Him they remain and reach their end. By His command, He increases or decreases

them or gives life and death. By His command, He brings them benefit or harm.

### SURAH AL A'RAF 54

أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allah , Lord of the worlds.

- Anything that happens is only by the Ability of Allah. Any change in dynamics is not because there is any other mastermind or superpower behind it. There is no maestro or evil power but everything is by Allah As Sayyid. Matters happen only by the decree and power of Allah alone. No one has any power independent of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- People use these words saying someone has 'superpower' to control, but we never give

power to anyone or anything besides Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- We do not let anyone or anything else overtake our feelings and thoughts.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone has complete mastery and greatness in His knowledge, richness, forbearance, power, wisdom, mercy and every attribute of Allah. We never see anything or anyone to be more powerful than Him.
- Despite His greatness, He gives us space and deals with us as creations. He gives us chances. Unlike any other master who can “whip us” with the slightest mistake.

- People are not complete, only Allah (سبحانه) is As Sayyid. To be enslaved to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best position to be.
- Taking Allah as our Sayyid leads to complete tawheed in every aspect. To see the perfection of Allah alone and no one else. To see the complete care of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone, to see His complete giving and withholding. There is no other master or superpower. It is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone Who is in complete control. Then to have complete Tawheed Ar Ruboobiyah (Oneness in Lordship), to see He has complete control and to see His beautiful Names and Actions.
- We never want to associate our feelings or thoughts to anyone else.

- By nature, we are attracted to beauty and power, but what is important is to take Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as our Master.
- Then a person can direct his actions and devotions to One. If there are many masters, shirk can easily enter.
- The enemies can attack in different ways deluding people from thinking they can attain mastery over their soul through unlawful means. They hide shirk under the guise of salutations to creations, meditations and healing stones.

### TASHAHUD

التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ  
 وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ  
 أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

*At-taḥiyyaatu lillaahi waṣ-ṣalaawaatu waṭ-ṭayyibaatu, was-salaamu 'alayka ayyuhan-nabiyyu wa raḥmatullaahi wa barakaatuh, as-salaamu 'alaynaa wa 'alaa 'ibaad-illaahiṣ-ṣaaliḥeen ash-hadu an laa ilaaha ill-allaahu, wa ash-hadu anna muḥammad-an 'abduhu wa rasooluh*

Salutations are for Allah, All acts of worship and good deeds are for Him. Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you O Prophet.

Peace be upon us and upon all of Allah's righteous slaves. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.<sup>2</sup>

- To send salutations is a very heavy word but they take these words and direct it to something rather than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

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<sup>2</sup> Bukhari No# 831

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given us His messengers, His Book and following this is what gives us mastery in life. Mastery is not by controlling people but to show goodness by taking them back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- It is important to follow what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has legislated, to correct our relation with Him and with the people.
- If this connection is broken or taken away, misguidance will come through different ways.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) purify us from every speck of shirk - what we know and what we don't know.
- We don't know how shaithan can cover shirk with something appealing and play with our



natural fitrah. We want to hold on to the Qur'an and sunnah for our guidance.

- People love books about mastering something because they give shortcuts. Though in reality the points are all abstract and unrelatable to what each person goes through.
- Complete guidance is in the Qur'an. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) opens the Qur'an for us and to ponder upon it, then we never want to leave it.

#### MASTER SUPPLICATION FOR FORGIVENESS

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ ، خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ ، وَأَنَا عَلَى  
 عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ ، أَبُوءُ  
 لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ وَأَبُوءُ بِذَنْبِي ، فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا  
 أَنْتَ

*Allaahumma anta rabbiy laa ilaaha illaa anta,  
khalaqtanee wa ana 'abduka, wa ana 'alaa  
'ahdika wa wa'dika masta-ta'tu a'oodhu bika  
min sharri maa şana'tu, aboo'u laka bi  
ni'matika 'alayya wa aboo'u bi dhambee,  
faghfir lee fa innahu laa yaghfir-udh-dhunooba  
illaa ant*

"O Allah, You are my Lord, none has the right to be worshipped except You, You created me and I am Your slave and I abide to Your covenant and promise as best as I can, I seek refuge with You from the evil of which I have committed. I acknowledge Your favour upon me and I acknowledge my sin, so forgive me, for verily none can forgive sin except You."<sup>3</sup>

- In life, anything can overtake us. Those in goodness can get tested. People can also be overtaken by sins, weaknesses and things that have no value. But we do not drown in either.
- How many times have our hearts turned to anything besides Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)؟

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<sup>3</sup> Bukhari No# 6306

- To connect with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best connection and here it is by seeking forgiveness.
- This supplication is the best way for seeking forgiveness. It includes all the meanings of tawheed and complete repentance to Allah.
- (اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ) (O Allah, You are my Lord, none has the right to be worshipped except You) From the start, we single out Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as our Rabb. He is the Obeyed Master and caretaker. He is our Ilaah. No one is perfect except Him. All magnification is for Him alone. He is the One Whom our heart jumps to.

- (خَلَقْتَنِي) (You created me) He created us, knows us and knows what we go through. He has complete mastery over us.
- (وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ) (and I am Your slave) We are His slaves and this is a beautiful relation. We are happy that He is the One in control of us and everyone else.
- (وَأَنَا عَلَىٰ عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ) (and I abide to Your covenant and promise) we are on Your covenant - the promise we took to worship Him alone.
- (مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ) (as best as I can) As much as we can. We confirm our weakness. We are not the master but He has control over us. We show our weakness and power to Him and to

Him alone. We can only be granted success by Him.

- (أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ) (I seek refuge with You from the evil of which I have committed.) Sins have evil consequences associated with them. We seek refuge in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as we do not want any destruction due to our sins, neither in this world or the next.
- (أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ) (I acknowledge Your favour upon me) We confess all blessings are from You - not from us.
- (وَأَبُوءُ بِذَنْبِي ، فَاعْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ) (and I acknowledge my sin, so forgive me, for verily none can forgive sin except You.) Only You can forgive us. You saw what we did and can

deal with us, love us, have mercy on us and take care of us.

- This is the loving relation with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). This is master of seeking forgiveness.
- When we know Allah As Sayyid, we take life with no exaggeration - neither from the good or bad. No goodness or sins can overtake us.
- Even if the way and pattern changes, He is As Sayyid and this makes it easy to accept the decrees and changes. This is the shortcut.
- This makes it easy to accept the decree. It is a big blessing to be at rest with the decree. And to say that we are pleased with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as our Rabb with an open heart.

فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۗ  
وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مُتَقَلَّبَكُمْ وَمَثْوَاكُمْ

So know, [O Muhammad], that there is no deity except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin and for the believing men and believing women. And Allah knows of your movement and your resting place.

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgive us and all the believing men and women. This is the best connection we seek.
- We want to have feelings now in life and not after life. To go forward with forgiveness, humbleness and struggling for Allah.
- Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) dominates and overpowers us. Even if there is good or bad, nothing can dominate except Allah.

MAY ALLAH FORGIVE US. AMEEN.

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