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INTRODUCTION

- We want to love Allah (ﷻ) and the Prophet (pbh) more than anyone else, and how can we love Allah (ﷻ) if we do not have love for each other.
- The deeds that will go up are the deeds that we perform sincerely for Allah (ﷻ). It can be something small, but it will be precious when we have taqwa and sincerity.

- The deeds that will go up are when our heart loves Allah (ﷻ) and has sincerity because He is worthy of our feelings.

PRECAUTION

- The Qur'an is the word of Allah (ﷻ) and nothing can be above it. Surah Al Fatiha is an opener and the more we recite the Qur'an and go back to it, the more it will open for us.
- In the journey of the Qur'an, we go through nurturing, but we want to end it with protection and not building. The Qur'an ends with Surah An Naas which is protection.
- Someone may look perfectly well from the outside, but inside there is wiswas, and the basis of it is fear. There is a story of a man who would perform wudhu from fajr to dhuhur time,

we ask Allah (ﷻ) for the well-being. A person does not need to be too afraid forgetting that Allah is The Most Forgiving and Most Merciful.

- Wiswas is when a person is obsessed with worship and we have the sunnah to follow which protects us from deviation and exaggeration.
- An important factor to keep us firm is to take precaution, and this does not negate tawakul. Rather, it shows our gratitude that Allah (ﷻ) has nurtured us for all that has been built, and we appreciate it.
- Allah (ﷻ) is The One Who placed the seed of faith. And it is Allah (ﷻ) Who will bring situations, advice and good friends to make it grow.

- Faith has to grow; it does not remain at one level. When we have more faith, we are happy and rise above any problems. With faith, we will rise above all of this and not drown in problems or be deceived with the blessings, or overreact with the decrees. Why should we overreact when we know Allah (ﷻ) is The Nurturer?
- For example, as a mother, do we like it when someone cuts our way, no? Imagine Allah is the Lord of the Worlds, and who are we to cut that path of nurturing.
- All that Allah (ﷻ) does is to make us grow, but if a person does not accept the nurturing, then he will be out. We are pleased with Allah (ﷻ) as our Lord, Islam as our religion and Mohammed (ﷺ) as our prophet.

- Allah Ar Rabb is The Most Compassionate, He not only makes us grow, but to grow with mercy. The nurturing of Allah (ﷻ) is full of mercy, compassion and love.
- Allah (ﷻ) can reform everyone and fix everyone in the same time, but Allah (ﷻ) nurtures everyone gently and surely there is precaution so that we have a far-vision and see the destination and recompense.
- The moment we do good deeds and wait for the reward now, then it will decrease our faith and demotivate us.
- Allah (ﷻ) reforms us and surely He will protect us by warning us what will happen on the Last Day.

- If we do things in life without warning then we can spoil our own good deeds. Warnings protect us from a far-away loss.
- Surah Al Falaq is protection from outer evil and Surah An Naas is protection from wiswas. Wiswas is all from the shaitan and the shaitan is our enemy, do we take him as an enemy? And no one can handle being around someone who is negative all the time.
- A person cannot be careless or overly protective either. Allah (ﷻ) said we made you a moderate nation and this comes with following the Prophet (ﷺ).

SURAH AL BAQARAH 143

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا

And thus we have made you a just community

- If we do not follow the Prophet (ﷺ) then we will be extreme. People will say, “I will not talk to the people, I will talk to Allah. I will not read the messages of people, I will only read the Qur'an.”
- The shaitan wants us to be alone in our thoughts, and then we no longer become “human”, but beastly. Humans are simple, quick to laugh, but with wiswas, it becomes awkward. No one can understand the one with wiswas and he cannot express himself either. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us. Ameen.
- Allah (ﷻ) nurtures our faith to have certainty and when our faith goes up, then we will love. He nurtures our actions so that we worship Him in excellence.

- Firmness of the tongue is to speak the best and not be spoiled.

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قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَالِكِ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ
تَشَاءُ وَتَعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُدَلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِإِذْنِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ
شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Say, "O Allah, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.

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تُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَتُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ
وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَتَرْزُقُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

You cause the night to enter the day, and You cause the day to enter the night; and You bring

the living out of the dead, and You bring the dead out of the living. And You give provision to whom You will without account."

- People can get stressed from changes in life, but we should believe Allah (ﷻ) is the Owner of Dominion. And at the same time, we should not be proud because everything belongs to Allah (ﷻ).
- Allah (ﷻ) merges the day into night and night to day, and problems appear when there are shifts. What can spoil strong faith?

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لَا يَتَّخِذِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ
ذَلِكَ فَلَيْسَ مِنَ اللَّهِ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا أَنْ تَتَّقُوا مِنْهُمْ تُقَاةً وَيُحَذِّرْكُمْ
اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ قُلْ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ الْمَصِيرُ

Let not believers take disbelievers as allies rather than believers. And whoever [of you] does that has nothing with Allah, except when taking

precaution against them in prudence. And Allah warns you of Himself, and to Allah is the [final] destination.

- A believer cannot take someone who hates Allah (ﷻ) as a close friend. It may appear as that person loves us and supports us, but then surely what we built will be demolished slowly. We need to be good with people in general, but not to bring them into the close circle of the heart.
- The heart has to love believers and be loyal to them because faith is the real measure. The value of a person goes up due to belief and it goes down when a person hates Allah (ﷻ).
- And the shaitan will not distract a relationship between a believer and disbeliever. He will make it feel exciting and comfortable, but the

shaitan will be with believers to spoil their relationships.

- Allah (ﷻ) loves them and warns them to not take disbelievers as close friends, near to the heart. And surely if a person sees someone day and night then there will be attraction because the third is the shaitan.
- Allah (ﷻ) warns us Himself of this and this is nurturing. When faith grows, Allah (ﷻ) warns us of what can spoil it.

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قُلْ إِنْ تُخْفُوا مَا فِي صُدُورِكُمْ أَوْ تُبْدُوهُ يُعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي
السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Say, "Whether you conceal what is in your breasts or reveal it, Allah knows it. And He knows that which is in the heavens and that which is on the earth. And Allah is over all things competent.

- And then in the next ayah, Allah (ﷻ) further says whatever we hide or reveal, Allah (ﷻ) knows about it. Imagine if someone is in an illicit relation and he leaves it, he stops messaging or talking to the person, but inside his heart, he thinks about it, he reminisces, he remembers the moments together, inside he feels it's nice and sweet.
- A person needs to be so firm because Allah (ﷻ) knows what we conceal. We may not be doing the sin from outside, but enjoying it and thinking about it inside. That's why the definition of quitting a sin is not only from the outside, but the heart quits it as well.
- Allah (ﷻ) knows if we hate a believer or hate a worship. And it is enough as a warning for a

believer when Allah (ﷻ) says He knows about it Himself. So what should we do?

- We need to correct it, be cautious and not incline to it. This type of struggle is struggle of the nafs – this is taqwa.
- Allah (ﷻ) knows what we think, He sees what we hide because He is Al 'Aleem.
- We are afraid when people know something about us, and how do we know if it is a sin? If we hide it and do not want people to know it, then it is a sin.

FEELING OF A SIN

وعن النواس بن سمعان رضي الله عنه قال: سألت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم عن البر والإثم فقال: "البر حسن الخلق، والإثم: ما حاك في نفسك وكرهت أن يطلع عليه الناس"

Nawwas bin Sam'an (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I asked Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)

about virtue and sin, and he said, "Virtue is noble behaviour, and sin is that which creates doubt and you do not like people to know about it." [Muslim].¹

- We fear people to know, but even more is to fear that Allah (ﷻ) knows. Firmness is not just about doing good from the outside, but to show the best inside.
- Allah (ﷻ) knows what we are hiding, yet He is forbearing, and it is better to take it as a precaution, and not wait for a decree to happen and we are exposed.
- Sometimes situations happen that bring out these feelings. And Allah (ﷻ) not only knows what is personal to us, but He knows all that is in the heavens and earth.

¹ Riyad as-Salihin 623

- He has full power to decree a situation to bring it out, and He has full power to help us overcome these sinful feelings. So we need to seek forgiveness and believe in His power and ask Him to help us.
- If we disregard returning to Him, seeking His forgiveness and not believing that He knows, then a decree comes to expose us.
- If there is something in our chest such as hating a believer, or loving a disbeliever, can our good deeds be good, can we be firm in our path? No. It clears our chest when we know that Allah is All-Knowing and All-Able.

ONE ATOM OF ARROGANCE WILL NOT
ENTER PARADISE

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَا يَدْخُلُ
الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ مِنْ كِبَرٍ "

It is narrated on the authority of 'Abdullah that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) observed: He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter Paradise.²

- Every person has jealousy inside him and people who are in the same field are jealous of one another. A chef will not be jealous of a doctor, but two doctors will be jealous of each other. And to overcome it is to make dua in goodness for the person, we need to praise them and tell ourselves that jealousy is bad and Allah (ﷻ) sees our heart. A person must discipline himself with taqwa. He must remind himself that this is Allah's favor on him. And remember Allah and His knowledge and wisdom.

² Sahih Muslim 91

- And love for the sake of Allah (ﷻ) helps us overcome jealousy because we love for others what we love for ourselves, and we prefer others over ourselves.
- Even the ladies of paradise will not be jealous of the houris because everyone is rich and content. And this shows the jealous person lacks richness and contentment.
- And the scholars said anyone who is envied actually has something missing in his life as well, so this makes us see everyone as poor and in need. And everyone has a test in life, so a person feels compassion and wants the best for all.

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يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مُّحْضَرًا وَمَا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ
 سُوءٍ تَوَدُّ لَوْ أَنَّ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَهُ أَمَدًا بَعِيدًا ۗ وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ ۗ
 وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ

The Day every soul will find what it has done of good present [before it] and what it has done of evil, it will wish that between itself and that [evil] was a great distance. And Allah warns you of Himself, and Allah is Kind to [His] servants."

- People can even be jealous of the good deeds of others, but a person should look at those who passed away and what they did.

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قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ
 ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Say, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

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قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ ۗ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ

Say, "Obey Allah and the Messenger." But if they turn away - then indeed, Allah does not like the disbelievers.

- This is a test; if we truly love Allah (ﷻ) then we will follow the Messenger (ﷺ).
- In conclusion, it is important to reflect on what we have learned and invoke Allah (ﷻ) to help us apply it in the way pleasing to Him.

MAY ALLAH PURIFY OUR HEARTS. AMEEN.

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