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INTRODUCTION

HOLD ON TO THE CONSTANTS

With so many changes happening around us, we want to hold on to faith.

SURAH AL HIJR 46

ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ آمِنِينَ

[Having been told], "Enter it in peace, safe [and secure]."

When we feel any source of happiness or peace, then we want to attach to it. And the truth is what gives us peaceful feelings.

SUPPLICATION TO BE GRANTED WELL-BEING

لَمْ يَكُنْ رَسُولُ اللهِ . صلى الله عليه وسلم . يَدَعُ هَؤُلاَءِ الدَّعَوَاتِ حِينَ يُمْسِي وَحِينَ يُصْبِحُ " اللَّهُمَّ إِنِي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي حِينَ يُمْسِي وَحِينَ يُصْبِحُ " اللَّهُمَّ إِنِي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَاىَ الدُّنْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَاىَ وَأَهْلِي وَمَالِي اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْعَوْرَاتِي وَآمِنْ رَوْعَاتِي وَاحْفَظْنِي مِنْ بَيْنِ وَأَهْلِي وَمِنْ فَوْقِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ يَدَى وَمِنْ فَوْقِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ يَدَى وَمِنْ فَوْقِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ يَدَى وَمِنْ فَوْقِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُغْتَالَ مِنْ تَحْتِي

"The Messenger of Allah (صلی الله علیه وسلم) never abandoned these supplications, every morning and evening:

Allahumma inni as'alukal-'afwa wal-'afiyah fiddunya wal-akhirah. Allahumma inni as'alukal-'afwa wal-'afiyah fi dini wa dunyaya wa ahli wa mali. Allahum-mastur 'awrati, wa amin raw'ati wahfazni min bayni yadayya, wa min khalfi, wa 'an yamini wa 'an shimali, wa min fawqi, wa 'audhu bika an ughtala min tahti

(O Allah, I ask You for forgiveness and wellbeing in this world and in the Hereafter. O Allah, I ask You for forgiveness and well-being in my religious and my worldly affairs. O Allah, conceal my faults, calm my fears, and protect me from before me and behind me, from my right and my left, and from above me, and I seek refuge in You from being taken unaware from beneath me)."1

There are variables and constants in the equation of life, but a constant output is faith and performing righteous good deeds. There are two things that make us active and answer the equations of life.

¹ Sunan Ibn Majah 3871

- o And the constant is what Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) and the Prophet (ﷺ) have said. We cannot move on in our life if we do not have a constant in our life.
- If someone does not have something constant in their life, then they will read and believe in anything, they are not constant in their relationships, so such a person will be lost and not have identity.
- The variables in our life are the decrees we go through, the news we hear, and so forth. If we do not have constants in our life then we will be in loss and will have no identity.
- If we do not have constants, then we can be under the influence of anyone and can be used by anyone. Firaoun emotionally manipulated the people, though Allah (سبحانه)

- وتعالى) did not leave them. He sent messengers with evidence to them.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) choose the messenger, He made them eloquent in speech, and their way is not to play with the emotions of people or increase their followers. They speak the truth and this moves the hearts of the people.
- When the truth comes to anyone, it will make them restless, so either their heart surrenders to it, so it becomes their foundation, or they oppose and reject, so they will have no constant in their life.
- Now we see how children are targeted either with desires or doubts. And falsehood does not come in one go, but it constantly comes with its "glitter", but the truth is very honorable, it has position and value.

- Trials are there in life, and it is important to focus on the essentials by believing in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone and believing in (لا إله الا الله).
- As time passes, the equations become more complicated, but the best constant is to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالی), to know that Allah is Al Hayy Al Qayyoom, The Ever-Living, The Self-Sufficient Master.
- Each time there will be something new, whether sickness or something else, but we do not want to talk about the problems, but to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in detail.
- When we do not know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then there will be emptiness, stress, darkness and shallowness. But when we know Him, we find ourselves living in a different world.

- We do not need to magnify falsehood, but to accompany the truth and make it our constant.
- The truth is clear and has evidence, unlike falsehood which is shallow and only plays with emotions with no foundation. There is no evidence to it, but only using words to convince.
- When we have constants in our life, then we can easily answer the equations of life. What is our goal in life? To know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH AT TALAQ 12

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا

of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven). His Command descends between them (heavens and earth), that you may know that Allah has power over all things, and that Allah surrounds all things in (His) Knowledge.

Knowing our goal closes the topic of worrying and overthinking because the goal is to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And when we know Him, what are we supposed to do? Worship Him.

SURAH ADH DHAARIYAT 56

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone).

- So we want to use every variable in our life to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and worship Him. But how will we recognize this?
- When we listen and we understand, then we will know the decrees are to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to worship Him.
- when we have constants in our life, then it makes it easier to solve the equations of life. For example, we have the prayer as a constant, we have seeking knowledge, we have companions for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and anything that gives us tranquility then we need to be quickly grateful for it because it is a blessing.
- We all want to enter the worships with peace and security. We all want to enter the prayer with peace and security and we want to enter

the ten days of Dhul Hijjah with peace and security.

- Just as things are moving quickly in life, we want to be foremost, so that we do not slip or get stuck in any trial. We do not want to overthink, think bad or have a bad heart.
- It is important to have firmness with mercy. A person does not want to talk about truth in the same way as falsehood. It is important to speak about the truth with honor and faith, and not with harshness or aggression.

SURAH AN NAHL 125

Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way

that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided.

THE MERCY OF ALLAH

- Yesterday, we ended Live with Allah Al Qadeer with the Name of Allah Ar Rahman and now we see all the impacts of the mercy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We will have value with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) when we value His decrees. And our value is to be a slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- What makes us distinct? To believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and be sincere to Him.
- our relationship with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not about loving Him when He gives us, and not

Ioving Him when He does not give us, subhan Allah. We love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because of Who He is and we appreciate His nearness.

- We all love perfection and excellence, and if we want to find it, we will not find it in someone poor or is slave like us. We can only find with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The imperfections in life are to make us search and attach to the perfection of Allah (سبحانه).

SUPPLICATION TO KEEP OUR HEARTS FIRM

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

Yā muqallibal-qulūbi thabbit qalbī `alā dīnik O Turner of the hearts, keep my heart firm upon Your religion²

² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3587

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SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8 رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً ۚ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ الْوَهَّابُ

[Who say], "Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

- The people of understanding are the ones who make this invocation. And this shows they do not trust their knowledge, despite being deeply rooted in knowledge. Who do they trust? They trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- And the more knowledge a person has, the more they should invoke Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) asking Him to not deviate their hearts because the fall of someone with a great amount of

- knowledge is greater and more painful than the fall of someone with less knowledge.
- o In the supplication, we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) to give us from Him, mercy. And if we are given mercy, then we will be soft and tender. And when we are gentle, we will be happy.
- But we will not be happy when we are harsh and tough. Firmness without mercy is misery, both for ourselves and those around us. And this is not the way of firmness in Surah Aal Imraan.
- When we have mercy, then we will be gentle, kind, smiling and we will make it easy for those around us.
- The best gift in the time of trials and tribulations is mercy. When a person goes through trials, problems and clashes, then they can become

harsh, and they can end that trial, but they will be hard like a rock. And we do not want this.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 9

رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَّا رَيْبَ فِيهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

Our Lord, surely You will gather the people for a

Day about which there is no doubt. Indeed,

Allah does not fail in His promise."

When there is mercy, people will gather. But when there is no mercy, then people will repel because no one likes rigidness and harshness.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 159

So by mercy from Allah, [O Muhammad (@)], you were lenient with them. And if you had

been rude [in speech] and harsh in heart, they would have disbanded from about you.

REASONS FOR DEVIATION OF THE HEART

- Previously we mentioned reasons for deviation of the heart are:
 - To indulge in the duniya and forget the akhira
 - 2. To be arrogant and turn away from the truth.
 - 3. To go into deep thoughts with the whispers of the shaitan

4. TO ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY DEVIATED

To be with someone who speaks badly about Allah (سبحانه وتعالی), the Prophet (ﷺ) and the religion will lead to deviation of the heart.

A PERSON TAKES ON THE RELIGION OF HIS FRIEND

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ "الرَّجُلُ عَلَى عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ "الرَّجُلُ عَلَى دِينِ خَلِيلِهِ فَلْيَنْظُرْ أَحَدُكُمْ مَنْ يُخَالِلُ ".

The Prophet (*) said: A man follows the religion of his friend; so each one should consider whom he makes his friend³.

SURAH AL FURQAN 27 TO 29

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وَيَوْمَ يَعَضُّ الظَّالِمُ عَلَىٰ يَدَيْهِ يَقُولُ يَا لَيْتَنِي اتَّخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلًا

And the Day the wrongdoer will bite on his hands [in regret] he will say, "Oh, I wish I had taken with the Messenger a way.

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³ Sunan Abi Dawud 4833

يَا وَيْلَتَىٰ لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا

Oh, woe to me! I wish I had not taken that one as a friend.

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لَّقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِبَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي

He led me away from the remembrance after it had come to me.

Belief is what connects people, but to go to doubtful sites and to hear doubtful matters leads to deviation.

5. TO LEAVE THE SUNNAH OF THE PROPHET (繼)

Following the sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) is a means of being protected from deviation. His way of life is all inspiration from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

- and this will protect us from following "trends" or the "variables "of anyone.
- And following the Sunnah of the Prophet (**) is a way to guard our obligations. For example, the first thing we will be asked about the is our prayer. And if there are shortcomings in it, then our voluntary prayers will be considered to make us for those shortcomings.
- Leaving the Sunnah of the Prophet (**) creates a gap and if these gaps are not filled, the shaitan is quick to fill those gaps.
- The shaitan is a clear enemy to the human, such to the point that he stays in the person's nose in the night.

RINSE THE NOSE WHEN WAKING UP FROM SLEEP

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ . رضى الله عنه . عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ " إِذَا اسْتَيْقَظَ . أُرَاهُ . أَحَدُكُمْ مِنْ مَنَامِهِ فَتَوَضَّاً فَلْيَسْتَنْثِرْ قَالَ " إِذَا اسْتَيْقَظَ . أُرَاهُ . أَحَدُكُمْ مِنْ مَنَامِهِ فَتَوَضَّاً فَلْيَسْتَنْثِرْ قَالَ " إِذَا اسْتَيْقَظَ . أُرَاهُ . أَحَدُكُمْ مِنْ مَنَامِهِ فَتَوَضَّا فَلْيَسْتَنْثِرْ قَالَ اللهُ يُطَانَ يَبِيتُ عَلَى خَيْشُومِهِ ".

The Prophet (**) said, "If anyone of you rouses from sleep and performs the ablution, he should wash his nose by putting water in it and then blowing it out thrice, because Satan has stayed in the upper part of his nose all the night."4

⁴ Sahih al-Bukhari 3295

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- When we do not know Allah (سبحانه وتعالی), then there will be emptiness, stress, darkness and shallowness. But when we know Him, we find ourselves living in a different world.
- The imperfections in life are to make us search and attach to the perfection of Allah (سبحانه).
- When there is mercy, people will gather. But when there is no mercy, then people will repel because no one likes rigidness and harshness.

MAY ALLAH KEEP OUR HEARTS FIRM AND PROTECT US FROM DEVIATION. MAY HE HAVE MERCY ON US. AMEEN.

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