






ALLAH AR RAHMAN AR RAHEEM

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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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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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- The guidance of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has mercy in it. Mercy is not only in our connection with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) but with the people.
- The Names Ar Rahman Ar Raheem are both related to mercy.
- Allah Ar Rahman is the Most Merciful to all of creation. This Name is mentioned 57 times in the Qur'an.

- It is mentioned the most in Surah Maryam which is about servitude and connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and about passing on mercy and connection to family.
- The Name also appears 7 times in Surah Az Zukhruf which is a short surah so 7 times is significant. The surah is a warning about the trials of duniya and its adornments. It is a mercy to know the reality of the duniya.
- Allah Ar Raheem shows special mercy to the believers. The name appears 115 times in the Qur'an which is twice the number of Ar Rahman. Surely Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will deal differently to the believer who turned to Him, trusted and believed in Him without seeing Him.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 163

وَإِلَهُكُمْ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

And your god is one God. There is no deity [worthy of worship] except Him, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

- Our connection to Him is filled with mercy.

SURAH FUSSILAT 7

رَبَّنَا وَسِعْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ رَّحْمَةً وَعِلْمًا

"Our Lord, You have encompassed all things in mercy and knowledge,

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) encompass everything by His mercy and knowledge.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves sneezing and we see the connection with His mercy. We say Alhamdulillah when we sneeze. The one who hears, replies with Yarhamuk Allah – “may Allah have mercy on you.”

- The Name Ar Rahman always appears in the definite form with (ال).

SURAH AL ISRAA' 110

قُلِ ادْعُوا اللَّهَ أَوْ ادْعُوا الرَّحْمَنَ ۖ

Say, "Call upon Allah or call upon the Most Merciful.

- No one can call himself Ar Rahman. A person can be called Raheem but not Ar Rahman.

SURAH AR RAHMAN 1 TO 4

1.

الرَّحْمَنُ

The Most Merciful

2.

عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ

Taught the Qur'an,

3.

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ

Created man,

4.

عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ

[And] taught him eloquence.

- This shows Allah's great mercy. Before the creation of human, he gave them the Qur'an. This is a divine manual from Allah to humanity. It teaches humans how to connect to their Lord.
- Then He shows us how He guides and opens our senses to His beautiful universe to know Him.
- He exposes us to the creation of the sun, stars, trees, scale, jinn, human, two sunsets, seas, but in the end all will perish. Only the Face of our Lord, the most majestic and honorable remains. It is mercy for us to know this.

- The special mercy from Allah Ar Raheem is related to faith and the hereafter. It is special mercy when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) beautifies the faith in our heart, when He grants us victory and knowledge, and when He averts evil and problems away from us.
- Out of His mercy, He sent messengers and brought down the books.
- Out of His mercy, we know Him, His Actions and His Attributes.
- Out of His mercy, He teaches and guides us.

SURAH TAHA 5

الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَىٰ

The Most Merciful [who is] above the Throne established.

- He rose over Throne by this great name.

ALLAH WROTE ON HIS THRONE

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَمَّا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ
الْخَلْقَ كَتَبَ فِي كِتَابِهِ فَهُوَ عِنْدَهُ فَوْقَ الْعَرْشِ إِنَّ رَحْمَتِي تَغْلِبُ
غَضَبِي "

When Allah created the creation as He was upon the Throne, He put down in His Book: Verily, My mercy predominates My wrath.¹

- This is a covenant written by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) on Himself on how He deals with His slaves. There is mercy, forgiveness and forbearance.
- Out of His mercy, He filled the heavens with angels who praise and seek forgiveness for the believers.
- Only by His mercy can we enter paradise. Never can our good deeds or gratitude be worthy or sufficient to enter paradise. His mercy fills this void.

¹ Sahih Muslim 2751a

SURAH AN NAML 46

لَوْلَا تَسْتَغْفِرُونَ اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

Why do you not seek forgiveness of Allah that you may receive mercy?"

- Seeking forgiveness is also a way for mercy.
- It is mercy to be guided, to act on the guidance, to be forgiven and then attain more mercy from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The meaning of mercy is to have all good come to us, even if our self hates it and to have all evil pushed away, even if we love it. It is not about what we love.
- By His mercy we are afflicted and tested. Tests are from the Divine Way of Allah.

SURAH AL MU'MINOON 30

وَإِن كُنَّا لَمُبْتَلِينَ

We are ever testing [Our servants].

- The one who knows Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has absolute certainty that there is mercy even in the tests.
- There is mercy behind every decree, whether we like it or not.
- No one is taken out of His mercy except the one who takes himself out from it.
- Tranquility in the mercy of Allah fills the hearts with firmness, patience, hope and rest. He knows he is under Allah's mercy and protection.
- These tests are all preparations for the people to carry the religion, the message and the Word of Allah.
- Tests distinguish between the good and bad.

- Tests show who follows the messenger and who turns away.
- There was mercy to Ibrahim (عليه السلام) in the fire, to Nuh (عليه السلام) in the sea, to Yusuf (عليه السلام) in the well, in the prison, to Yunus (عليه السلام) in the stomach of the whale, to Musa (عليه السلام) when he was thrown in the sea, to the companions of the cave in the cave and to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) in the cave, during migration, the battle of Badr, the conquest of Mecca and in all situations. This is all mercy in the test to carry the message.
- A person never despairs or loses hope in the mercy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

ENTERING PARADISE

عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " سَدِّدُوا وَقَارِبُوا، وَأَبْشِرُوا، فَإِنَّهُ لَا يُدْخِلُ أَحَدًا الْجَنَّةَ عَمَلُهُ ". قَالُوا وَلَا، أَنْتَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ " وَلَا أَنَا إِلَّا أَنْ يَتَغَمَّدَنِي اللَّهُ بِمَغْفِرَةٍ وَرَحْمَةٍ " .

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Do good deeds properly, sincerely and moderately, and receive good news because one's good deeds will not make him enter Paradise." They asked, "Even you, O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)?" He said, "Even I, unless and until Allah bestows His pardon and Mercy on me."²

- To enter paradise is also by the mercy of Allah.

NONE OF YOU SHOULD WISH FOR DEATH

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَا يَتَمَنَّيَنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ الْمَوْتَ إِمَّا مُحْسِنًا فَلَعَلَّهُ أَنْ يَعِيشَ يَزِدَادُ خَيْرًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ وَإِمَّا مُسِيئًا فَلَعَلَّهُ أَنْ يَسْتَعْتَبَ " .

'None of you should wish for death. Either he is a doer of good, so if he lives he will do more good

² Sahih al-Bukhari 6467

or he is a doer of evil but perhaps he will give up his evil ways."³

- A person can feel like giving up, but he reminds himself of the mercy of Allah.
- When we show mercy to those on earth, the One in the heavens will show mercy to us.
- The one with the best manners attracts others making them want to know more about the religion of Allah. Unlike one who gives a bad impression makes others turn away. We love the messengers when we hear about them.
- One part is our relation between us and Allah. And the rest of the parts are all between us and the people.

³ Sunan an-Nasa'i 1819

SURAH AN NISA ' 36

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ
وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ
بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَنْ كَانَ
مُخْتَلًا فَاخُورًا

Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful.

- There are many groups of people to take care of. Having mercy brings humbleness.
- The heart becomes tender when there is compassion and mercy. He becomes very merciful to all around him.
- In the end he will be from the slaves of the Most Merciful (عباد الرحمن).

- Ibaad Ar Rahman went through so many tests that gave them the criterion. But they did not isolate themselves, they were still with the people. Even when they heard hurtful words, they were still peaceful.
- Their supplications were also in plural form to include everyone and this shows their mercy.
- The mercy from Ar Rahman Ar Raheem, reaches not only us, but it is ongoing mercy, guidance and connection to Allah.

SURAH AL HAJJ 74

مَا قَدَرُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ قَدْرِهِ

They have not appraised Allah with true appraisal.

- The mercy of Allah is very vast. We can never ever appreciate or value Him the way He deserves to be valued.

- The one who makes us despair is shaitan. He is cast away and wants others to feel there is no way out, but we should never despair from the mercy of Allah.

يا رحمن ارحمنا

MOST MERCIFUL, HAVE MERCY ON US.

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