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INTRODUCTION

SUPPLICATION FOR GUIDANCE

أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ يَقُولُ: "اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ
الْهُدَى وَالتَّقَى وَالْعِفَافَ وَالْغِنَى"

'Abdullah bin Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to say: "Allahumma inni as'alukal-hudawat- tuqa wal-'afafa wal-ghina (O Allah! I ask You for guidance, piety, chastity and self-sufficiency)".¹

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 71

- In this supplication, we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for guidance. We cannot start a journey without guidance otherwise it will be a mess.
- And to ask for guidance is to ask all types of guidance, to be guided with truth, and so that it guides our hearts, tongue and limbs. The truth is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and He will guide us to it.
- There are two types of guidance:
 - Guidance of knowledge and direction (هداية البيان والإرشاد): Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide us to show us the way.
 - Guidance to act (هداية التوفيق): Allah (سبحانه) will give us the power, ability and feelings to act on that guidance. For example, it is tawfeeq from Allah (سبحانه)

(وتعالى) to attend class. We may know there is class, but it is tawfeeq to partake in it.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Haadi – The Guide – and guidance is in His Hands. He guides the people in the way suitable for them. All of us were guided to knowledge differently. And Allah Al Haadi makes it easy for the people to take a step.
- When we believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then He will give us all types of guidance. If we are stuck in a situation, and we do not know what to say or do, then we should seek guidance from Allah Al Haadi.

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وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهَادِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

And indeed is Allah the Guide of those who have believed to a straight path.

- Sometimes we can have all means of guidance and access to all resources, Qur'an and hadith, but we still cannot get it. Sometimes we are given a great amount of advice, but we still do not know how to act or what to do, but even in situations like this, only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides us to act.
- Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides because sometimes we attach to the means of guidance, forgetting Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Even if we have the Qur'an and Hadith, but do not believe in Allah Al Haadi, then the means of guidance cannot be activated.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides us to a Straight Path, so we will not be extreme. Guidance means we will be moderate.

- When we have guidance, then we can be cautious in a correct way. Without guidance, we can be too strict or too lenient on ourselves.
- Taqwa is to say and do what is pleasing to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and to not say or do what is displeasing to Him. And we can only have this based on guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- (العفاف) is to leave what is unlawful and to dislike it. So a person has no need for what is unlawful. It is not like desiring a sin while not doing it. For example, it cannot be that one desires zina, but does not commit it.
- (الغنى) is to feel satisfied and rich; a person does not feel he is missing out. And richness is to be rich and satisfied with what is lawful, and not with what is unlawful. That's why those who

worship idols are not satisfied with one, so they worship many.

- As for what is lawful, when the money is lawful, even if little, it satisfies us, when the talk is lawful, even if little, it satisfies us.
- And how can we attain the quickest way to complete guidance, such that everything will be in its place, let us have a look.

MONTH OF SHA'BAN

- In the month of Sha'ban, the Prophet (ﷺ) would increase in fasting before the month of Ramadan.

THE PROPHET (ﷺ) WOULD FAST THE MOST IN SHA'BAN

حَدَّثَهُ قَالَتْ، لَمْ يَكُنِ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَصُومُ شَهْرًا أَكْثَرَ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ

The Prophet (ﷺ) never fasted in any month more than in the month of Sha'ban.²

○ And the deeds will be raised in the month of Sha'ban.

DEEDS ARE RAISED IN THE MONTH OF SHA'BAN

أَلْ قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَمْ أَرَكَ تَصُومُ شَهْرًا مِنَ الشُّهُورِ مَا تَصُومُ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ . قَالَ " ذَلِكَ شَهْرٌ يَغْفُلُ النَّاسُ عَنْهُ بَيْنَ رَجَبٍ وَرَمَضَانَ وَهُوَ شَهْرٌ تُرْفَعُ فِيهِ الْأَعْمَالُ إِلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ فَأُحِبُّ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ عَمَلِي وَأَنَا صَائِمٌ " .

"I said: 'O Messenger of Allah, I do not see you fasting any month as much as Shaban.' He said: 'That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that my deeds be taken up when I am fasting.'"³

² Sahih al-Bukhari 1970

³ Sunan an-Nasa'i 2357

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- Guidance comes customized to each person, for example, we may know we are lacking in prayer, so we see someone who is praying very well to remind us to correct our prayer.
- Or if someone is jealous, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will make them hear hadiths that jealousy destroys good deeds.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows the intensity of our weakness and sins, and the intensity of guidance needed for us.
- Sometimes we need mercy, and so we sneeze, and others respond to us, “may Allah have mercy on you.”

- If we are bullying someone, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide us to show us it is wrong by having someone bully us.
- Thus, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings guidance that is customized for us. We will find people accepting Islam for different reasons and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows what will guide each.

فَإِنْ حَاجُّوكَ فَقُلْ أَسْلَمْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّهِ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِ ۚ وَقُلْ لِلَّذِينَ
 أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ وَالْأُمِّيِّينَ أَأَسْلَمْتُمْ ۚ فَإِنْ أَسْلَمُوا فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا ۖ وَإِنْ
 تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلَاغُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ

So if they argue with you, say, "I have submitted myself to Allah [in Islam], and [so have] those who follow me." And say to those who were given the Scripture and [to] the unlearned, "Have you submitted yourselves?" And if they submit [in Islam], they are rightly guided; but if they turn away - then upon you is only the [duty

of] notification. And Allah is Seeing of [His] servants.

- (فَإِنْ أَسْلَمُوا فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا) (And if they submit [in Islam], they are rightly guided;): when we submit to the ayat, then we will be guided.
- Submission is needed for firmness. And in Surah Aal Imraan, it is not about firmness in faith, but firmness in the religion by submitting. When we submit, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide us.
- And to submit is something that will show outwardly. For example, if a decree befalls us and we do not know what to do, what should we do? Submit to the decree of Allah (سبحانه) and then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide us what to do.

- Let us take the opposite, if we do not submit, then we will be not be guided and we will be further lost.
- When we submit, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide us.
For example, if we have a child that just cries and rejects, can they be guided? Will they take our advice? No, but the moment they settle down, then they can be guided.
- Sometimes our husband tells us something or someone blames us, we just accept this decree, and then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide us what to do after it.
- One of the conditions of (لا إله إلا الله) is (القبول) – acceptance.
- As a side note, what are the conditions of (لا إله إلا الله):

- Knowledge (العلم)
- Certainty (اليقين)
- Acceptance (القبول)
- Surrendering and submitting physically (الإنقياد)
- Truthfulness (الصدق): to be truthful in our submission
- Sincerity (الإخلاص): we need to constantly purify ourselves to be sincere that we are doing it purely for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Love (المحبة): to love (لا إله إلا الله)
- Sometimes we are certain of something, but we do not find guidance, why? Because there needs to be submission.
- We all want guidance, and we need guidance to pray, to fast, to remember Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى), and to know what to do, and what is the short-cut? Submit.

- If a person submits and accepts, then for sure Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will guide him (حق تحقيق).
- This is nurturing for us to always remember (فَإِنْ) (أَسْلَمُوا فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا) (And if they submit [in Islam], they are rightly guided).
- (وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلَاغُ) (but if they turn away - then upon you is only the [duty of notification.): here Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) addresses the Prophet (ﷺ) that if a person does not submit, rather turns away and gives his back, whether by his heart or limbs, then upon you (O Prophet (ﷺ)) is only to convey. It is not on him to see why they did not submit or make

them submit. His role is only to convey and notify, and not to guide.

- If people submit, then they will be guided, but if they turn away, then it is not on him. And this gives firmness to the da'ee and to not exceed in his role.
- If we advise people and they do not take it, what should we do? Leave them, the role is only to convey.
- (وَاللَّهُ بِصِيرٍ بِالْعِبَادِ) (And Allah is Seeing of [His servants.): Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is All-Seeing of the slaves. We cannot see what others are doing, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sees everyone and He knows what is inside their hearts, He knows their situation, and this teaches us to not stress about it.

- We need to advise in good, but Allah (سبحانه) sees all His Slaves. And when we know this, it fills our gaps in thinking, “why did they not accept?”. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is All-Seeing of His slaves.
- And when we know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Baseer (The All-Seeing), it makes us worship Him in excellence, and that is to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if we see Him.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has Two Eyes, but it is not like ours. It is perfect. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sees, but not like our seeing. The Eyes and Seeing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are Perfect. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sees the black ant, crawling on the black rock, in the darkness of the night, and sees its veins and the food running in its veins.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sees what we cannot see, and it is a great blessing to have two eyes, and we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to make us use our eyes so that we may be grateful.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives us eyes to see the truth and may He grant us light in our eyes and ears, and may He make us enjoy our eyes by looking at what is good. We do not want our eyes to look at faults, but to look at the verses of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

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أَلَمْ نَجْعَلْ لَهُ عَيْنَيْنِ

Have We not made for him two eyes?

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وَلِسَانًا وَشَفَتَيْنِ

And a tongue and two lips?

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وَهَدَيْنَاهُ النَّجْدَيْنِ

And have shown him the two ways?

- In conclusion, the way to attain guidance is through submission. Submission is needed in the journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And who will be affected if a person turns away, surely the one who rejects, and the one calling to others gets affected and shaky, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says his role is only to convey. And this is to keep the caller to Islam firm.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US SUBMIT TO HIM. AMEEN.

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