



LOVE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (صلى الله عليه وسلم)


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BE MINDFUL OF ALLAH AND HE WILL
PROTECT YOU.

احْفَظِ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظْكَ

Be mindful of Allah and He will protect you.¹

- The way Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) addresses us shows so much of His care and greatness.

¹ Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2516

AL HAAFIDH AL HAFEEDH

(The Protector, The Preserver)

- Allah Al Haafidh Al Hafeedh is the Protector and Preserver Who will protect. He never forgets or loses anything. He is worthy to protect everything.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created us so surely He will protect us and knows about us. All our actions and feelings are surrounded by Him.
- We may go to renew our ID but then they tell us that they lost it and we have to redo the process. But nothing can be lost with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- He protects the seven heavens and everything in it. Though the clouds may seem

fluffily but their weight is in tonnes. They are heavy with the droplets of water and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is holding them from falling on us.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 255

وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۚ

and their preservation tires Him not.

- He does not tire from protecting us. He does not require any resources for protection.
- We need equipment and resources to protect our homes and fridges to protect our food.
- He not only protects objects but also protects His slaves from falling into sins.
- He is subtle and gentle in monitoring their actions, not to catch them, but to protect them.

- He is the Only One worthy of being given the title of Protector. He created this great universe and He took charge of protecting it.
- So we do not give this title to anything else - not to a pendant that looks like a hand or an eye, not to stones, crystals, foods or any object.
- We do not associate with Him in protection.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sent the revelation and He protected it as it was sent down and He protected it after when it entered the heart of the Prophet (ﷺ). It is protected in the hearts of the believers of this ummah.
- He protects the Qur'an from any deletion, addition or misinterpretation.

SURAH AL HIJR 9

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian.

- The greatest matter we should guard is His religion and tawheed (to make Him One).
- We do not want to lose this great right of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). This is the greatest command.
- If a person falls into sins, but guards his tawheed, then he will not be in the hellfire forever.
- He also commanded us to pray.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 238

حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَى وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ

Maintain with care the [obligatory] prayers and [in particular] the middle prayer and stand before Allah , devoutly obedient.

- The more a person guards his relation with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with tawheed, by connecting with Him through the prayer, the more the protection of Allah will be complete, long-lasting and constant. This person guards his heart and guards his ears from listening to what is pleasing to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He guards his vision, heart and mind from attaching to anything besides Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- He guards his limbs from doing anything that is displeasing or disliked to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). So Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will protect him even more.

SURAH AL INFITAR 10, 11

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وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكُمْ لَحَافِظِينَ

And indeed, [appointed] over you are keepers,
11.

كِرَامًا كَاتِبِينَ

Noble and recording;,,

- Everything we are doing is being recorded by the angels.

TYPES OF PROTECTION OF ALLAH

- The guardianship and protection of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is of two types:
 1. General: This is for all creation according to what suits them. Humans have skin, whereas animals have feathers or fur. Each creation has a protection suitable for it.
 2. Special: this is what we seek and ask for. We ask Him to guard our faith, guard our certainty from being shaken when we face any decrees or doubts. He gives us wellbeing to

come out in peace, with protection and being guarded.

- He protects us from the enemies of jinn and humans.
- The greatest protection is protection of the heart from shirk (association with Allah), kufr (disbelief), nifaq (hypocrisy) and from any misleading temptations.

NAME OF ALLAH AL HAAFIDH AL HAFEEDH IN THE SUNNAH

- This Name is not mentioned directly in the Sunnah, but through actions in the hadith.

BE MINDFUL OF ALLAH

أَحْفَظِ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظْكَ أَحْفَظِ اللَّهَ تَجِدْهُ تُجَاهَكَ

Be mindful of Allah and He will protect you. Be mindful of Allah and you will find Him before you.²

² Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2516

- There is so much gentleness, feeling and tenderness in the way Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commands us. How can we forget Him, how can we lose him?
- Guard the religion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), His boundaries, commands and prohibitions.
- To have taqwa (consciousness of Allah).
- This is His promise - guard these and He will guard you. How will He guard us?
- He will protect us from evil, from the evil consequences of sins, He will protect our families, wealth and anything that is disliked.
- He will protect our faith, from falling into sinful temptations, misleading doubts, and He will make us die on faith. We ask Allah for the good end.

- Then the second part of the hadith is He tells us that by guarding His religions and boundaries, we will find Him in our direction and way. This is ihsaan - to see Allah alone.
- This is to see Allah's care for us in a customized way. It is to see how He takes care of us in subtle ways - in ways no one can except Him.
- He is preserving us with His gentleness.

THE CARD OF LAA ILAHA ILLA ALLAH

يُصَاحُ بِرَجُلٍ مِنْ أُمَّتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَى رُؤُوسِ الْخَلَائِقِ ، فَيُنْشَرُ لَهُ تِسْعَةٌ وَتِسْعُونَ سِجِلًّا ، كُلُّ سِجِلٍّ مَدُّ الْبَصْرِ ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى : هَلْ تُنْكِرُ مِنْ هَذَا شَيْئًا ؟ فَيَقُولُ : لَا يَا رَبِّ ، فَيَقُولُ : أَظَلَمَكَ كَتَبَتِي الْحَافِظُونَ ؟ فَيَقُولُ : لَا يَا رَبِّ ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ : أَلَيْكَ عُذْرٌ ، أَلَيْكَ حَسَنَةٌ ؟ فَيَهَابُ الرَّجُلُ فَيَقُولُ : لَا ، فَيَقُولُ : بَلَى ، إِنَّ لَكَ عِنْدَنَا حَسَنَةً ، وَإِنَّهُ لَا ظُلْمَ عَلَيْكَ الْيَوْمَ ، فَتُخْرَجُ لَهُ بَطَاقَةٌ فِيهَا أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ، فَيَقُولُ : يَا رَبِّ مَا هَذِهِ الْبَطَاقَةُ مَعَ هَذِهِ السِّجَلَّاتِ ؟ فَيَقُولُ : إِنَّكَ لَا تُظَلَّمُ ،

فَتُوضَعُ السِّجَّالَاتُ فِي كِفَّةٍ ، وَالْبَطَاقَةُ فِي كِفَّةٍ ، فَطَاشَتْ
السِّجَّالَاتُ ، وَثَقُلَتِ الْبَطَاقَةُ

“A man from my nation will be called before all of creation on the Day of Resurrection, and ninety-nine scrolls will be spread out for him, each one extending as far as the eye can see. Then Allah will say: “Do you deny anything of this?” He will say: “No, O Lord.” He will say: “Have My recording scribes been unfair to you?” Then He will say: “Apart from that, do you have any good deeds?” The man will be terrified and will say: “No.” (Allah) will say: “Indeed, you have good deeds with Us, and you will not be treated unjustly this Day.” Then a card will be brought out on which is written Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu wa rasuluhu (I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger). He will say: “O Lord, what is this card compared with these scrolls?” He will say: “You will not be treated unjustly.” Then the scrolls will be placed in one side of the Balance and the card in the other. The scrolls

will go up (i.e., be light) and the card will go down (i.e., will weigh heavily)."³

- This hadith shows us how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) preserves the deeds. The angels who record the deeds are never unjust to anyone.
- This man was just with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and did not associate with Him. Shirk is the greatest injustice.
- The word of tawheed is very heavy.

RECITE AYAT UL KURSI IN THE NIGHT

من قرأ آية الكرسي في ليلة لم يزل عليه من الله حافظ ولا يقربهُ
شيطان حتى يُصبح

The one who recites Ayat-al-Kursi, (2.255) in the night, there will be a guard from Allah who will protect you all night long, and Satan will not be able to come near you till dawn."⁴

³ Sunan Ibn Majah 4300

⁴ خلاصة حكم المحدث : | 278/3 : الراوي : - | المحدث : ابن باز | المصدر : مجموع فتاوى ابن باز الصفحة أو الرقم صحيح

- We are following the sunnah when we recite Ayatul Kursi in the night and Allah will send a guard to protect us. This knowledge brings more ihtisab (hoping for reward), more taqwa and makes us constant on the deed.

GUARDING THE 'ASR PRAYER

صَلَّى بِنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْعَصْرَ بِالْمُخَمَّصِ،
فَقَالَ: إِنَّ هَذِهِ الصَّلَاةَ عُرِضَتْ عَلَى مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ فَضَيَّعُوهَا،
فَمَنْ حَافِظٌ عَلَيْهَا كَانَ لَهُ أَجْرُهُ مَرَّتَيْنِ، وَلَا صَلَاةَ بَعْدَهَا حَتَّى يَطْلُعَ
الشَّاهِدُ. وَالشَّاهِدُ: النَّجْمُ.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) led us in the 'Asr prayer at (the place known as) Mukhammas, and then said: This prayer was presented to those gone before you, but they lost it, and he who guards it has two rewards in store for him.

And no prayer is valid after till the onlooker appears (by onlooker is meant the evening star).⁵

⁵ Sahih Muslim 830a

- The 'Asr prayer is the middle prayer. We do not want to lose it. We will be rewarded twice when we perform the 'asr prayer – once for performing it and once for not losing it since the people before lost it.

PROMISE WHOEVER GUARDS HIS PRAYER WILL ENTER PARADISE

خمسُ صلواتٍ كتبهنَّ اللهُ على العبادِ في اليومِ والليلةِ ، من حافظ
عليهنَّ : كان له عهدٌ عند اللهِ أن يُدخِلَه الجنةَ ، ومن لم يحافظ
عليهنَّ : لم يكن له عهدٌ عند اللهِ ، إن شاء عذَّبَه ، وإن شاء غفرَ
له

There are five prayers which Allah has prescribed on His servants in the day and the night. Whoever maintains them, Allah guarantees that He will admit him to Paradise, and whoever does not maintain them, has no such covenant with Me. He may either punish him or forgive him⁶

6 خلاصة حكم | 46 : الراوي : عبادة بن الصامت | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر : حكم تارك الصلاة الصفحة أو الرقم
المحدث : صحيح

- We do not want to gamble our life or our prayer. We like guarantees and do not want to do anything to risk it.

SURAH IBRAHIM 40

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ۗ رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ

My Lord, make me an establisher of prayer, and [many] from my descendants. Our Lord, and accept my supplication.

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us establish our prayers.

SUPPLICATION TO BE PROTECTED

اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْنِي بِالْإِسْلَامِ قَائِمًا، وَاحْفَظْنِي بِالْإِسْلَامِ قَاعِدًا،

وَاحْفَظْنِي بِالْإِسْلَامِ رَاقِدًا، وَلَا تُشْمِتْ بِي عَدُوًّا حَاسِدًا

Allaahummaḥ-fazni bil'islaami qaa'ima, waḥ-fazni bil'islaami qaa'ida, waḥ-fazni bil'islaami raa-qida, wa laa tushmit bee 'adu-wan ḥaasida

O Allah! Protect me with Islam when standing, and protect me with Islam when sitting down, and protect me with Islam when reclining, and

do not make an enemy or envier gloat over me.⁷

- Peace is by fulfilling the rights of Allah (سبحانه) and by fulfilling the rights of the people (وتعالى).
- We want to protect what we have and our connection without gambling them away.

MAY ALLAH PROTECT OUR FAITH. AMEEN

⁷ Al-Hakim No# 1924

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