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AL HAYIY (The Modest One)

- Modesty comes with faith.

ALLAH IS THE MODEST ONE

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَأَى رَجُلًا يَغْتَسِلُ بِالْبُرَازِ
فَصَعِدَ الْمِنْبَرَ فَحَمِدَ اللَّهَ وَأَثْنَى عَلَيْهِ وَقَالَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ حَلِيمٌ
حَيٌّ سِتِيرٌ يُحِبُّ الْحَيَاءَ وَالسَّتْرَ فَإِذَا اغْتَسَلَ أَحَدُكُمْ فَلْيَسْتِرْ

Narrated Ya'la: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saw
a man washing in a public place without a
lower garment. So he mounted the pulpit,
praised and extolled Allah and said: Allah is
characterized by modesty and concealment.

So when any of you washes, he should conceal himself.¹

- The Hayaa of Allah is so great and suits His Majesty. It is not like the modesty of people.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Most Rich and we humans need to go to Him. Yet this human openly sins and on top of that, uses the blessings of Allah in order to sin.
- For instance, when a person goes to any place that is impermissible, he uses the money and blessings that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave him. This person commits sins yet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) conceals him and does not expose him. This shows us the Hayaa of Allah. This person can still return and repent to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

¹ Sunan Abi Dawud 4012

- Allah is Al Hayiy to not show the weaknesses of people. He conceals them so they can return back to Him.

ALLAH COVERS SINS

عن ابن عمر رضي الله عنهما أن النبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم - قال: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْنِي الْمُؤْمِنَ، فَيَضَعُ عَلَيْهِ كَنَفَهُ وَيَسْتُرُهُ، فَيَقُولُ: أَتَعْرِفُ ذَنْبَ كَذَا: أَتَعْرِفُ ذَنْبَ كَذَا؟ فَيَقُولُ: نَعَمْ أَيُّ رَبِّ، حَتَّى إِذَا قَرَّرَهُ بِذُنُوبِهِ، وَرَأَى فِي نَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ هَلَكَ، قَالَ: سَتَرْتُهَا عَلَيْكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا، وَأَنَا أَعْفِرُهَا لَكَ الْيَوْمَ، فَيُعْطَى كِتَابَ حَسَنَاتِهِ

Ibn `Umar said, "I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, 'Allah will bring a believer near Him and shelter him with His Screen and ask him: Did you commit such-and-such sins? He will say: Yes, my Lord. Allah will keep on asking him till he will confess all his sins and will think that he is ruined. Allah will say: 'I did screen your sins in the world and I forgive them for you today', and then he will be given the book of his good deeds.²

- This is from the Hayaa of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

² Sahih al-Bukhari 2441

- What is this feeling of hayaa in people? It is when a person feels the greatness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Might to the point that he sees his own shortcomings and blessings of Allah on him. This brings a feeling of shyness in him - 'how can I do wrong and expose myself when I am surrounded by blessings of Allah?'
- Ibn Al Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him) said the state of hayaa is inclusive of knowing the status of Allah and being watchful of Him.
- A person leaves what is unlawful and ugly and goes forward with good deeds. This shyness comes with the feeling of magnification and love of Allah.
- On the other hand, if there is weakness or death of the heart, this feeling of hayaa goes away.

- Whoever is modest and shy before Allah sees that his obedience is never enough. Even if he prayed, he feels his prayer is not enough. He feels the shortcomings in his deeds out of his magnification and love towards Allah.
- He overcomes himself and gives sadaqa and yet feels whatever he gives in the path of Allah is not enough.

ALLAH IS THE MOST MODEST, GENEROUS

إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَيٌّ كَرِيمٌ يَسْتَجِي إِذَا رَفَعَ الرَّجُلُ إِلَيْهِ يَدَيْهِ أَنْ يَرُدَّهُمَا
صِفْرًا خَائِبَتَيْنِ

Salman Al-Farsi narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said: “Indeed, Allah, is Hayiy, Generous, when a man raises his hands to Him, He feels too shy to return them to him empty and rejected.”³

- When a child or someone lower than us asks us for anything, we feel shy to say no to them.

³ Sahih At Tirmidhi 3556

- When we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), He is shy to not respond to us. When we seek forgiveness, He is shy to not accept from us. When we repent, He is shy to not accept our repentance.

ASK IN THE LAST THIRD OF THE NIGHT

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " يَتَنَزَّلُ رَبُّنَا تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا حِينَ يَبْقَى ثُلُثُ اللَّيْلِ الْآخِرِ فَيَقُولُ مَنْ يَدْعُونِي فَأَسْتَجِيبَ لَهُ، مَنْ يَسْأَلُنِي فَأُعْطِيَهُ، مَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُنِي فَأَغْفِرَ لَهُ ".

Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Our Lord, the Blessed, the Superior, comes every night down on the nearest Heaven to us when the last third of the night remains, saying: "Is there anyone to invoke Me, so that I may respond to invocation? Is there anyone to ask Me, so that I may grant him his request? Is there anyone seeking My forgiveness, so that I may forgive him?"⁴

⁴ Sahih al-Bukhari 1145

- No person will go around in the last third of the night asking if anyone needs help. When we know how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) deals with us, we feel shy to not answer Him and to not respond to Him.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us the tawfeeq to wake up in this blessed time, even if for a moment, and to ask Him. Ameen.
- We feel shy when we think about how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) asks us this every night and we don't respond to Him.
- In these precious moments we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to guide us to His Pleasure, to be pleased with us and to guide us all. He is the Most Able and nothing can disable Him. He is the Most

Rich and nothing is difficult for Him to give. We never feel shy to ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) anything.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 186

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ

And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near.

- In Ramadan, we were in a month of worship and closeness to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He is the Most Rich and does not need us. Yet He appreciates the worship of His slave, when he is in a good state, returning and connecting with Him.
- After Ramadan, this slave goes back to his life and we see how much Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves His slaves. He still tells them, 'I am near'.
- For instance, two people may have spent a cozy time together. And after they separate,

one of them still tells the other, 'I am still near to you'.

- We feel shy to not keep our connection with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to not respond to Him.
- Hayaa is a beautiful quality and trait that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives to His slaves. If a person is devoid of hayaa, he is taken out from being human and becomes mere bones and flesh.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) placed the quality of hayaa (modesty) in our fitrah.

IF YOU DO NOT FEEL ASHAMED, THEN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE.

قال النبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم - : «إِنَّ مِمَّا أَدْرَكَ النَّاسُ مِنْ كَلَامِ
النُّبُوَّةِ: إِذَا لَمْ تَسْتَحْيِ فَاصْنَعْ مَا شِئْتَ»

Narrated Abu Mus'ud: The Prophet (ﷺ) said,
"One of the sayings of the prophets which the

people have got is, 'If you do not feel ashamed, then do whatever you like.'⁵

- The quality of hayaa is present from the past. It is not only limited to our times now.
- Hayaa is about faith and connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If there is no modesty, a person will not respect or feel the need to fulfill the rights. He will not protect his tongue and manners from anything that is indecent.

MODESTY IS PART OF FAITH

وعن ابن عمر رضي الله عنهما، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - مَرَّ عَلَى رَجُلٍ مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ، وَهُوَ يَعِظُ أَخَاهُ فِي الْحَيَاءِ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ -: دَعُهُ فَإِنَّ الْحَيَاءَ مِنَ

الإيمان

⁵ Sahih al-Bukhari 3484

Narrated 'Abdullah (bin 'Umar): Once Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) passed by an Ansari (man) who was admonishing his brother regarding Haya'. On that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Leave him as Haya' is a part of faith."⁶

- Hayaa is not just from the surface but it is connected with faith.

MODESTY IS A BRANCH OF FAITH

وقال النبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم -: الإِيمَانُ بِضْعٌ وَسَبْعُونَ شُعْبَةً، أَوْ بِضْعٌ وَسِتُّونَ شُعْبَةً، فَأَفْضَلُهَا قَوْلُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَأَدْنَاهَا إِمَاطَةُ الْأَذَى عَنِ الطَّرِيقِ، وَالْحَيَاءُ شُعْبَةٌ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ

It is narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira that the Messenger of Allah (may peace and blessings be upon him) said: Faith has over seventy branches or over sixty branches, the most excellent of which is the declaration that there is no god but Allah, and the humblest of which is the, removal of what is injurious from the path: and modesty is the branch of faith.⁷

⁶ Sahih al-Bukhari 24

⁷ Sahih Muslim 35b

- A person removes harm from the path and this is out of his faith. Modesty is a branch of faith. When faith increases, modesty increases.
- Modesty appears through one's dress, speech, feelings and manners. A modest person is shy to walk in front of his parents.
- If he sees a person cannot walk properly and others are walking past him, he still does not want to walk ahead, out of shyness for making him feel bad.

MODESTY IS FROM FAITH

الحياءُ من الإيمانِ ، والإيمانُ في الجنَّةِ ، والبذاءُ من الجفاءِ ،
والجفاءُ في النَّارِ

It was narrated from Abu Bakrah that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: “Modesty is part of faith, and faith will be in Paradise. Obscenity in

speech is part of harshness and harshness will be in Hell.”⁸

- Using indecent language is a form of turning away and it leads to the hellfire. It is difficult to face someone using indecent language. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) purify our tongues and our hearts. Ameen.

MODESTY IS A TRAIT OF ISLAM

إِنَّ لِكُلِّ دِينٍ خُلُقًا ، وَخُلُقُ الْإِسْلَامِ الْحَيَاءُ

“Every religion has its distinct characteristic, and the distinct characteristic of Islam is modesty.”⁹

- Modesty is a trait of Islam that all people recognize and acknowledge. Hayaa is from our fitrah that goes in line with the legislations and rulings of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

⁸ Sunan Ibn Majah 4184

⁹ Sahih At Targheeb 2632

- Anything Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commands us gives us comfort and anything He tells us to abstain from are matters that can make us uncomfortable.

MODESTY BRINGS GOODNESS

الْحَيَاءُ لَا يَأْتِي إِلَّا بِخَيْرٍ

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Haya' (pious shyness from committing religious indiscretions) does not bring anything except good."¹⁰

- Consider the opposite - if there is indecency and lack of respect, a person sins in the night and exposes himself in the morning - how will there be any goodness?
- Where there is hayaa, even others will benefit.
- For instance, a person may be in a business gathering where he is served drinks. He takes it even though he does not drink it just because

¹⁰ Sahih al-Bukhari 6117

he is shy to decline in front of others. Then a new employee comes who politely declines and this inspires him to also be firm.

- It is easier to face situations with companions than when being alone.
- Hayaa is also from the angels. When a person has modesty, he even dresses well in private because he knows the angels are present.
- He also quickly cleans up toys or removes images from rooms because he knows that they disturb the angels.
- Someone who is shy would also wait for his parents or elders to eat even if he was hungry.
- Hayaa moves a person to be more considerate of the unseen angels and others.

- Some scholars said, that the adornment of a woman is modesty and the adornment of the wise is silence.

SURAH AR RAHMAN 56

فِيهِنَّ قَاصِرَاتُ الطَّرْفِ لَمْ يَطْمِئِنَّ إِنْسٌ قَبْلَهُمْ وَلَا جَانٌّ

In them are women limiting [their] glances, untouched before them by man or jinni -

- These women in paradise are only looking at their men.

SURAH AR RAHMAN 58

كَأَنَّهُنَّ الْيَاقُوتُ وَالْمَرْجَانُ

As if they were rubies and coral.

- Notice that the quality of shyness is mentioned before physical beauty.
- Modesty is what makes a person beautiful in the end.

- Modesty is a beautiful trait not only in women but also in men. Out of shyness, the man takes care of the women in his family.
- Modesty is a beautiful trait on everyone but more beautiful on the women. Just as generosity is a beautiful trait on all, but more beautiful when it comes from someone who is poor. Just as humbleness is a beautiful trait on all, but more beautiful when it comes from someone who is wealthy.

SURAH AL QASAS 24

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ

"My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good You would send down to me, in need."

- Musa (عليه السلام) made this dua after he helped the two women. Then one of them went to him.

SURAH AL QASAS 25

فَجَاءَتْهُ إِحْدَاهُمَا تَمْثِيًا عَلَى اسْتِحْيَاءٍ قَالَتْ إِنَّ أَبِي يَدْعُوكَ
لِيَجْزِيَكَ أَجْرَ مَا سَقَيْتَ لَنَا

Then one of the two women came to him walking with shyness. She said, "Indeed, my father invites you that he may reward you for having watered for us."

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appreciated this quality of shyness in her. She made it clear to him that it was her father who was inviting him. He could not come himself since he was old. She also made it clear why her father was calling him - to reward him for what he did for them.

SHYNESS OF AISHA (رضى الله عنها)

عن عائشة، قالت: كنت أدخل بيتي، الذي دُفِنَ فيه رسول الله
ﷺ وأبي، فأضع ثوبي، فأقول: إنما هو زوجي وأبي، فلما دُفِنَ عمر
معهم، فوالله ما دخلت إلا وأنا مشدودة عليّ ثيابي؛ حياءً من عمر

‘A’isha said: I used to enter my house in which God’s messenger was and put off my garment, saying that only my husband and my father were there; but when ‘Umar was buried along with them, I swear by God that I did not enter it without having my clothes wrapped round me owing to modesty regarding ‘Umar.¹¹

- This shows us the shyness of Aisha (رضى الله عنها).
- The righteous predecessors used to say that they felt shy when they remembered their sins even though they know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will forgive them.
- They have no doubt that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgives but they feel shy when they remember that moment of sin as Allah (سبحانه) saw it, and so did the angels who even wrote it.

¹¹ Mishkat al-Masabih 1771

SUPPLICATION TO BE ADORNED WITH FAITH

اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَا بِزِينَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً مُهْتَدِينَ

*Allaahumma zayyinnaa bi zeenatil-eemaani
waj'alnaa hudaatan muhtadeen*

O Allah, beautify us with the adornment of faith and make us of those who guide and are rightly guided.¹²

SUPPLICATION TO BE GUIDED

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي لِأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِأَحْسَنِهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ، وَاصْرِفْ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا لَا يَصْرِفُ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ

O Allah, guide me to the best of manners, for none guides to the best of them nor turns away the worst of them except for You.¹³

- o May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guide us to the best manners and make our shyness a reason for others to love Islam and to return to Allah.

¹² An-Nasa'i No# 1305, 1306

¹³ At-Tabarani No# 7893

- For instance, to never feel shy to wear hijab or to refrain from entering a lift alone with a man. When a woman does this, it encourages men to let women pass before them and not be alone with them. If a man and woman are alone, the third one is the shaitan.
- Shaithan did not have hayaa but instead he showed more arrogance. On the other hand, when Adam (عليه السلام) sinned, he felt shy, covered himself and then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) inspired him with words to seek forgiveness.
- Even if we make mistakes and sin, we feel shy and return to Allah, repenting to Him.
- The names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) inspire us to have the best qualities.

MAY ALLAH COVER US. AMEEN.

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