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LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN: SURAH AAL IMRAAN

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## INTRODUCTION

- Feelings of love is what will keep us firm, but we can catch up with everything else.
- Everything can be maintained, but something we need to always maintain is our belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and our connection and feelings for Him.
- Firmness is protection. We think firmness is to maintain our standard, but how can we maintain it if we do not go to a basic need which is protection.

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 16

الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Those who say, "Our Lord, indeed we have believed, so forgive us our sins and protect us from the punishment of the Fire,"

- One of the Companions said, everyone asks how to go to paradise, but I will ask, what will protect you from the fire?
- To seek refuge is firmness so that we maintain what we have. We do not want anything to disturb the blessings Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us. We do not want anything to cause deficiency in our worship, and even the end of the Qur'an is about seeking refuge.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Ever-Living Who never dies and He is The Self-Sustaining Master. He does not need anyone to maintain Him. He

does not need anyone to maintain His beauty or greatness. No one can affect or dominate His actions, will, power, might or mercy. Even if a person is so evil, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) still dominates Him by His mercy. Even the worst evil cannot dominate the power of The Most Loving and Most Beautiful.

○ The blow of the magicians and the envier of the envy is evil, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show His power through kindness, beauty, love and perfection because love can defeat anything.

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Waahid al Qahhaar (The One, The Dominator), and no matter how evil the evil may be, it will never win because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Beautiful, The Most Powerful. Belief is required and that is to

believe in the beauty and majesty of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

○ We only seek refuge by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that is tawheed. We seek refuge with Rabb Al Falaq, The Lord of the Splitting, and He will spoil the plan of evil in that critical moment. He will allow them to carry out their plan until the last moment when Allah Rabb Al Falaq will make it go wrong. So we should never think the shaitan has power because his plot is weak. It is important to attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because His mercy, nurturing, guidance and beauty are more.

○ And sometimes we need protection from hidden bad thoughts. No one may harm us, no one may upset us, no one may have done anything, but why do we shake, why are we in

a dark hole? Because of wiswas; when we are alone, the shaitan whispers.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Lord of the people, King of the people and Ilah of the people, and we need these Names as protection from whispers of the shaitan.
- We cannot give power to evil and we cannot ignore it either and say it is not there, so what should we do? We have Al Ma'oodhaat (Surah Al Ikhlaas, Surah Al Falaq, Surah An Naas).
- While Adam (عليه السلام) was in paradise, the shaitan did not even leave him. Adam (عليه السلام) and Hawa were at rest, but the shaitan wanted them to struggle. There was love between them, but he wanted enmity. This is the story of our father, and this shaitan wants

to spoil us from the time of birth to death. Now that we know this, it does not mean we give power to him, but power is faith in Allah (سبحانه), seeking refuge with Him, being sincere and to love.

- Someone might ask, “why does Allah allow the shaitan to be like this?”, but it is to show the truthfulness of the people. It will show who believes in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and who believes in themselves or falsehood.

## SEEKING REFUGE BY THE PERFECT WORDS OF ALLAH

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ الَّتِي لَا يُجَاوِزُهُنَّ بَرٌّ وَلَا فَاجِرٌ  
مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ، وَبَرًّا وَذَرًّا، وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمِنْ  
شَرِّ مَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا، وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا ذَرَأَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَخْرُجُ

مِنْهَا، وَمِنْ شَرِّفَتَيْنِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ طَارِقٍ إِلَّا طَارِقًا  
يَطْرُقُ بِخَيْرٍ يَا رَحْمَنُ

*A`ūdhu bikalimāti 'llāhit-tāmmāti 'llatī lā  
yujāwizuhunna barrun wa lā fājirun  
min sharri mā khalaq,  
wa bara'a wa dhara',  
wa min sharri mā yanzilu minas-samā',  
wa min sharri mā ya`ruju fīhā,  
wa min sharri mā dhara'a fi 'l-arḍ,  
wa min sharri mā yakhruju minhā,  
wa min sharri fitani 'llayli wannahār,  
wa min sharri kulli ṭāriqin  
illā ṭāriqan yaṭruqu bikhayr, yā Rahmān.*

I seek refuge in the Perfect Words of Allah which neither the upright nor the corrupt may overcome - from the evil of what He created, of what He made, and of what He scattered, from the evil of what descends from the heavens, and of what rises up to them, from the evil of what He scattered in the earth, and of what emerges from it, from the evil trials of night and day, and from the evil of every night visitor, except the night visitor who comes with good. O Merciful One.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sahih Aj Jami'e 74



- Seeking refuge is protection and it keeps us firm. We do not need to wait until something strikes in order to seek refuge. We want to enjoy the beauty of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and loving Him.

## LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN – SURAH AAL IMRAAN

### SURAH AAL IMRAAN 15

قُلْ أُوْنِبِّكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْ ذَٰلِكُمْ ۖ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٌ  
تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَأَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ وَرِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ  
اللَّهِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِصِيرٍ بِالْعِبَادِ

Say, "Shall I inform you of [something] better than that? For those who fear Allah will be gardens in the presence of their Lord beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally, and purified spouses and approval from Allah. And Allah is Seeing of [His] servants -

- We all want to be saved from the fire, admitted to paradise and attain the pleasure of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and this is a great vision to keep us going.
- This life is temporary and no matter how glamorous and attractive it may be, we should use it to keep us going on in this life, but what is with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best return.
- It would be sad if this life is our ultimate destination because this life is not perfect. And we must understand the imperfection in this life is perfect for us so that we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If this life was perfect then no one will attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and no one will look forward to the hereafter.

- The duniya serves us and not the other way around. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) subjected everything for us and at the same time, whatever we have from this life will not remain forever.
- (قُلْ أَوُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْ ذَٰلِكُمْ) (Say, "Shall I inform you of [something] better than that? ): we have to know the duniya and its attractions, otherwise we will not seek the hereafter, which is better. We may enjoy food, but the hereafter is better. We may enjoy comfortable living, but the hereafter is better. We may enjoy good relationships, but the hereafter is better. We may love children, but still there is disturbance, or we may love to travel, but there is luggage, transportation, accommodation and so forth.

- (لِّلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا) (For those who fear Allah): before we know what we will have in paradise, we need to know paradise is for whom. It is for those with taqwa. What does taqwa mean?
- Taqwa is protection from our desires, evils and sins. We place a barrier in order to not follow our desires, but follow what is pleasing to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- This barrier of taqwa beautifies us in front of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) before the people. We may feel jealous, we may feel upset, but taqwa is a barrier to stop us from exceeding our boundaries. Taqwa is a barrier from the anger of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Taqwa is what takes us to paradise.

○ We said that as humans we have earthly components and taqwa is needed to place a shield around it because we cannot totally extract these earthly components. With taqwa, we want to show our best to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and to show our best means we have to go against our ego.

○ The right of taqwa is:

○ To remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not forget Him. We can easily think of ourselves, our desires or our ego, but we need help from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to remember Him instead.

○ To be grateful to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not to be ungrateful to Him. We can easily remember our problem, our desires and pain, but we want to be grateful to Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى) and all that He has given us and taken care of us.

- To obey Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not disobey Him. We want to do things in excellence and not cause harm.

## SUPPLICATION TO REMEMBER ALLAH

"يا معاذ، والله إني لأحبك، ثم أوصيك يا معاذ لا تدعن في دبر كل صلاة تقول: اللهم أعني على ذكرك وشكرك، وحسن عبادتك"

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) held my hand and said, "O Mu'adh, By Allah, I love you and advise you not to miss supplicating after every Salat (prayer) saying:

*'Allahumma a'inni 'ala dhikrika wa shukrika, wa husni 'ibadatika,'*

(O Allah, help me remember You, expressing gratitude to You and worship You in the best manner)".<sup>2</sup>

## SURAH AL BAQARAH 177

لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ  
 آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَآتَى الْمَالَ  
 عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ  
 وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُوفُونَ  
 بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا ۖ وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ  
 الْبَأْسِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ

Righteousness is not that you turn your faces  
 toward the east or the west, but [true]  
 righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah,  
 the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the  
 prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it,  
 to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler,

<sup>2</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and An- Nasa'i , Book 1, Hadith 384

those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves;  
[and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah;

[those who] fulfill their promise when they  
promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty  
and hardship and during battle. Those are the  
ones who have been true, and it is those who  
are the righteous.

- Taqwa is to stop our evil by showing goodness. It is not just purification but beautification as well. Sometimes when people do not follow their desires, they think it is just to stop themselves, but then they feel “suffocated”, but it is to then show goodness.
- The muttaqeen are those who do good deeds based on their faith.
- We need taqwa when we are with people because we are not perfect. Separation and



disconnection happen when no taqwa is placed in front of our faults and desires.

- The more a person is with another, the more their faults will be shown, and the shaitan wants to separate in those moments. But what is important is to have taqwa and that is to struggle against ourselves and do good, though it is not easy.
- The garment of taqwa is what keeps relationships going.

## SURAH AT TALAQ 2 TO 3

2.

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty).

3.

## وَيَرْزُقُهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine.

- In front of people, we wear garments, but in front of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we wear the garment of taqwa. And when there is taqwa, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will provide us with what we cannot imagine because we think our desire is what will provide us. But Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us He will provide us with what is greater.
- Clashes happen in life for purification and to practice taqwa. We cannot attain taqwa if we are alone.
- Taqwa is to cover our faults and shame, but in paradise we do not need taqwa because everything and everyone is perfect. There are no more faults; everyone is purified.

## TAQWA AND GOOD MANNERS ADMIT MOST PEOPLE TO PARADISE

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ : سُئِلَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ : مَا أَكْثَرُ  
مَا يُدْخِلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَالَ : " التَّقْوَى وَحُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ "

It was narrated that Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The Prophet (ﷺ) was asked: 'What most admits people to Paradise?'

He said: 'Piety and good manners.'<sup>3</sup>

## SUPPLICATION TO BE GRANTED TAQWA

اللهم آت نفسي تقواها، وزكها أنت خير من زكاها، أنت وليها  
ومولاها

O Allah! Grant me the sense of piety and purify my soul as You are the Best to purify it. You are its Guardian and its Protecting Friend.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah 4246

<sup>4</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 17, Hadith 1479

## SUPPLICATION FOR GUIDANCE AND TAQWA

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)".<sup>5</sup>

## SURAH AZ ZUKHRUF 67

الْأَخْلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ

Friends on that Day will be foes one to another  
except Al-Muttaqun (the pious)

<sup>5</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 71

- Taqwa will cover us and others. We need taqwa wherever we maybe. What will Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) give to those with taqwa?
- (عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ) (in the presence of their Lord): our Lord is the One Who nurtured us and took care of us, so He appreciates our struggle to have taqwa because only He knows what we are going through from the inside. Thus we should appreciate His nurturing on us to teach us taqwa and help us to have taqwa.
- We cannot have taqwa on our own; it is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who nurtured us to have taqwa.
- Taqwa is an action of the heart which only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows. For some their taqwa is to slow down and for some their taqwa is to

go faster. For some their taqwa is to give and for some their taqwa is to withhold.

- There is taqwa, the rights of taqwa which are grater, and there is to have taqwa as much as one can.

## SURAH AT TAGHABUN 16

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ

So fear Allah as much as you are able

- For example, we may get upset because of something, but to have taqwa as much as we can is perhaps we cannot be totally not upset, but our upset will be less than usual. And that is to have taqwa as much as we can.

- جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَأَزْوَاجٌ مُطَهَّرَةٌ (

(وَرِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِصِيرٍ بِالْعِبَادِ (will be gardens

beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally, and purified spouses and approval from Allah. And Allah is Seeing of [His servants): to be continued in sha'a Allah.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US TAQWA. AMEEN.

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