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LIVE WITH ALLAH AL 'ALEEM

All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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SUPPLICATION FOR GUIDANCE

أَنْ 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-huda wat- tuqa wal-
'afafa wal-ghina

(O Allah! I ask You for guidance, piety, chastity and self- sufficiency)".

- Ramadan is a gift, favor, generosity and kindness from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We find motivation, peace and tranquility in the month of Ramadan, but what is needed from us after Ramadan?

SURAH AL BAQARAH 185 TO 186

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شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ
الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ ۚ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ ۖ وَمَن كَانَ
مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ ۗ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا
يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَى مَا هَدَاكُم
وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it; and whoever is ill or on a journey - then an equal number of other days. Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship and [wants] for you to complete

the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.

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وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ

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

respond to the invocation of the suppliant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided.

◌ We find many blessings in the month of Ramadan because that is the time when the Qur'an was revealed, and that is a connection from the sky to the earth. Ramadan is a glimpse of that light, happiness, peace and goodness, and then it goes away, so it feels like a disconnection.

- But now we need to ask, ask what? Ask about Ramadan? No. Ask about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- It is not about asking about our worships, prayers and fasting, but a slave who asks Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Are we missing the qiyam or the One Whom we stand for in the qiyam? Are we missing the Qur'an or the One Whose spoke these words?
- The slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not look at his worship, but the One Whom He attached to.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Qareeb – He is The Most Near – He is above the seven heavens, but He is near to us by His seeing, hearing and knowledge. And this is general nearness for all, but we want to ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by choice.

- The worships we do in Ramadan cannot be the same as now, but we can still make dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

NEARNESS OF ALLAH AL QAREEB

1. VICTORY

- After Ramadan, there is the struggle of the shaitan, nafs and going back to our life. So we need the closeness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to grant us victory. We do not want to lose what we did in Ramadan.

2. RUSHD – GUIDANCE ON THE SPOT

- Allah's closeness also means He will guide us to rushd – which is to say, act and speak the best, to be on the dot.
- All this training in Ramadan is not to rely on ourselves, but to know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is

close and to always connect to Him. For example, imagine a mother trains her child for a month, and then afterwards, she says, “if you need anything, then I’m close by.” And to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best example, He will not leave us, He is near, but we need to come to Him and ask Him.

- After Ramadan, we try to struggle on our own, but we need to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Near.

3. SUPPORT

- The nearness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) means He grants us support.

4. PROTECTION

- Allah’s closeness is to protect us from trials and falling into sins. He will protect our deeds.

5. IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

- The closeness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) means He will quickly respond to us.

6. FORGIVENESS

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Near to forgive us.
- If we believe in Allah Al Qareeb (The Most Near), then He will grant us rushd which means we do everything in the right time, right place, everything is in its place. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us from the rashideen. Ameen.

IMPORTANCE OF NOT IGNORING ALLAH'S AYAT

- Allah's ayat are all to show Who is He is.

SURAH FUSSILAT 41 TO 42

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إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِالذِّكْرِ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ وَإِنَّهُ لَكِتَابٌ عَزِيزٌ

Indeed, those who disbelieve in the message after it has come to them... And indeed, it is a mighty Book.

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لَا يَأْتِيهِ الْبَاطِلُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَلَا مِنْ خَلْفِهِ تَنْزِيلٌ مِّنْ حَكِيمٍ

حَمِيدٍ

Falsehood cannot approach it from before it or from behind it; [it is] a revelation from a [Lord who is] Wise and Praiseworthy.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bring subtle reminders to us, but people reject it due to their arrogance and wanting to do what they want.
- The ayat come to us in order to submit – we should not think too much or be complicated.
- It is important to not take the role of judge, but a role of a slave who takes any opportunity to be guided by His Master.
- For example, there is a story of a lady who was praying taraweeh and those to her right and

left were reciting exactly what the imam was saying. She felt, “O Allah they have memorized Your words, make me the third one to memorize it.” After the prayer, she asked them, “have you memorized the Qur'an?”, and she said, “yes, do you want to memorize it too?”. And the lady said “yes”. Then the other lady said, “here is a teacher of Qur'an and she can teach you.”. So we see how it is important to always ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and not judge and think, “why are they reciting loudly?”. We do not know how many opportunities we lose due to our immediate judgement.

AS SALAAM (السَّلام) – THE BESTOWER OF PEACE

- Allah As Salam is the Bestower of Peace.
- Salam means to be sound from any kind of fault, defect, making mistakes, anything improper, or not suitable.
- Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is purely As Salaam. No wrong can ever touch Him or can be done by Him.
- Unlike ourselves, we can get scratched, or we say something we should not have said.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is salaam from every aspect- in His Names, Attributes and Actions.

SURAH AL HASHR 23

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيْمِنُ
الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

He is Allah , other than whom there is no deity,
the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfection, the

Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.

- Shirk can easily happen with these Names.
- His life is salam from death, He is salam from ever getting tired, His words are salam from having any injustice or contradictions.
- His Divinity is salam from ever having a partner. No one can take His place, no son, no partner. His Oneness is salaam.
- His pardoning and forbearance are salaam from not being based on need. It is out of His benevolence, kindness and generosity
- His decrees are salaam. Nothing is vain, coincidence or by chance. It is all in the perfect place based on His perfect wisdom.

- His rising above the Throne and descending to the lowest Heaven is salam from anything being higher than Him.
- The Name is also mentioned in the Sunnah.

ALLAH IS AS SALAAM

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، قَالَ كُنَّا إِذَا صَلَّيْنَا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قُلْنَا السَّلَامُ عَلَى اللَّهِ قَبْلَ عِبَادِهِ، السَّلَامُ عَلَى جِبْرِيلَ، السَّلَامُ عَلَى مِيكَائِيلَ، السَّلَامُ عَلَى فَلَانٍ، فَلَمَّا انْصَرَفَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَقْبَلَ عَلَيْنَا بِوَجْهِهِ فَقَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ السَّلَامُ، فَإِذَا جَلَسَ أَحَدُكُمْ فِي الصَّلَاةِ فَلْيَقُلِ التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ، وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ فَإِنَّهُ إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ أَصَابَ كُلَّ عَبْدٍ صَالِحٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ثُمَّ يَتَخَيَّرُ بَعْدُ مِنَ الْكَلَامِ مَا شَاءَ

Narrated `Abdullah: When we prayed with the Prophet (ﷺ) we used to say: As-Salam be on Allah from His worshipers, As- Salam be on Gabriel, As-Salam be on Michael, As-Salam be on so-and-so. When the Prophet (ﷺ) finished his

prayer, he faced us and said, "Allah Himself is As-Salam (Peace), so when one sits in the prayer, one should say, 'at-Tahiyatu-li I-lahi Was-Salawatu, Wat-Taiyibatu, As-Salamu 'Alaika aiyuhan- Nabiyyu wa Rah-matul-iahi wa Barakatuhu, As-Salamu 'Alaina wa 'ala 'Ibadillahi assalihin, for if he says so, then it will be for all the pious slave of Allah in the Heavens and the Earth. (Then he should say), 'Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallahu wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan `Abduhu wa rasulu-hu,' and then he can choose whatever speech (i.e. invocation) he wishes "¹

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is As Salaam. We do not need to invoke for Him to have, but we need salaam.
- We never want to shy away from saying salaam to anyone. Even if no one responds, the angels will respond to us.

¹ Sahih al-Bukhari 6230

SPREAD SALAAM

السلام اسمٌ من أسماءِ اللهِ وَضَعَهُ اللهُ في الأرضِ ، فَأَفْشُوهُ
 بَيْنَكُمْ ، فَإِنَّ الرَّجُلَ الْمُسْلِمَ إِذَا مَرَّ بِقَوْمٍ فَسَلَّمَ عَلَيْهِمْ ، فَرُتُّوا
 عَلَيْهِ ؛ كَانَ لَهُ عَلَيْهِمْ فَضْلٌ دَرَجَةٍ بِتَذْكِرِهِ إِيَّاهُمْ السَّلَامَ ، فَإِنْ
 لَمْ يَرُتُّوا عَلَيْهِ رَدَّ عَلَيْهِ مَنْ هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِنْهُمْ وَأَطْيَبُ

"Peace is one of the Names of Allah which Allah has placed on the earth. Extend it among you.

When a man greets people and they answer him, then he has a higher degree than them because he reminds them of peace. If no one answers him, he will be answered by one who is better and more excellent."²

- Then after prayer we say:

SUPPLICATION AFTER TASLEEM

عَنْ عَائِشَةَ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ
 إِذَا سَلَّمَ قَالَ اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ تَبَارَكْتَ يَا ذَا
 الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

'Aishah said: When the Prophet (ﷺ) uttered taslim, he used to say: "O Allah, You are As-

² Sahih Aj Jamie 3697

Salam, and from you is As-Salam. You are blessed, O One of Magnificence and Generosity."³

- With this dua we are invoking Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), You are the One Who makes everything sound and peaceful, and You are the One Who protects us from falling into anything that can disturb the peace. This is all balance. We see how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) deals with us with majesty and honor.
- The one who has peace inside, will deal with others with peace, but before peace comes submission.
- Why can we not be in peace within ourselves? Because of lack of submission. If we are not in peace within ourselves, we cannot be in peace with others.

³ Sunan Abi Dawud 1512

- When a person is arrogant and cannot submit
- it will be like an internal collapse inside him.
- This is when a person feels his life can only stand
when he sees others fail, and this is when the
fitrah (natural disposition) goes away.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us a fitrah that is sound,
soft, easy and kind. It is very easy to receive the
divine revelation and easy to be with others.
There is no arrogance.
- If we do not have peace with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى),
then we cannot show it to others.

SPREAD SALAAM

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى
تَحَابُّوا أَلَا أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى أَمْرٍ إِذَا أَنْتُمْ فَعَلْتُمُوهُ تَحَابَبْتُمْ أَفْشَوْا
السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ

Narrated Abu Hurairah: that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "By the One in Whose Hand is my soul! You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I inform you about a matter which if you do it, then you will love one another? Spread the Salam among each other."

- When we say salaam, we are making dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for that person. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) give him peace, that he does not fall into something disturbing within himself or others.
- When we have salaam with each other, we can love each other and believe more.
- If we are in an environment with no peace, it is harder to love and believe.
- We want to enter the path of salaam, where it is sound and safe where we do not face any

situation where we slip and say something or do something that is not sound.

- In the end all of this leads to the Home of Peace. Paradise is a place that was always salaam. It was never a place that was dead and then had life, or had sickness and then it was safe. It is a peaceful and sound land.
- Alalh places peace in submission to Him, in following the Prophet (ﷺ), in following the religion of Islam which is a way of life.
- We can become rigid with worships and quickly judge, but we want to have a good heart that quickly makes dua.
- Submission is needed to keep the peace within us. The more we do not submit, the more it shows we are not peaceful people.

A MUSLIM

الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ

A Muslim is he from whose hand and tongue the Muslims are safe.

- Submission is important to keep the shield of peace between us and others.
- Iblis failed in submission when the decree came to prostrate to Adam (عليه السلام).

SURAH ASH SHU'ARA 88, 89

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يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ

The Day when there will not benefit [anyone] wealth or children

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إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ

But only one who comes to Allah with a sound heart."

- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us to always say the salaam with conviction, to be peaceful with each other and not to have bad feelings towards others.
- We are all humans, we are all weak, and no one can give us peace if we do not spread peace to others.
- Sometimes we think we think we can find our peace by fighting others in order to get that peace, but we should spread peace to others in order to get it.
- There is no like Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He created us on a peaceful fitra, but as we grow we get exposed to blessings, tests and different mentalities that affect and change us. Even the blessings can make us exceed our

boundaries, but we do not own anything in the first place.

- We need salam for any transitions we go through in life. We do not want any challenge or test we go through without being more peaceful. We all want to live in peace in life, we want to be the person who initiates the peace, and to want peace for others before ourselves.
- The Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are to bring us back to a natural state, and not a complicated state.
- What makes us love each other? When there is no competition or jealousy.
- The one who feels awkward and takes himself out is the one who is not in peace with others.

That's why it is important to submit to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in order to be in peace.

- The messengers never took revenge for themselves, though they have the upper-hand. They would always forgive and pardon.
- A Muslim never wants to be someone who oppresses or exceeds boundaries.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US ALWAYS TURN TO HIM AND NEVER FORGET HIM. MAY HE GRANT US PEACE. AMEEN.

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