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# عش مع القرآن: سورة آل عمران LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN SURAH AAL IMRAAN

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## INTRODUCTION

### FAITH AND FEELINGS

- Faith is our foundation and to spread salam and connect one another are all feelings. Anyone can take on the role of anyone else, but no one can take on the feelings of someone. That's why to love one another and feel connected is important because this is what remains and this is what Islam teaches us.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) said "you will be with the ones you love", and we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the

Prophet (ﷺ) and one another for Allah (سبحانه).

### YOU ARE WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE

حَدَّ ثَنِي أَبُو الرَّبِيعِ الْعَتَكِيُّ، حَدَّ ثَنَا حَمَّادٌ، - يَعْنِي ابْنَ زَيْدٍ - حَدَّ ثَنَا ثَابِتٌ الْبُنَانِيُّ، عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكِ، قَالَ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ مَلَى الله عليه وسلم فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَتَى السَّاعَةُ قَالَ " وَمَا أَعْدَدْتَ لِلسَّاعَةِ ". قَالَ حُبَّ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ قَالَ " فَإِنَّكَ مَعَ مَنْ أَعْدَدْتَ لِلسَّاعَةِ ". قَالَ حُبَّ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ قَالَ " فَإِنَّكَ مَعَ مَنْ أَعْبَبْتَ ". قَالَ أَنَسٌ فَمَا فَرِحْنَا بَعْدَ الإِسْلاَمِ فَرَحًا أَشَدَّ مِنْ قَوْلِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم " فَإِنَّكَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ ". قَالَ أَنَسٌ فَمَا فَرِحْنَا بَعْدَ الإِسْلاَمِ فَرَحًا أَشَدَّ مِنْ قَوْلِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم " فَإِنَّكَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ ". قَالَ أَنَسٌ فَأَنَا أُحِبُ الله وَرَسُولَهُ وَ أَبَا بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ فَأَرْجُو أَنْ أَكُونَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْ أَلُهُ وَرَسُولَهُ وَ أَبَا بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ فَأَرْجُو أَنْ أَكُونَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْ أَلْ أَعْمَلُ بأَعْمَالِهِمْ .

Anas b. Malik reported that a person came to Allah's Messenger (\*) and said to Allah's Messenger: When would be the Last Hour? Thereupon he (the Prophet (\*)) said: What preparation have you made for the Last Hour?

He said: The love of Allah and of His Messenger (is my only preparation). Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said: You would be along with one whom you love. Anas said: Nothing pleased us more after accepting Islam than the words of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ): You would be along with one whom you love. And Anas said. I love Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ) and Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) and Umar (رضي الله عنه), and I hope that I would be along with them although I have not acted like them.<sup>1</sup>

### ALLAH AL WITR - THE ONE (THE ODD)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sahih Muslim 2639

- When we are with people, we will know who we are. But if we are alone, we will not see our mistakes, we will see ourselves as perfect. And then we will start to associate with Allah (سبحانه) by only looking at ourselves and that no one can be our standard. This will only build arrogance and only turning to ourselves instead of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We are all pairs, no one is alone. Whether someone brings us up or down, or someone loves us or hates us. We are all "pairs" and are all in need of nurturing. However only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Witr (The One (The Odd)).
- We all have faults as pairs, and when both of us return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), hen He will make a strong bond and reform everyone.

In life, when there is an "odd" one out, then people do not feel comfortable with them. But with Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) He is Al Witr – The Odd and when we believe in Him, He will be with us. He will be a beloved Companion to all of us. If we are 40 people, He is our 41st when we believe in Him. If we are two, He is our 3rd, if we are four, He is our 5th.

### ALLAH IS OUR THIRD

عَنْ أَبِي بَكْرِ. رضى الله عنه. قَالَ قُلْتُ لِلنَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم وَ أَنَا فِي الْغَارِلَوْ أَنَّ أَحَدَهُمْ نَظَرَتَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ لأَبْصَرَنَا. فَقَالَ "مَا ظَنُّكَ يَا أَبَا بَكْرِبِاثْنَيْنِ اللَّهُ ثَالِثُهُمَا ".

Narrated Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه): I said to the Prophet (ﷺ) while I was in the Cave. "If any of them should look under his feet, he would see

# us." He said, "O Abu Bakr! What do you think of two (persons) the third of whom is Allah?"<sup>2</sup>

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accompanies everyone by His seeing, hearing and knowledge, but we want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to accompany us by His support, love and companionship. When there are believers, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be their Wali and Companion.
- We need pairs to show us who we are, whether it is our friend, parents, spouse, siblings or children. But Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) does not need anyone, He does not need a partner, wife, son or children to show Who He is.
- $_{\circ}$  That's why we should not be sensitive towards others when we they bring out a weakness in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sahih al-Bukhari 3653

- us. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use anyone to show us our reality.
- And there are people who will bring out the best from us and those who bring out the worst from us so that we may know who we are and become reformed. That's why we should not hate those who bring out the worst from us, it is just reforming for us so that we can be purified and prepared for paradise.

### BE ON THE SIDE OF ALLAH

We all have faults and weakness, and it is important to place "guards" in those places because this is where the shaitan will enter. He will enter through that passage. And this is what Surah Aal Imraan teaches us.

- We should not take life seriously, but take Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) seriously and His ability seriously. That's why we do not want to drown in the same role and scene in life because we will not change or become better.
- In the Battle of Uhud, the Prophet (\*\*) commanded the Companions to stay in one place because not following can cause a person to lose all they have built.
- When a decree comes that makes us feel discomfort, it actually reveals our weakness. And when we recognize this is our weakness, then we want to quickly fill that gap because it is through these gaps the shaitan attacks and takes advantage of our weakness. And to fill that gap is submitting to the decree of Allah

- (سبحانه وتعالى) and being on His side. His decree is His power and we do not want to go against it.

  When we argue and complain about the decree of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then it shows as if we are not happy with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because the decree is His power.
- We always want to be on the side of Allah (سبحانه وتعالی), we always want Him to be our Wali and Companion.
- when we complain and argue about the decree then we expose our weakness to others and this can be used against us. So when someone goes through a difficult decree, we want to help them to reconnect to Allah (وتعالى), to be grateful to Him, to appreciate what

He has given them and not make them disagree with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- We always want to have a transparent relationship with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If we are hiding then it will not work because there is no trust.
- We need each other to benefit from one another, and we need good and truthful companions who care for us and want us to do our best. To be with someone is important and to feel loved and cared for.
- We do not want to expose our weakness as an "open wound". Our weakness will not be exposed with people we are comfortable with or those who understand us, it will come from enemies and others.

We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to always give us good companions who give us comfort by connecting us to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

### HANDOVER ALL YOUR AFFAIRS TO ALLAH

- when we are in charge of something and things keeps happening that we cannot keep up, we always want our heart to hand it over to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and He will take care of it.

  But if we think we want to take charge of it then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will leave us to it and we will struggle.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Wakeel (The Trustee) and we delegate it to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in our heart and He will guide us to do it in the best way.

### SURAH AAL IMRAAN

- We think to be firm we need to be stiff like "rulers", but to be firm is to back to basics, back to nature, back to the fitra, back to someone we know and love. This is Surah Aal Imraan.
- There may be difficult scenes, but firmness is through connections and going back to something we know and understand. It is not about going to the "maze" of life, or going to "double-meanings" or something we do not know or trying something different.
- Sometimes we think if we do something different then we will be refreshed and energized. But if we want to be refreshed, we should go back to basics and to something we know, just as we go back to "comfort food".

- Surah Aal Imraan teaches us to not go and start something new, or just "jump into the deep end of sea". Surah Aal Imraan is about maintaining and stabilization.
- For example, if we go on a diet and start losing weight, then we reach a phase of stabilization to maintain what we have lost and not regain it.
- In Surah Al Baqarah, there are many achievements, but we do not want to lose all of this. Surah Aal Imraan is about stabilization; it is not about going to "new things or experiences". And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will decree different things to take us back to basics so that we remain firm.
- We want our roots to be strong, we want our path to be clear, we want our goal to always

be in front of our eyes. So firmness is not about going to something new, but to go back to basics. And for our weakness, we place "guards" because we will go through different situations in order to build that firmness.

# START AND END OF SURAH AAL IMRAAN

When we look at the start and end of Surah Aal Imraan, we will find points of firmness.

THERE IS NO ONE WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT

ALLAH (لا إله الا الله)

Alif, Lam, Meem. 2 اللَّهُ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of existence.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 6 هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ ٤ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

It is He who forms you in the wombs however He wills. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

In the start of Surah Aal Imraan, (لا إله الا الله) is mentioned twice and this is the most essential and basic to return back to. It is to believe that no one is worthy of worship except Allah (وتعالى).

- There may be providers, protectors and those who show mercy and kindness. But no one can provide like Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), no one is more merciful, more beautiful, kinder and greater except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The Name of "Allah" contains all Names of Allah. So there is no rabb except Allah, no rahman except Allah, no jameel except Allah.
- When we feel pain, frustration or we feel off, we should remember (لا إله الا الله). It means, we cannot do it except Allah. We do not feel good, but only Allah can make us feel good.

## THE WRITTEN BOOK – THE QUR'AN

# SURAH AAL IMRAAN 3 زَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقّ

He has sent down upon you, [O Muhammad (變)], the Book in truth,

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 7
هُوَ الَّذِي أَنزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُّحْكَمَاتٌ هُنَّ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ
وَأُخَرُ مُتَشَابِهَاتٌ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِمْ زَيْغٌ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ مَا تَشَابَهَ
مِنْهُ ابْتِغَاءَ الْفِتْنَةِ وَ ابْتِغَاءَ تَأْوِيلِهِ فَوَمَا يَعْلَمُ تَأْوِيلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَكَّرُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَكَّرُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَكَّرُ وَالرَّاسِخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ يَقُولُونَ آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلُّ مِّنْ عِندِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَكَّرُ

It is He who has sent down to you, [O Muhammad (\*\*)], the Book; in it are verses [that are] precise - they are the foundation of the Book - and others unspecific. As for those in whose hearts is deviation [from truth], they will follow that of it which is unspecific, seeking discord and seeking an interpretation [suitable to them]. And no one knows its [true] interpretation except Allah. But those firm in knowledge say, "We believe in it. All [of it] is from

# our Lord." And no one will be reminded except those of understanding.

- The Qur'an keeps us firm and we go back to what is written.
- For example, sometimes we might forget a point in a contract, so we go back to the what is written because we can forget.
- It is important to consider the matters we should not do, for example with Adam (عليه), he was told to not come near the tree and when he did, it exposed his weakness.
- And in the Battle of Uhud, the Prophet (\*\*) told the Companions to not leave their place, but when they did, they lost the battle.
- We will slip when we do not go back to the Qur'an and not make it our reference. And Surah Aal Imraan specifically mentions to go to

the clear, easy and straightforward ayat (المحكمات), and not go to ayat that are (المتشابهات).

This means they can have multiple interpretations or we do not understand it so we should not go deep into it because it will cause fitna.

And to go back to the Mother of the Book which is Surah Al Fatiha.

### TO INVOKE ALLAH

# SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8 رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً ۚ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ الْوَهَّابُ

[Who say], "Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

Making dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keeps us firm.

### DAY ALL WILL GATHER EVERYONE

# SURAH AAL IMRAAN 9 رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَّا رَيْبَ فِيهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

Our Lord, surely You will gather the people for a Day about which there is no doubt. Indeed,
Allah does not fail in His promise".

We have to remember there is a Day when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will gather everyone.

### NATURE

# SURAH AAL IMRAAN 190 إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِإِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِإِنَّ فِي الْأَلْبَابِ لِلْأَلْبَابِ

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.

The last verses of Surah Aal Imraan are to go back to nature, to go back to creations that are neutral and do not have a problem with anyone.

We go to a creation that inspires us to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We should not try to find faults in the universe because there are no faults, but if we only try to follow up with the faults and mistakes of others then we will sink with it. Looking up to a neutral creation with no faults will keep us firm, we will remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and do our best.

# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we do not need to go to matters which will cause doubts or matters we do not understand. We just go to what is clear and what we understand.

# DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- Allah's support is always with a group and that's why it is important to be together. We learn with people and we learn when we make mistakes.
- When we are with people, we will know who we are. But if we are alone, we will not see our mistakes, we will see ourselves as perfect. And then we will start to associate with Allah (منائه) by only looking at ourselves and that no one can be our standard. This will only build arrogance and only turning to ourselves instead of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
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MAY ALLAH KEEP US FIRM. AMEEN

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