



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

## عش مع القرآن: سورة آل عمران

LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN  
SURAH AAL IMRAAN

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### INTRODUCTION

- It is important to never translate anything as a reward or punishment, it is all either glad tidings in order to be grateful and continue, or a warning so that we may have taqwa.
- If we see anything good life, we praise Allah (جَلَّ). If there is any calamity, we should not interpret it as punishment, but it is all a warning to not blame anyone except ourselves.

- We should not blame anyone or our parents, but ask for forgiveness and return to Allah (ﷻ). We should purify ourselves. If anyone finds anything good, then let him thank Allah (ﷻ), and if not then to blame himself.
- We do not want to use the blessings to attribute it to ourselves. We should use the blessings as good feelings.
- If something is not good and we feel bad, we should seek forgiveness and purify ourselves. We remember that we do not want that shock at the time of death or in the resurrection.
- Special advice to all of us that any test is not deep, but it is all a touch – it is not a reward or punishment. If there is good, we should not be proud, and if there is evil, we should not

despair. We want to reach Allah (ﷻ) as an honored slave who is grateful and relies on Allah (ﷻ).

- It is important to not forget with Whom we are dealing, and not forget the value of the duniya and the value of the akhira.
- The whole journey will be beautiful when we have a companion; we should not think we are not worthy to not have a companion. We do not want to pull ourselves out. If we take ourselves out, then we will be taken out.
- If someone says, “I want to relax and then come back later”, they will find it difficult to come back, we ask Allah (ﷻ) for the well-being. Ameen.
- If we turn away, Allah (ﷻ) will bring a better replacement.

- Allah (ﷻ) is The Most Worthy to struggle for Him. It is important to be humble to the believers, and to keep up with the connection. And it is important to show our honor to disbelief because we love Allah (ﷻ).
- Allah (ﷻ) is always the Most Merciful and He is The Provider and He will never leave us. But if we leave, we are in loss. Allah (ﷻ) never loses.
- Surah Aal Imraan is about firmness in times of difficulties, and to hold on to the rope of Allah (ﷻ), even if we do not like it.
- A believer is sincere in his relationship with Allah (ﷻ), and a blessing is equal to a calamity for him, why? Because he knows there is goodness in both and they are both from Allah (ﷻ).

- Any situations that come in our life are to bring out feelings and purity from us, so that we know our strengths and weaknesses. The decrees that we do not like are the decrees that can take us to a higher level. We should never think people have the power to harm or humiliate us.
- We want to accept what Allah (ﷻ) brings to us because if we escape, something greater will come.
- We will have a quiet environment when we are “quiet” with Allah’s decree. We all want taqwa in life which beautifies us because we all have faults, and we need taqwa to cover our faults so that we are presentable in front of Allah (ﷻ) and then in front of the people.

## SUPPLICATION FOR 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>1</sup>

- Also it is important to beware of the tricks of the shaitan because he is a clear enemy. He wants to distract us and make us ungrateful.
- If anything happened between us and the people, we have to know it is the shaitan in between.
- Yusuf (عليه السلام) did not blame his brothers, but the shaitan blames. He blamed Allah (ﷻ) for creating Adam (عليه السلام) and having to prostrate to him, subhan Allah.

<sup>1</sup> Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 17, Hadith 1479

- Surely there are tests to take us out, but we should not leave. The test is to reveal if we are appreciative, sincere and loyal.

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

- Allah (ﷻ) is Al Wahaab and the greatest gift is the gift of the religion, Islam, faith, to have good companions and to have feelings.
- We ask Allah (ﷻ) to keep us firm on the religion. Does a person think he can say, “I believe” and is not tested. The test is just on the heart. Do we remember Allah (ﷻ) or not? Are we grateful or not? Are we obedient or not?
- And when keeping firm on the religion, it does not mean we need to be harsh because then



we will find disappointment and discouragement.

- If we are harsh then people will leave. And this will correct us and them. We need mercy to keep that moistness.

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ 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.

## SUPPLICATION TO KEEP OUR HEARTS FIRM

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

*Yā muqallibal-qulūbi thabbit qalbī `alā dīnik*  
 O Turner of the hearts, keep my heart firm upon  
 Your religion.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3587

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قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَالِكِ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ  
تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ ۗ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ ۗ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ  
شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Say, "O Allah, Owner of Sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whom You will and You take sovereignty away from whom You will. You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.

## STAGES OF FIRMNESS

1. AFFLICTION AND TESTS (الإبتلاء)
2. ESTABLISHMENT (التمكين)
3. HONOR (العزة)

## MEANS TO BE ESTABLISHED

1. To believe and perform good deeds
  - As long as we are fulfilling our purpose in life, we will be established. If we see things are

getting shaky, we do not to see who is there, but we need to go back and check our faith and good deeds. Anyone who believes and does good deeds will be established.

- When there is change in our life, we can end up crying, eating ourselves and being quiet, or we can be like a typhoon and bust. And the best outlet is to believe inside and to perform good deeds from outside.

## SURAH AN NOOR 55

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي

ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا  
يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those

before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient.

- If we do not have the Qur'an in our life, then we will be so scattered. And no word will give us peace except for the words of Allah (ﷻ).
- Regardless of what our nature or mood may be, the Qur'an will neutralize us and make us balanced.
- Whoever believes and performs good deeds then Allah (ﷻ) will make him a successor on the earth which means to be someone who shows belief and good deeds. We all want to be successors who represent the best.

- And Allah (ﷻ) will make them to be established in their faith, good manners, good words, relationships, and He will exchange their fear to security.
- After Allah (ﷻ) gives us security, we do not want to ruin it with shirk. And we obey the Messenger (ﷺ) so that we may have mercy.
- When there is any confusion, those who are grounded in knowledge, say, “we believe in it, it is all from our Lord.” May Allah (ﷻ) make us believers and we never disbelieve in any moment. Ameen.
- And we do not want to do bad because we are only harming ourselves.

## 2. To give victory to the religion of Allah (ﷻ)

- To give victory to Allah (ﷻ) is by being a good role model. Allah (ﷻ) is An Naseer – The Grantor of Victory and does not need anyone to give Him victory.
- Allah (ﷻ) will give victory to whomever gives victory to the religion of Allah (ﷻ). When we believe, pray, do good deeds, be a good example, it is all to give victory to the religion of Allah (ﷻ).
- It is the same thing in a company where the employees give victory to the company and not to themselves. If there is anyone not doing his job, then they will not make him established. But the one putting effort then

they will make him established. We see this in the duniya, so what about in the deen?

- No one loves us more than Allah (ﷻ) and no one can be pure for us except Allah (ﷻ) and no one understands us more than Allah (ﷻ).
- The father of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) wanted to burn his own son, why? So that he gives victory to the idols, subhan Allah.

### SURAH AL ANBIYAA 68

قَالُوا حَرِّقُوهُ وَانصُرُوا آلِهَتَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ فَاعِلِينَ

They said, "Burn him and support your gods - if you are to act."

- When Allah (ﷻ) loves someone, He will purchase him, meaning He will use him because that person is guaranteed.

## SURAH AL HAJJ 40

الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ فَلَوْلَا  
 دَفَعُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَهَدَّيْتُمْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ وَصَلَوَاتٌ  
 وَمَسَاجِدُ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا ۗ وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ ۗ إِنَّ  
 اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

[They are] those who have been evicted from their homes without right - only because they say, "Our Lord is Allah." And were it not that Allah checks the people, some by means of others, there would have been demolished monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques in which the name of Allah is much mentioned. And Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might.

- If no one gives victory to the deen, then places of worship will be destroyed. And how does one give victory? By being a good example, not accepting falsehood and correcting it with good advice.



- To give victory is not by fighting and being harsh. This will only give a bad image of Muslims as those who shout, scream and are rude, subhan Allah.
- By being a good example, we can change the evil. Evil cannot change with more evil.
- Allah (ﷻ) is so subtle and if we do anything wrong, does He throw a stone on us to show we've done wrong? No, He is very subtle.
- When kids start to scream, we should not scream with them. We scream at them to pray, and then they equate screaming with praying. Will they pray this way? No. There is advice and truth, but it is how we deliver it.
- Yunus (عليه السلام) was fed up with his people for not listening, so he left them and went inside

the stomach of a whale instead. And then without him, the people became believers.

## SURAH YUNUS 99

وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ لَأَمَنَّ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلَّهُمْ جَمِيعًا أَفَأَنْتَ تُكْرَهُ  
النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ

And had your Lord willed, those on earth would have believed - all of them entirely. Then, [O Muhammad], would you compel the people in order that they become believers?

- If we give victory to the religion of Allah (ﷻ), then He will give us victory by overcoming our nafs and shaitan. He will take care of our enemies.
- When we are grateful to Allah (ﷻ), He will make others appreciative us. If we seek mercy from Allah (ﷻ) then we should show mercy to others.

- All that Allah (ﷻ) wants must happen. We want Allah (ﷻ) to give us victory. We cannot depend on the one who is weak to give us victory.
- After Allah (ﷻ) gives us victory, He will make us established in the land and that is when we give victory to the religion of Allah (ﷻ). For example, someone in a company who is doing work for a company, includes everyone, does not want problems with others, resolves issues, then he will go forward, unlike the one who only wants to do things for himself, fights with others and only shows his ego. He will not go far in that company.

3. Firmness when meeting the enemy: do not give up or leave or say “I’m not worthy”
4. To make a great deal of dua and remembrance
5. To be obedient to Allah (ﷻ), His Messenger (ﷺ) and the one in charge
6. To rely on Allah (ﷻ) and take the means
7. To beware of pride and self-amazement
8. To beware of separation

## SURAH AL ANFAAL 45 TO 46

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا  
لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

O you who have believed, when you encounter a company [from the enemy forces], stand firm and remember Allah much that you may be successful.

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وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ  
وَاصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.

- Surah Al Anfaal is about the laws of victory. And the word “anfaal” means extras.
- From this ayah, the three points of being established are mentioned – “firmness”, “to remember Allah” and “to be obedient to Allah”.
- We can easily shut ourselves when facing something, but it is important to go forward.
- And if we do not remember Allah (ﷻ) much, we will either freeze or explode, so we want to always remember Allah (ﷻ).

- When we obey Allah (ﷻ) and His Messenger (ﷺ), then we will remain firm. But disobedience causes us to be scattered.
- When we quarrel, we will fail and our strength will go away. It is important to be submissive to one another, and not show our ego.

*Homework: Go over ayat 45 to 46 in Surah Al Anfaal.*

MAY ALLAH KEEP US FIRM AND MAKE US ESTABLISHED.

AMEEN.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

<https://vimeopro.com/markazalsalam/live-with-the-qurn-surah-al-imraan>

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