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## RECITE IN THE NAME OF YOUR LORD

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### INTRODUCTION

- We see different kinds of 'reading' in life - reading between the lines, reading faces or palms - all to try to get a glimpse into the future or the unseen.
- But real, true reading is to read the nurturing of our Rabb (The Nurturer, The Reformer). He created us and He is the One Who creates the decrees we go through so surely this reading of the nurturing is the truth.

- In the journey of nurturing, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes us reach a stage where we not only 'read' matters from the surface but He opens the hearts to 'read' His guidance. The decrees He makes us go through are very unique where it is not about us anymore but about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- All of us have a close connection and deep feelings for what we went through in life. To read the nurturing is to see the care and mercy of Allah through all the decrees He takes us through. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes us from one decree to another for us to have a pure connection with Him.

## NURTURING OF OUR RABB

- In the last class we spoke about the ayah from Surah Ar Rahman.

### SURAH AR RAHMAN 13

فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ

So which of the favors of your Lord would you deny?

- Another ayah that comes in the same surah is:

### SURAH AR RAHMAN 13

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كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ

Everyone upon the earth will perish,

27.

وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

And there will remain the Face of your Lord,  
Owner of Majesty and Honor.

- To read the nurturing of our Rabb one needs to be alert and aware of the signs He brings to us. Yesterday, there was a very soft sound in the car and it turned out to be sound of the radio. When increasing the volume, it turned out that the radio was playing Surah Al Qasas.
- The surah ends with the ayah:

### SURAH AL QASAS 88

وَلَا تَدْعُ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ هَالِكٌ إِلَّا وَجْهَهُ  
لَهُ الْحُكْمُ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

And do not invoke with Allah another deity.  
There is no deity except Him. Everything will be destroyed except His Face. His is the judgement, and to Him you will be returned.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings decrees in our lives to remind us about Him. These reminders and decrees are not always through something

big and distinct but even through something small and simple that we can easily overlook.

- Surah Al Qasas talks about the story of Musa (عليه السلام) in detail and in his story we see so many decrees he went through.
- It was a simple trip to the market that was a turning point in his life. He ended up accidentally killing a man because of his strength which led him to leave Egypt. Though this phase took him out of a place but it was eventually to come closer to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Sometimes we see in our lives that we are taken out from a place, phase or situation but we need to see every step as a step to come closer to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgave Musa (عليه السلام) for this sin of killing a person, and we learn from this that though sometimes there are some past sins that we remember, they are actually a protection for us to be humble and to renew our feelings of repentance.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guided Musa (عليه السلام) to the land of Madyan where he saw two ladies. They didn't directly ask him for help but he went forward and helped them get water from a well.
- Then he sat under a tree and made dua to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى):

## 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."

- To say this word (فقير) (in need) brings so much feelings. We relate to this scene of feeling tired, worn out, lost or as if we lost everything at some point our lives. These are the times we connect with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this is also a reminder that we are all, in fact, poor to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) regardless of our state.
- This state of feeling poor to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the feeling of servitude and it is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who puts these feelings in us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave Musa (عليه السلام) more than a wife, a home and a job. He gave Musa (عليه السلام) the religion.
- After 10 years Musa (عليه السلام) returned back to Egypt. At that point in the desert when it was dark and cold, he saw the fire at a



distance. He needed this fire to keep his family warm.

- Then, just as (اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ) (Recite in the name of your Lord) was the start of the revelation for the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), in Surah Al Qasas we see the beginning of the revelation to Musa (عليه السلام) when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells him:

### SURAH AL QASAS 30

يَا مُوسَىٰ إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

"O Moses, indeed I am Allah , Lord of the worlds."

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) introduces Himself as Rabb Al 'Alameen (Lord of the universe).
- What connects all the stories of the prophets, connects the decrees and connects all our

stories together is Allah Rabb Al 'Alameen (Lord of the universe).

- We see how powerful and great is Allah Rabb Al 'Alameen (Lord of the universe).
- In the end, everything will perish except His Face so in this life we want to do everything for the Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) took us through so many places throughout our nurturing to make us see the Beauty of Allah and to see His perfection in everything.
- This nurturing of Allah is what we want to read more than anything else.
- The Word of Allah is the best. It is the truth, what moves the hearts and this is what will remain.

- On the Day of Judgement everyone will say (الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ) ([All] praise is [due] to Allah , Lord of the worlds). So now in this life we want to happily feel and say these words that will fill the scales.
- We do not know how many decrees are happening behind the scenes just to make a simple decree like when we drink something or when the sun shines everywhere.
- We want to be from those who are always loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), regardless of decrees. It is easy to have these feelings in good times but even in difficult times we want to love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- To have companions who love Allah (سبحانه) and remind us of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a

big blessing because as humans we can easily forget.

- There are so many decrees that happened before we were born that led each one of us to where we are. It is only Allah Rabb Al 'Alameen Who decreed everything.
- All the decrees in our lives are good because it is all from Rabb Al 'Alameen. He is preparing us to return back to Him with love for Him by showing us how much He cares for us. We never want to lose these feelings and connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Every decree has so much value because it is all from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Every Name of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is included in it so we cannot underestimate it.

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 191

رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

"Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly; exalted are You [above such a thing]; then protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

- Nothing is random in life- everything has a purpose. We see the perfection of Allah (سبحانه) in everything. One decree can be interpreted in different ways by different people and this shows the beauty of the nurturing of Allah.
- Not everyone has to speak, listen or do something in every decree. Sometimes we are just watching the decree unfold but still we are all a part of it.
- In the end what we prepare for The Last Day is the love of Allah and His Messenger more

than the actions we do. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures us through situations to feel how precious it is to love Him, and to selflessly love others for His sake.

- The feeling of love is a very powerful feeling. For Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to nurture us to have these feelings is greater than anything.
- The nurturing in the beginning of the journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is with worship but with time Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures us to have feelings for Him, to remove the ego and the desire of the self to love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to love the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) - this is a very elevated and majestic path.

## SUPPLICATION FOR LOVE

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ، وَحُبَّ عَمَلٍ يُقَرِّبُنِي إِلَيْكَ

حُبِّكَ

O Allah, I ask You to make me love You and to love those who love You, and to love the actions that get me closer to Your love.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> At-Tirmidhi No# 3235

# SURAH AN NAZIAT



## NURTURING LESSONS FROM THE CLASS

- Surah An Naziyat also speaks about the story of Musa (عليه السلام) but in a short, striking way.
- The nurturing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) also seems instant and striking sometimes and



while in other times it takes longer and is more gentle.

- We thought we would recite separately but Allah decreed we all read together. We want to flow with whatever Allah brings to us.
- Allah brought down the Qur'an in Arabic to bring out taqwa from us.

## SURAH AZ ZUMAR 28

قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا غَيْرَ ذِي عِوَجٍ لَّعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ

[It is] an Arabic Qur'an, without any deviance that they might become righteous.

- The words Allah uses to mention about the Day of Judgement brings so much feelings. The word (الطَّامَّةُ) is something heavy on the head and the word (الصَّخَّةُ) is something striking on the ears. Matters strike us in order we do taqwa and we move on in life.

- The nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is different in different times. We want to be from those who submit to Him because we love Him. He is nurturing us and showing us everything in the best way.
- This is the beauty of His nurturing- to not know what will happen in the future. People try to 'read' to know the future but we want to be from those who are alert to 'read His nurturing'.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us always submit to His decree and imprint every ayah we lived and felt in our hearts.
- Every moment of nurturing is resembling each other in its beauty. Everyone is important in the story of our nurturing. This makes us always

hanged and attached to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى),  
and this is what makes us enjoy the journey.

MAY ALLAH MAKE THE QUR'AN THE SPRING OF OUR  
HEARTS. AMEEN.

## REFERENCES

1. تفسير الشيخ السعدي - TAFSEER SHEIKH AS SA'ADY



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN](#)

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