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INTRODUCTION

CHANGE WITH FAITH

SUPPLICATION TO BE GRATEFUL

"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)".¹

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Exalted and The Most Beautiful and it is important to know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to do all things and He surrounds everything by His knowledge.
- If we see any incident in life, it is all from the ability of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is so gentle in how He changes us, and the change is not outer, but inner. We may change our look because of the environment, work, marriage, family and so forth. People normally change their outer according to the

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and An- Nasa'i , Book 1, Hadith 384

situation, but if something is not based on faith then it will not last.

- If we just cover ourselves because our husband said so or because of culture then it will not last. But when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) places the feeling in our heart then we will remain firm on it. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) He changes us from the outside, it is because it begins from the roots.
- Surah Aal Imraan is about great change, but it needs to be based on changes from the “roots” – from faith. And faith cannot come without knowledge.
- Without knowledge, we cannot go forward, and the more we learn, the more we will have faith. We do not want to change just because of trends, culture or because of someone's

comment because this it is not based on knowledge. If we change, then it will make the person superficial and a part of themselves gets lost. But Allah The All-Knower knows when is the right time to bring us back and change us gently.

- The way of guidance is very special and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will nurture us from all aspects of life.

It is not just one side and then ignoring another. Islam is a middle path; it is not extreme with giving up all worldly matters and being overly spiritual, nor is it the other extreme of being overly materialistic.

- To be firm is not about being a copy and paste of someone. The taqwa of each person is different, how each one speaks is different,

how much a person can handle is different, but each has faith.

- To be Muslim does not mean to erase our identity or to be somebody else. Islam does not ignore our needs or what we like, but it will be brought up in the best way.
- So the change is not only outer, but it must be based on faith. It is important to appreciate who we are and how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created us, our flesh, our face before we just wear clothes or apply make-up.

SURAH FUSSILAT 53

سَنُرِيهِمْ آيَاتِنَا فِي الْأَفَاقِ وَفِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ يَتَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ ۗ
أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِ بِرَبِّكَ أَنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ

We will show them Our signs in the horizons and within themselves until it becomes clear to them

that it is the truth. But is it not sufficient
concerning your Lord that He is, over all things,
a Witness?

- Even when we cook food, we may not appreciate how all the ingredients came to us, but what does Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tell us?

SURAH 'ABASSA 24 TO 32

24

فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ إِلَى طَعَامِهِ

Then let mankind look at his food -

25

أَنَا صَبَبْنَا الْمَاءَ صَبًّا

How We poured down water in torrents,

26

ثُمَّ شَقَقْنَا الْأَرْضَ شَقًّا

Then We broke open the earth, splitting [it with
sprouts],

27

فَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا حَبًّا

And caused to grow within it grain

28

وَعِنَبًا وَقَضْبًا

And grapes and herbage

29

وَزَيْتُونًا وَنَخْلًا

And olive and palm trees

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وَحَدَائِقَ غُلْبًا

And gardens of dense shrubbery

31

وَفَاكِهَةً وَأَبًّا

And fruit and grass -

32

مَتَاعًا لَّكُمْ وَلِأَنْعَامِكُمْ

[As] enjoyment for you and your grazing
livestock.

- All of this is (أُولِيَ الْأَبْصَارِ) – for those of vision, to look at the actions of Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) before we are impressed with anything outer.
- Every change and transformation in our life is all a reminder of the resurrection.

SURAH AN NAJM 47

وَأَنَّ عَلَيْهِ النَّشْأَةَ الْآخِرَى

And that [incumbent] upon Him is the next
creation

- Why do we love make-overs? Because we love to see someone or something being

transformed to something better. And this reminds us of the resurrection and how we want to be transformed for the better. It is all evidence that there is the Day of Judgement.

○ And this kind of transformation can be for clothes, home, land and even knowledge. A great part of the nurturing is to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), worship Him and be reminded of the Day of Judgement.

○ People on the Day of Judgement will be resurrected naked and barefooted, but then they will be dressed according to our faith. So clothes resemble faith. If we wear clothes based on hypocrisy or disbelief then it will not be good. And clothes resemble the gown of taqwa.

- When people dress nicely, we appreciate it. And similarly, the faith is beautiful and we all want to appreciate it. The Prophet (ﷺ) would always take care of his appearance because people will not look at our faith first, but they will see us from the outside. But when they see something nice from the outside, then they will come closer and want to see what is behind it, and that is faith.
- If the Prophet (ﷺ) saw anyone whose appearance was shabby, he would ask them if they can dress better.
- The first to be clothed on the Day of Judgement is Ibrahim (عليه السلام) and carriers of the Qur'an will be dressed with the most beautiful clothes and their parents will be crowned and honored. Just as in this life we

see when parents are honored in graduation if their child reaches a certain high ranking.

- And those who love each other for Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) will be dressed in garments of light.
- We are women and the shaitan wants to change the dynamic to make women like men and especially for people in the religion. If the woman does not dress up then the husband will ask, “why do you not dress up? You’re always praying and always fasting?”. And this will lead her to being very strict or only practical – the emotions go away.
- Our children appreciate it so much when they see us dressed up and it makes us more easy-going when we go through situations with one another. Better to be with “lipstick” at home than carrying a “stick” at home. Our

relationships will become peace with one another.

- Everything can either be used for good or wrong, but the foundation of faith is important otherwise it will be misguidance and deviation.

SURAH AL 'ARAAF 32

قُلْ مَنْ حَرَّمَ زِينَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي أَخْرَجَ لِعِبَادِهِ وَالطَّيِّبَاتِ مِنَ الرِّزْقِ
 قُلْ هِيَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا خَالِصَةً يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
 كَذَلِكَ نُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ

Say, "Who has forbidden the adornment of Allah which He has produced for His servants and the good [lawful] things of provision?" Say, "They are for those who believe during the worldly life [but] exclusively for them on the Day of Resurrection." Thus do We detail the verses for a people who know.

- Anything based on faith will be good for us and will be used to exalt the Name of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We all want to enter in peace and without fear, and everyone who enters needs to feel welcomed and comfortable.

SURAH AL HIJR 46

ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ آمِنِينَ

[Having been told], "Enter it in peace, safe [and secure]."

- Islam is about peace, love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and love of the Prophet (ﷺ). And when we feel so happy, so content and so in love, we do not want to turn away. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to keep us firm and this is when we keep

our identity which is to love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), love of the Prophet (ﷺ) and loving each other for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If anything we do is based on this, then how beautiful will the inner and outer be.

- When we go outside, we can be like lanterns who are jovial and happy to greet others. And we will not have this feeling of comfort to approach others unless we accept ourselves first. If we do not have love then we will be in fear, and we cannot pass crossroads in our life with fear.
- We want to be like the women of paradise in this life before the next, and the women of paradise speak beautifully and dress nicely. And it is important to take this as a worship

and do it from the root because that is what will keep us firm.

- We all want to be kind and gentle people; we do not want to be complicated or selfish.
- A woman does not have to do so many voluntaries in order to reach paradise. As long as she fulfills her obligations, guards her chastity and obeys her husband, then she will enter from any door of paradise.

WOMAN WHO WILL ENTER FROM ANY DOOR OF PARADISE

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: إذا صلت المرأة خمسها

وصامت شهرها وحفظت فرجها وأطاعت

زوجها قيل لها ادخلي الجنة من أي أبواب الجنة شئت.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "if the lady prays her five prayers, fasts Ramadan, guards her chastity, and obeys her husband, it will be

said to her enter Paradise from any of the eight doors you wish."²

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SURAH AAL IMRAAN 13

قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فِي فِئَتَيْنِ الْتَقَتَا ۖ فِئَةٌ تُقَاتِلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأُخْرَى
كَافِرَةٌ يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِثْلَهُمْ رَأْيَ الْعَيْنِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ بِنَصَرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ إِنَّ
فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ

Already there has been for you a sign in the two armies which met - one fighting in the cause of Allah and another of disbelievers. They saw them [to be] twice their [own] number by [their] eyesight. But Allah supports with His victory whom He wills. Indeed in that is a lesson for those of vision.

² Sahih At Targheeb 1932, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan

- Eyes and to see are a great blessing and the eyes of the heart are called (البصيرة) – insight. If the eyes of the heart are closed then it cannot see guidance, it cannot see the truth and it cannot see the reality of things. Without insight we will see good as bad and bad as good.
- In order to remain firm, it is the heart that we need before the eyes. If facing a difficult situation, if we only look with our eyes, then we will see it as big and exaggerated. We can easily overreact, break hearts and this will not keep us firm or others firm either.
- However, the one with insight will not believe in what they see. They will not judge by their eyes. They will judge with faith because they trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and what He will bring.

- In the Battle of the Trench, the believers dug trenches all around, so at any moment they could be attacked. The Prophet (ﷺ) was digging together with them and each time he would dig, he would tell them, “I see the lands of Persia opening, I see the Bait Al Maqdis opening”, so always he was making them see a very beautiful and optimistic future. And not to only look at what they see with their eyes.
- And this teaches us that when we are in a difficult and stressful situation, we can have a great amount of fear, and this can even harm us before something happens if we only see it with our eyes. For example, if we need to have surgery, just waiting for that moment will terrify us and make us anxious.

- So what is the solution when we see something fearful? To divert the mind to expect the best from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). When the believers heard what the Prophet (ﷺ) was saying, it gave them peace and made them at rest. But the hypocrites will only believe what they see, so they said, “what is he saying when we are so scared that we can’t even go and answer the call of nature?”.
- There is no one who trusted Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His beauty and perfection and was shown something ugly. We will only be shown the best and the most beautiful when we trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His beauty and perfection. But the one who only looks at himself and says “I’m strong” will only deceive himself.

- If we are in a difficult situation, instead of just talking about the problem all the time, we talk about the truth. We say that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is An Naseer – The Grantor of Victory – and He will grant victory, He will open.
- When we are facing a problem and we see it as “big”, we want to cross it emotionally before physically.
- For example, when we are waiting to deliver a baby, instead of thinking what will happen at that moment, we want to already see ourselves with the baby. It is important to see the end of the tunnel and cross it and that is by believing in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The moment of death is very difficult and the angels are there, but a person wants to cross it by seeing himself in paradise and that is

thinking good of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). This is being optimistic based on faith and not being optimistic based on desires. And this is firmness.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US INSIGHT. AMEEN.

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