

ALLAH AL BAARI'

(The Purifier of Creation)

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

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- Allah Al Baari' is the Purifier of the Creation.
- There is nothing impure, faults or mistakes
 mixed with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- This Name is mentioned three times in the Qur'an and twice in Surah Al Baqarah in the context of shirk.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 54

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ إِنَّكُمْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنفُسَكُم بِاتِّخَاذِكُمُ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِئِكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ عِندَ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِئِكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ عِندَ بَارِئِكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ - إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ بَارِئِكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ - إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

And [recall] when Moses said to his people, "O my people, indeed you have wronged

yourselves by your taking of the calf [for worship]. So repent to your Creator and kill yourselves. That is best for [all of] you in the sight of your Creator." Then He accepted your repentance; indeed, He is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful.

- When Banu Israel took the calf for worship,
 Musa (عـليه السـلام) told his people to kill
 themselves so they can return back to Him and be purified of their shirk.
- The Name then comes in Surah Al Hashr after glorifying Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from any shirk.

SURAH AL HASHR 24

هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ اللَّهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ عَيْسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created all of us pure, even in our physical forms. For example, humans are humans, animals are animals, jinn are jinn and angels are angels. They do not mix.
- We do not have creation that are half-human and half-fish like mermaids or half-human and half-horse. Allah Al Baari' created all creation pure in their physical aspect.
- He also created us pure on fitrah. We are not born on sin, but on pure and sound fitrah.
- What can affect this purity? The greatest reason to lose this purity is when there is the mixture of shirk.
- The right of Allah (سبحانه وتعالی), is to be worshipped alone without association.
- Shirk is to put someone else in the heart with
 Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- The person does not see His Highness but looks at the highness of someone else.
- He is not looking at Him alone but looking at someone else.
- He is not devoting himself to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)
 alone but to someone else.
- When shirk enters the heart, it has a domino effect. Obedience gets mixed with disobedience. Halal (lawful) gets mixed with haram (unlawful). Muhkam (solid, clear) gets mixed with mutashabih (unclear matters). Obligatory gets mixed with voluntary. There is imbalance in priorities so matters get out of hand.
- We need Allah Al Baari' to take us back to purity and purify us.

- The word (بــراءة) means innocence. What causes something to lose innocence? When there is mixture.
- Allah Al Baari purifies us. He will also bring back the innocence of someone who is wrongly accused. He will also prove the guilt of anyone who claims to be innocent.
- Another meaning is freedom. There cannot be freedom when there is mixture. When the heart or eyes goes here and there, then it is chained. Shirk chains us while tawheed frees us.
- Different things come to us, but it is important to have a filter so there is no mixture.
- The greatest reason for 'mixture' is shirk. When disobedience merges with obedience, or

when doubts merge with faith, or when innovation merges with sunnah.

May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) purify us.

SUPPLICATION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST SHIRK

Allaahumma innee a'oodhu bika an ushrika bika wa ana a'lamu, wa astaghfiruka li maa laa a'lam

O Allah, I seek refuge with You lest I should commit shirk with You knowingly and I seek Your forgiveness for what I do unknowingly.¹

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgives all sins except shirk.
 The sin of shirk needs repentance because this is about the right of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

¹ Al-Adab Al-Mufrad No# 716

- If there is the sin of shirk, it will be difficult to see laa ilaaha illa Allah (لا إلـه إلا الله) (there is no one worthy of worship except Allah).
- To give Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) His right of worshipping Him alone is the start to loving Him. This shows respect. With the seed of respect, the flower of love will bloom.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us love Him, follow the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), show our love for him and love each other by loving for others what we love for ourselves.

MAY ALLAH PURIFY US. AMEEN.

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