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



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله

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INTRODUCTION

NO ONE CAN STOP WHEN ALLAH
WANTS TO GIVE

لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له، له الملك وله الحمد، وهو على كل شيء قدير. اللهم لا مانع لما أعطيت، ولا معطي لما منعت، ولا ينفع ذا الجد منك الجد"

"There is no true god except Allah. He is One and He has no partner with Him, His is the sovereignty and His is the praise, and He is Omnipotent. O Allah! None can deny that which You bestow and none can bestow that which You hold back; and the greatness of the great will be of no avail to them against You)."¹

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Book 16, Hadith 1416

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TAFSIR AND TADDABUR

- Surah Fussilat is about clarity and elaboration in order to increase in faith, connect to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), see His greatness and mercy, and in turn change us for the better.
- Recall that we said the earth took four days to be created and have everything placed in it. We are told this because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said there are people who will ask.

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ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَهِيَ دُخَانٌ فَقَالَ لَهَا وَلِلْأَرْضِ ائْتِيَا طَوْعًا
أَوْ كَرْهًا قَالَتَا أَتَيْنَا طَائِعِينَ

Then He rose over (Istawa) towards the heaven when it was smoke, and said to it and to the earth: "Come both of you willingly or unwillingly." They both said: "We come willingly."

- And now after the creation of the earth, what happened?
- (ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَهِيَ دُخَانٌ) (Then He rose over (Istawa) towards the heaven when it was smoke,): only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows what happened and He will disclose this information to us. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) ascended, headed and directed to the sky to create it. What was the state of sky? No science or expert can tell us this information; only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Before the sky was made into seven skies, it was smoke.
- There was smoke that came out from the earth, and this smoke became seven skies. And this is from Allah's mercy to mention this detail to us. Then what happened?

◌ (فَقَالَ لَهَا وَلِلْأَرْضِ) (and said to it and to the earth): Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) spoke to the sky and this shows Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) speaks and He can speak to the creation such that they can listen, take the command, have an intention and choose, though they do not have a recompense in the hereafter. What did Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) say both to the sky and earth?

◌ (اٰتِيَا طَوْعًا اَوْ كَرْهًا) ("Come both of you willingly or unwillingly."): (اٰتِيَا) comes from (اٰتٰى) which is to come. And they are either to come:

◌ (طَوْعًا): willingly and with obedience, or

◌ (كَرْهًا): unwillingly and by force.

- In both cases, they will come to Allah (سبحانه). And similarly, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commands us, and either we come with honor and success or we come with humiliation and disgrace. In both cases we will return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we want to return with honor.
- In Tafsir Ibn Kathir (may Allah have mercy on him), when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) spoke to the sky, He told it “bring out My sun, moon and stars”. And when He spoke to the earth, He told it: “split your rivers and bring out your fruits”, subhan Allah.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to speak to objects and make it act. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) first created the Pen and commanded it to write, and then it asked, “what should I write?”, and Allah (سبحانه

(وتعالى) said to write every decree until the Day of Judgement.

THE PEN WROTE EVERY DECREE UNTIL THE LAST DAY

سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا خَلَقَ
اللَّهُ الْقَلَمَ فَقَالَ لَهُ اكْتُبْ . قَالَ رَبِّ وَمَاذَا أَكْتُبُ قَالَ اكْتُبْ
مَقَادِيرَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى تَقُومَ السَّاعَةُ "

I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) say: The first thing Allah created was the pen. He said to it: Write. It asked: What should I write, my Lord? He said: Write what was decreed about everything till the Last Hour comes.²

◌ The Pen wrote the decree of everything until the Day of Judgement. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to make any object to perform their jobs, but it is best to be obedient. We worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we need His help.

² Sunan Abi Dawud 4700, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

- If the sky and earth came willingly, should we not come willingly to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and obey Him?
- He gave us the free will to choose and we want to bring out everything that belongs to Him. We do not want to hold back any of His blessings and favors. We want to obey Him so that He brings out the best from us.
- What did the sky and earth respond?
- (قَالَتَا أَتَيْنَا طَائِعِينَ) (They both said: "We come willingly."): they said we will both come to You willingly and with obedience. May Allah (سبحانه) make our free will for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we want to be an obedient slave of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We do not want to do contrary to what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commands us.

BENEFITS FROM THE AYAH

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not leave any of the creation.
- The elaboration Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us is so that we increase in faith in Him and change our attitude and behavior.
- We want to come to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with obedience and to bring out the best from us for His sake.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US COME WILLINGLY TO HIM AND MMAY HE BRING OUT THE BEST FROM US. AMEEN.

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2. تفسير ابن كثير – TAFSEER IBN KATHIR
3. تفسير الشيخ بن عثيمين – TAFSEER SHEIKH BIN UTHAYMEEN



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LISTEN TO THE CLASS – FOR WOMEN

<https://vimeopro.com/markazalsalam/surah-fussilat-live-with-the-quran-in-ramadan>

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