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FROM SURAH AL KAHF

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INTRODUCTION

◦ The more we are strong and open to the Qur'an, the more we will be shown of the Qur'an. If we give all to the Qur'an, it will give us little and that little is sufficient for us, as if we are paradise.

ALLAH AL MUSA'IR (المسعر) – THE SETTER OF PRICES, THE KINDLER OF FIRE

- o Allah Al Musa'ir is the One Who sets and prices and kindles the fire. This Name is mentioned in the hadith when people saw prices were increasing.

ALLAH AL MUSA'IR

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، وَقَتَادَةَ، وَحُمَيْدٍ، عَنْ أَنَسٍ، قَالَ قَالَ النَّاسُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ غَلَا السِّعْرُ فَسَعِّرْ لَنَا . فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمُسَعِّرُ الْقَابِضُ الْبَاسِطُ الرَّزِقُ وَإِنِّي لأَرْجُو أَنْ أَلْقَى اللَّهَ وَلَيْسَ أَحَدٌ مِنْكُمْ يُطَالِبُنِي بِمَظْلَمَةٍ فِي دَمٍ وَلَا مَالٍ " .

Narrated Anas ibn Malik: The people said: Messenger of Allah , prices have shot up, so fix prices for us. Thereupon the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: Allah is the one Who fixes prices, Who withholds, gives lavishly and provides, and I hope that when I meet Allah, none of you will

have any claim on me for an injustice regarding blood or property.¹

- Prices fluctuate and change depending on the environment. When times are easy and smooth, prices will be stable. But when there are in times of war or crisis, the prices go up.
- Similarly our faith also goes up and down depending on fitnah that are like fire to remove impurities so in the end pure gold remains.
- When we know Allah is Al Musa'ir we will not give power to anyone else. We also remember He is Al Qaabidh Al Baasit (The Restrainer, The Expander) Ar Razzaq (The Ever Provider).
- When prices increase, perhaps we cannot do some things, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) opens more and different ways to offset this increase.

¹ Sunan Abi Dawud 3416

- The believer believes that there is goodness in everything and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Ar Razzaq so He will always provide.
- With faith the full picture becomes beautiful and it puts off the flames inside us.
- This brings us to the second meaning of the Name Al Musa'ir which is the kindler of the fire.
- The Qur'an refers to the hellfire as (السَّعِيرِ) (the Blaze) which is when disbelief becomes more and more intense.
- The more we do not accept matters, the flame in the heart gets hotter. How do we put it off in the end? By surrendering.
- Knowing Allah Al Musa'ir teaches us what has real value in our lives. Our weight and value with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is according to our faith.

In the end, our deeds will be weighed and what will give it weight is faith, following the Prophet (ﷺ) and purity of the heart.

- The Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from the sunnah are very relatable and practical.
- When matters go up and down in life, and it starts to intensify, we just submit to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and know He is Al Qaabidh Al Baasisth, Ar Razzaq.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make the Qur'an the spring of our hearts and it puts off any flames within us.
- Heat can be good or bad and this depends on belief or not. We want our heart to be boiling with love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), love of the Prophet (ﷺ), love of good deeds.

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18. SURAH AL KAHF

VIRTUES OF SURAH AL KAHF

LIGHT (النور)

LIGHT BETWEEN THE TWO FRIDAYS

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: من قرأ سورة (الكهف)
في يوم الجمعة أضاء له من النور ما بين الجمعتين

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

“Whoever recites Surah Al-Kahf on Friday will
have a light until the next Friday.”²

PROTECTION FROM THE TRIAL OF THE DAJJAL (العصمة من فتنة المسيح الدجال)

PROTECTION FROM THE DAJJAL

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: من حفظ عشر آيات من
أول سورة الكهف، عصم من الدجال

² Sahih At Targheeb 736, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

(The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:
 “Whoever commits to memory the first ten Ayat
 of the Surat Al-Kahf, will be protected from (the
 trial of) Ad-Dajjal (Antichrist).”³

DESCENDING OF TRANQUILITY (تُؤَلُّ السَّكِينَةُ)

DESCENDING OF TRANQUILITY

عَنِ الْبَرَاءِ، قَالَ كَانَ رَجُلٌ يَقْرَأُ سُورَةَ الْكَهْفِ وَإِلَى جَانِبِهِ حِصَانٌ
 مَرْبُوطٌ بِشَطْنَيْنِ فَتَغَشَّتْهُ سَحَابَةٌ فَجَعَلَتْ تَدْنُو وَتَدْنُو وَجَعَلَ
 فَرَسُهُ يَنْفِرُ فَلَمَّا أَصْبَحَ أَتَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَذَكَرَ
 ذَلِكَ لَهُ فَقَالَ " تِلْكَ السَّكِينَةُ تَنْزَلَتْ بِالْقُرْآنِ "

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³ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book #9 Hadith #1021

"That was As-Sakina (tranquility) which descended because of (the recitation of) the Qur'an."⁴

- Surah Al Kahf tells us how we go from one level to another until we reach Firdaous Al 'Ala. And we can teach our children that if they want to go to Firdaous Al 'Ala, they should remember to pass the following four levels:
 1. Faith: remain with good companion.
 2. Duniya: remember to not commit shirk of anyone we have of the duniya. We should say "masha Allah la quwata ila billah".
 3. Knowledge: we cannot know everything, so we should remain patient and move on.
 4. Authority: when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grants us authority, we should use the means we have

⁴ Sahih al-Bukhari 5011

been given access to in order to help others. If we do not, then we will be unbeneficial and ungrateful for what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given us.

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to protect us from all trials – apparent and hidden. And the greatest losers in the end are those who are deceived with their deeds:

SURAH AL KAHF 103 TO 104

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قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالْأَخْسَرِينَ أَعْمَالًا

Say, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], "Shall we [believers] inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds?"

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الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعْيُهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ
يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا

[They are] those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work."

- When people fall into a trial, then all their calculations will be wrong. Imagine someone struggling and doing things, and thinks what he is doing is excellent. What makes someone so deceived with himself? Fitna. Trials cause all the calculations to be off and wrong.
- We do not want to have false estimations; we need the value of tawheed to put off this deception.
- Gold is something that has value, but if it's impure and dirty, does anyone want it? No, it becomes underestimated. But what is needed in order for it to shine? Fire in order to remove the impurities. Then the gold will have value.

- People are valuable and more precious than gold. We want to be among the foremost who enter Firdaous Al 'Ala and everything in Firdous Al 'Ala is made of gold. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us all and our families, offspring and beloved ones light until we enter Firdaous Al 'Alam. Ameen.
- Trials come to people and we are tested in:
 1. How much we are firm on faith
 2. How much we are not attracted to the duniya
 3. How much we believe in the knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)
 4. How much we are beneficial to others and place a barrier against mischief
- And in our life, we go through a mixture of the four trials.

FIRST TRIAL – TRIAL OF THE DEEN

- In order to be firm on faith, we need to be with good companions and remain patient with them. We do not want our eyes to turn towards the glitter of the duniya.

SECOND TRIAL – TRIAL OF THE DUNIYA

- Someone may have planned and did his work and see his progression, and so he becomes proud of what he has done. And so he falls into shirk and places himself in the picture for any success. We should say, “masha Allah la quwata ila billah”. For any achievement, everything is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

THIRD TRIAL – TRIAL OF KNOWLEDGE

- A person may have so much knowledge and knows right and wrong, but it ends up judging the actions of others and exceeds the boundaries.
- Musa (عليه السلام) fell into this trial when he was asked, “who is the most knowledgeable on this earth?” and said, “himself.” And this is nurturing for all of us. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said, “you have knowledge which others do not have, and another has knowledge which you do not have.”
- And the solution is to be patient with the decree until Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us the wisdom behind it, and that there is mercy in everything.

- In the first two situations, Musa (عليه السلام) judged and said, “why”, but in the third situation he just suggested, but even that was not accepted by Al Khidir.
- In the first situation, Al Khidr made a hole in the boat, though it was for protection. And didn't the mother of Musa (عليه السلام) throw him in the river as protection.
- And in the second situation, the young boy was killed, and didn't Musa (عليه السلام) also kill a man.
- And in the third situation, they built a wall for orphans, and didn't Musa (عليه السلام) fetch the water for the two ladies.
- And this shows we are tested with something we already know.

FOURTH TRIAL – TRIAL OF POWER AND AUTHORITY

- When a person is given authority, then he should use the means available to him and go forward. But if a person judges and stops each time then there will be no progression,
- Dhul Qurnain did not have a plan of what to do, but he took whatever was accessible to him at that time. And this shows so much tawakul. Sometimes we have so many plans and nothing happens because we are busy with planning. And sometimes on the spot, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) opens opportunities and everything falls in place.
- A good leader does not do everything from A to Z, he gives instructions and makes others beneficial.

- We all want light in our life, we do not want darkness, and this is when we have the Qur'an.
- When the Dajjal comes, he is a collection of all the trials. He will deceive people by saying he is lord, that he can provide good, and that he has knowledge and power.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) said to push ourselves to do good deeds because trials will come like dark patches of the night.

HASTEN TO GOOD DEEDS

أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "بادروا بالأعمال فتناً كقطع الليل المظلم يصبح الرجل مؤمناً ويمسي كافراً ويمسي مؤمناً ويصبح كافراً، يبيع دينه بعرض من الدنيا"

Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Be prompt in doing good deeds (before you are overtaken) by turbulence which would be like a part of the dark night. A man would be a believer in the morning and turn to disbelief in the evening, or

he would be a believer in the evening and turn disbeliever in the morning, and would sell his Faith for worldly goods."⁵

NAMES OF ALLAH IN SURAH AL KAHF

○ The Names of Allah mentioned in Surah Al Kahf are:

1. Ar Rabb (The Nurturer, The Reformer)

2. Allah

3. Al Muqtadir (The Ever-Able): this Name shows more power, and it is mentioned in the context of the owner of the gardener who thought he has ability over his garden. He had hope in his money and children, that they will benefit him in the end, but what will benefit? The everlasting good deeds.

⁵ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Introduction, Hadith 87

SURAH AL KAHF 45 TO 46

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وَاضْرِبْ لَهُم مَّثَلَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا كَمَا أَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ
فَاخْتَلَطَ بِهِ نَبَاتُ الْأَرْضِ فَأَصْبَحَ هَشِيمًا تَذْرُوهُ الرِّيَّاحُ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ
عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُّقْتَدِرًا

And present to them the example of the life of this world, [its being] like rain which We send down from the sky, and the vegetation of the earth mingles with it and [then] it becomes dry remnants, scattered by the winds. And Allah is ever, over all things, Perfect in Ability.

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الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۗ وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ
عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمَلًا

Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life. But the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord for reward and better for [one's] hope.

- 4. Al Ghafoor (The Most Forgiving):** The nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is filled with a

great amount of forgiveness. We make mistakes when we are nurtured, but we need the forgiveness and mercy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH AL KAHF 58

وَرَبُّكَ الْغَفُورُ ذُو الرَّحْمَةِ لَوْ يُؤَاخِذُهُمْ بِمَا كَسَبُوا لَعَجَّلَ لَهُمُ
الْعَذَابَ بَلْ لَهُمْ مَوْعِدٌ لَّنْ يَجِدُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ مَوْئِلًا

And your Lord is the Forgiving, full of mercy. If He were to impose blame upon them for what they earned, He would have hastened for them the punishment. Rather, for them is an appointment from which they will never find an escape.

5. Al Ilaah (The One Who is loved and magnified)

6. Al Wahid (The One)

SURAH AL KAHF 110

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ اللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ فَمَنْ كَانَ
يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

Say, "I am only a man like you, to whom has been revealed that your god is one God. So whoever would hope for the meeting with his Lord - let him do righteous work and not associate in the worship of his Lord anyone."

- There was a Companion who was reciting Surah Al Kahf in a loud voice, and his horse started to move uncontrollably. When he told the Prophet (ﷺ) about it, he said those were angels descending when he was reciting Surah Al Kahf.

DESCENDING OF ANGELS

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OTHER OBSERVATIONS

- The word (أحدا) (anyone) is mentioned eight times and it is found the most in Surah Al Kahf. Each time it is related to shirk.
- In all the four trials, there is mercy.
- Firdaous is mentioned only twice in the Qur'an, once in Surah Al Kahf and once in Surah Al Mu'minoon.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US FIRDAOUS AL 'ALA. AMEEN

⁶ Sahih al-Bukhari 5011

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