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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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INTRODUCTION

○ The first words Adam (عليه السلام) said were “alhamdulillah”. He had no soul, but when the soul entered his body, he sneezed and said “alhamdulillah”, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said to him, “may Allah have mercy on you”.

PRAISING ALLAH AFTER SNEEZING

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَمَّا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ آدَمَ وَنَفَخَ فِيهِ الرُّوحَ عَطَسَ فَقَالَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَحَمِدَ اللَّهُ بِإِذْنِهِ فَقَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ يَرْحَمُكَ اللَّهُ

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: “When Allah created Adam, He breathed the soul into him, then he sneezed and said: ‘All praise is due to Allah.’ So he praised Allah by His permission. Then His Lord said to him: ‘May Allah have mercy upon you.’¹

- And the last thing people will say on the Day of Judgement will be “alhamdulillah Rabb Al ‘alameen” (All praises are due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds). The angels, the people of the fire and the people of paradise will say “alhamdulillah”.

SURAH AL ISRAA 75

وَتَرَى الْمَلَائِكَةَ حَافِينَ مِنْ حَوْلِ الْعَرْشِ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ
وَقُضِيَ بَيْنَهُم بِالْحَقِّ وَقِيلَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

¹ Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3367

And you will see the angels surrounding the Throne, exalting [Allah] with praise of their Lord.

And it will be judged between them in truth, and it will be said, "[All] praise to Allah, Lord of the worlds."

- And this shows the start and end of every story in our life is to praise Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Alhamdulillah fills the scale and we want to be those who always praise Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Our life is to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and attach to Him because He is worthy of being loved and magnified.
- When we hear something disturbing, it is all nurturing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to extract what is deep within us.

- Faith means there is transparency and nothing is hidden. The opposite of faith is disbelief which is a barrier and it is a cover, concealing the truth and the reality of ourselves.
- The word (كفر) means to cover and the word (غفر) also means to cover. While (كفر) is to cover the truth and (غفر) is for our sins to come to the surface and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will cover it.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) conceals our sins so that we do not feel its impacts. But when we try to conceal our sins, we will feel pain. We always want to believe and not disbelieve in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His blessings.
- The grateful believer will always grow.

SURAH AN NISAA 147

مَا يَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ بِعَذَابِكُمْ إِن شَكَرْتُمْ وَأَمَنْتُمْ ۗ

Why should Allah punish you if you have thanked (Him) and have believed in Him.

- If we have blessings which we are not being thankful for, then we will feel pain. And if there is faith that it is not being reflected outwardly, then we will feel pain as well.
- Who will nurture us to reveal our reality? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

KNOWING ALLAH THROUGH THE STORY OF MUSA (عليه السلام)

SURAH AL BAQARAH

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not leave the people, even if they associate with Him or are ungrateful to Him. He will continue to nurture them.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 51 TO 57

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وَإِذْ وَعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً ثُمَّ اتَّخَذْتُمُ الْعِجْلَ مِن بَعْدِهِ
وَأَنْتُمْ ظَالِمُونَ

And [recall] when We made an appointment with Moses for forty nights. Then you took [for worship] the calf after him, while you were wrongdoers.

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ثُمَّ عَفَوْنَا عَنْكُمْ مِّن بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

Then We forgave you after that so perhaps you would be grateful.

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وَإِذْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ الْكِتَابَ وَالْفُرْقَانَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

And [recall] when We gave Moses the Scripture and criterion that perhaps you would be guided.

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وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ إِنَّكُمْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنفُسَكُمْ بِاتِّخَاذِكُمُ
 الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِئِكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ عِنْدَ
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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.

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وَإِذْ قُلْتُمْ يَا مُوسَىٰ لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ لَكَ حَتَّىٰ نَرَى اللَّهَ جَهْرَةً فَأَخَذَتْكُمُ
 الصَّاعِقَةُ وَأَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ

And [recall] when you said, "O Moses, we will never believe you until we see Allah outright"; so the thunderbolt took you while you were looking on.

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ثُمَّ بَعَثْنَاكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

Then We revived you after your death that perhaps you would be grateful.

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وَوَضَّلْنَا عَلَيْكُمْ الْغَمَامَ وَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَنَّاءَ وَالسَّلْوَىٰ ۖ كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ ۖ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِن كَانُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ

And We shaded you with clouds and sent down to you manna and quails, [saying], "Eat from the good things with which We have provided you." And they wronged Us not - but they were [only] wronging themselves.

- Banu Israel fell into a great sin of worshipping the calf, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) followed it with His pardoning. And this shows us His great nurturing in order to extract gratitude.

ثُمَّ عَفَوْنَا عَنْكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

Then We forgave you after that so perhaps you would be grateful.

- After all of this, they said, “let us see Allah outright”, subhan Allah. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) caused them to die and brought them to life so they can be grateful as well.

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Then We revived you after your death that perhaps you would be grateful.

- And this shows for any nurturer, teacher or parent, when we nurture anyone, we have to

look after their benefit before ours. And this teaches us to nurture others to be grateful.

- When we teach anything, we also want it to be a means of guidance.

وَإِذْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَالْفُرْقَانَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

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- The scene of Musa (عليه السلام) throwing the tablets after returning to Banu Israel and finding them worshipping a calf is not mentioned in Surah Al Baqarah.
- Keep in mind Surah Al Baqarah is about the divine curriculum with teachers and students, so these matters are not mentioned. They will be mentioned in others surahs whose themes are different.

- The foundation of the dawah is not to associate with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Musa (عليه السلام) went to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to receive a Book in order to increase in belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and then he returned to see his people associating with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). This is a great sin which cannot be overlooked or ignored.
- Banu Israel were under the oppression of Firaoun who called himself a god, and after they were freed from the oppression of Firaoun, they saw people who had an idol and they said they wanted the same for them.

SURAH AL 'ARAAF 138

وَجَاوَزْنَا بِبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ فَأَتَوْا عَلَى قَوْمٍ يَعْكُفُونَ عَلَى
 أَصْنَامٍ لَهُمْ قَالُوا يَا مُوسَى اجْعَلْ لَنَا إِلَهًا كَمَا لَهُمْ آلِهَةٌ قَالَ
 إِنَّكُمْ قَوْمٌ تَجْهَلُونَ

And We took the Children of Israel across the sea; then they came upon a people intent in devotion to [some] idols of theirs. They said, "O Moses, make for us a god just as they have gods." He said, "Indeed, you are a people behaving ignorantly.

- As Samiree told them to give the gold they took from Firaoun and he will use it to make a golden calf for them to worship.
- And because this deep sickness emerged, it needed to be removed immediately.

SUPPLICATION FOR PROTECTION FROM SHIRK

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا
أَعْلَمُ

*Allāhumma innī a`ūdhu bika an ushrika bika wa
anā a`lam, wa astaghfiruka limā lā a`lam.*

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I associate anything with You knowingly, and I seek Your forgiveness for what I know not.²

- There are sins that require forgiveness, there are sins that require repentance, and there are sins that require disassociation from it.

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

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² Sahihul-Jami' As-Saghir 3/233

ALLAH AL BAARI' (البارئ) – THE PURIFIER OF THE CREATION

◉ Musa (عليه السلام) did not sugarcoat the situation or give it time, he immediately told them “you have wronged yourself”. When a person associates with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), they have wronged themselves by depriving themselves from eternal delights. Shirk is a great wrong, indeed.

SURAH LUQMAN 13

إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

Indeed, association [with Him] is great injustice."

◉ They worshipped the calf, yet Musa (عليه السلام) said, “took” the calf to show he chose the best words, but they know what they did.

- He told them to repent to their Baari' (The Purifier of the Creation) because they went far away by worshipping the calf. So they need to repent in order to return and come back near to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Every sin distances us from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and shirk takes us far away from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Shirk envelops our heart and all parts of us, so we need to repent to Allah Al Baari' (The Purifier of the Creation). Only Allah Al Baari' can purify and cleanse us from shirk.
- When a person wants to repent from something addictive such as drugs, a person needs to separate from all parts from it, from its people and environment.
- They had to kill one another as repentance for the sin of shirk. It was dark and no one could

see the other and they had to kill each other. This was their way for repenting and alhamdulillah we do not have this, but this consequence is to show us the severity of committing shirk.

- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accepted their repentance and He is At Tawwaab Ar Raheem (The Acceptor of Repentance, The Especially Merciful).

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- *Our life is to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and attach to Him because He is worthy of being loved and magnified.*
- *If we have blessings which we are not being thankful for, then we will feel pain. And if there*

is faith that it is not being reflected outwardly, then we will feel pain as well.

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MAY ALLAH PROTECT US FROM SHIRK. AMEEN.

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