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THE NAME OF ALLAH AL KABEER IN THE QUR'AN

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## INTRODUCTION

- To perform any worship is only by the permission of Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى). And to transition from a month of worships to Eid is a great transition. we want to be grateful for all that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guided us, BUT how can we be grateful? To proclaim the greatness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH AL BAQARAH 185

وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

and that you must magnify Allah [i.e. to say Takbir (Allahu Akbar; Allah is the Most Great) for having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him.

- As we transition in the prayer, we say “Allahu Akbar”. As we go from standing to bowing, we say “Allahu Akbar”, as we go from standing to prostrating, we say “Allahu Akbar”. Thus in order to transition peacefully in life, we need “Allahu Akbar” because He is greater than anything. This does not mean we say “takbeerat” now, but we will ponder the name of Allah Al Kabeer in the Qur’an.
- Before getting “hooked” by the duniya or over-reacting, we need to remember that Allah is the Greatest.
- As we face different transitions and different changes in life, we need to remember Allah is The Greatest.

## THE NAME OF ALLAH “AL KABEER” IN THE QUR’AN

### SURAH AR RA’AD

- Surah Ar Ra’ad is about “thunder” which appears scary, but inside is gentle because it is the glorification of the angels.
- The truth is always good and it will always defeat any type of falsehood. Surah Ar Ra’ad is about the strength of truth and the weakness of falsehood.
- We need Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to show us the truth as it is, and when we proclaim the greatness of Allah, then we will quickly see what is right and love it, and we will quickly see what is wrong and hate it.

SURAH AR RA'AD 8 TO 11

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اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَحْمِلُ كُلُّ أُنْثَىٰ وَمَا تَغِيصُ الْأَرْحَامُ وَمَا تَزْدَادُ سُوءَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ بِمِقْدَارٍ

Allah knows what every female bears, and by how much the wombs fall short (of their time or number) or exceed. Everything with Him is in (due) proportion.

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عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ الْكَبِيرُ الْمُتَعَالِ

All-Knower of the Unseen and the seen, the Most Great, the Most High.

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سَوَاءٌ مِنْكُمْ مَنْ أَسْرَأَ الْقَوْلَ وَمَنْ جَهَرَ بِهِ وَمَنْ هُوَ مُسْتَخْفٍ بِاللَّيْلِ وَسَارِبٌ بِالنَّهَارِ

It is the same (to Him) whether any of you conceal his speech or declares it openly, whether he be hid by night or goes forth freely by day.

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لَهُ مُعَقَّبَاتٌ مِّنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ يَحْفَظُونَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا

بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَإِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ سُوءًا فَلَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ ۗ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَالٍ

For him (each person), there are angels in succession, before and behind him. They guard him by the Command of Allah. Verily! Allah will not change the (good) condition of a people as long as they do not change their state (of goodness) themselves (by committing sins and by being ungrateful and disobedient to Allah). But when Allah wills a

people's punishment, there can be no turning back of it, and they will find besides Him no protector.

- It is important to believe in the knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His protection, and that nothing can happen except by His command.
- If we want our outer to change for the better, then we need to change our inner for the better.
- We should not magnify any situation, the knowledge or protection of anyone. We should only believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and magnify His knowledge and protection.
- Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The All-Knower and only He is the Protector. When we know this then we will see the truth and change according to the truth.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows everything – He knows all that is in the womb, and if it will continue or not. The knowledge of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) encompasses the finest details and this makes us magnify Him.
- We also magnify the decrees of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). However, if we magnify the people or their actions then we will not change because we will say “it is all because of them” and not look at ourselves.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Knower of the Unseen and Seen. He knows what we reveal and what we conceal.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the Greatest and every decree comes in its time, no one can bring it later or earlier, and no one can increase or decrease it.
- While we are in the decree, we might show we are fine, but we are not fine inside. We might show one face during the day, but something else at night.
- We need to be the same with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and this will make us cautious of what we do and say.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sends angels in succession to protect the human being by His Command.
- Sometimes there are can be harm or evil which can come to a person. (مُعَقَّبَاتٌ): means succession without leaving us. Imagine having angels guarding us, so we should not magnify the problem or evil of anyone.
- Any harm can happen to us by the command of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and by His command, the angels protect our bodies and protect our soul from anything that can harm our faith. Thus, the angels protect our deeds, body and soul.
- Sometimes we can fear sickness or people, but when we know this, we will not magnify anyone except Allah The Most Great, The Ever High.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not change our situation unless we change from inside. And we always want to change for the better and not for the worse.
- If our inner-state was bad and we changed for better, then our outer-state will change for the better.
- If our inner-state was good and we changed for the worse, then our outer-state will change for the worse.
- If we see problems, fear, sickness then we need to change from the inside.
- If someone changes from belief to disbelief, from obedience to disobedience, from gratitude to ingratitude, then surely their outer will change.
- And if someone changes from disbelief to belief, from disobedience to obedience, from ingratitude to gratitude, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will change their environment for the better and their state will be filled with happiness.
- By default, everyone is protected by angels, but when there is no protection then there something that changed for the worse inside us. This is a sharp truth like thunder. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) always protect us. Ameen.
- We do not want to magnify any problem, threats, issues or ourselves, but to only magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- To magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and always remember Him in transitions.
- Do not magnify the actions of knowledge of anyone except Allah's. He decreed everything in its time. If it is late or early, or less or more than it is because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants it.
- When we change for the better, then our outer will change for the better. When we change for the worse, then our outer will change for the worse.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US AMONG THOSE WHO MAGNIFY HIM AND MAY HE HELP US CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. AMEEN.



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## INTRODUCTION

- Guidance is special because it is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Guidance is not only when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us, but when He opens our hearts and minds to accept the guidance because not everyone accepts it.
- We appreciate the guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and never want to forget how He guided us, allowed us to accept it and fulfill the guidance by acting upon it. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us to always do our best and to seek the truth.

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## SURAH AL HAJJ

- The theme of Surah Al Hajj is our goal is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The hajj is packed with rituals which need to be done in a certain times and places which can be stressful, but we need to magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) more than what we are doing.
- Going for hajj means being outside our comfort zone because we are in a different place and with different place. Things can come along the way which are not part of the plan, but what makes matters easy?
- When our goal is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we magnify and exalt Him. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is above anything so we should not maximize any problem in our life because everything is in the Hands of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can merge between two things even if they are opposites, and it can be the most beautiful transition. However, that is only when we attach to Him. We can have something planned and then something comes outside the plan, but when

we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and magnify Him then that moment of transition will be beautiful.

- In times of transitions and changes we want to magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and this will make us rich in the heart.

SURAH AL HAJJ 61 TO 64

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ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ

That is because Allah merges the night into the day, and He merges the day into the night. And verily, Allah is All-Hearer, All-Seer.

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ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

That is because Allah - He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is Batil (falsehood). And verily, Allah - He is the Most High, the Most Great.

63

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَتُصْبِحُ الْأَرْضُ مُخْضَرَةً إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَطِيفٌ خَبِيرٌ

See you not that Allah sends down water (rain) from the sky, and then the earth becomes green? Verily, Allah is the Most Kind and Courteous, Well-Acquainted with all things.

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## لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُ الْغِنَى الْحَمِيدُ

To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth.

And verily, Allah - He is Rich (Free of all needs), Worthy of all praise.

- In times of transition, we can be unjust or slip, especially if we are not focused and our goal is not Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). So we should look at our heart and actions.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes opposites such as the day and night to beautifully merge, then this reminds us to attach to Him and call on Him.
- The One Who places the rules and laws is Allah Al Haqq – The Truth. He is the One Who commands the rituals and He is the One Who brings forth the decrees. Everything is truth from Him and the truth will remain. When we go through any transition, we do not want to be scattered or restless, but attach to Allah Al Haqq – The Truth.
- To call on other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is falsehood and will perish. However, what will remain is when we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most High and He is The Most Great. We can feel low, but when we attach to the Most High then He will take us up. And Allah is The Most Great, greater than any challenge or any sin we go through, so we should magnify Him. And when we overcome any challenge, we should magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

and not ourselves. After the hajj, there is takbeer because we should not exalt ourselves, but exalt Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- The best actions will not come from us unless we magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and then He will increase us and open for us. But if we magnify ourselves after a worship then there will be no progression.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows what is inside our hearts and only He can bring out the best words and best feelings when we magnify Him. And when we do, then we will be ready to receive the “rain” and the land will be “green”. When we magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then the seeds in our hearts will flourish.

## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- After Ramadan, we truly want to progress by only invoking Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We do not want to praise ourselves for guidance, but to praise Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for guiding us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) places the best rules and only He can merge opposites, so we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because He is The Truth and that is stable. But when we attach to other than Him then it is falsehood and it will perish.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US AMONG THOSE WHO MAGNIFY HIM AND ARE GRATEFUL TO HIM. AMEEN.

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## INTRODUCTION

SUPPLICATION TO BE GUIDED TO THE BEST  
MANNERS

وَاهْدِنِي لِأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِأَحْسَنِهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَاصْرِفْ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا لَا يَصْرِفُ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ

Guide me to the best of manners for none can guide to the best of them but You. Protect me from bad manners for none can protect against them but You.<sup>1</sup>

SURAH ASH SHU'ARA 83 TO 85

83.

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي حُكْمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

My Lord! Bestow Hukm (religious knowledge, right judgement of the affairs and Prophethood) on me, and join me with the righteous.

<sup>1</sup> Sunan an-Nasa'i 897

84.

وَأَجْعَلْ لِّي لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ فِي الْآخِرِينَ

And grant me an honourable mention in later generations.

85.

وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ وَرَثَةِ جَنَّةِ النَّعِيمِ

And make me one of the inheritors of the Paradise of Delight.

- The best thing to happen in our life is to have wisdom which is to say and do things in the best time and place. We will attain so much goodness when we speak, act and react with wisdom.

#### SURAH AL BAQARAH 269

يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۗ وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

He grants Hikmah to whom He pleases, and he, to whom Hikmah is granted, is indeed granted abundant good. But none remember (will receive admonition) except men of understanding.

- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants good for a person then He will grant him wisdom, may Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us wisdom. Ameen.
- When we magnify anything besides Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then it will be false and when we are attracted to other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then how will our actions, utterances and behavior be? Surely it will be out of place.

- Every situation is nurturing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and the best nurturing is when we benefit from every situation, and then we will put everything in its right place.

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### SURAH LUQMAN

- The theme of Surah Luqman is divine nurturing from our Lord in the best form. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nurtures everyone through situations, people and decrees, but what is the ultimate nurturing? Wisdom and that is when we accept every nurturing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Then it will nurture us to have wisdom without reacting to every little thing, and it will make us more observant.
- When we listen too much without filtering or without verifying or to something which does not concern us then it will burden us and bring us down; we will not react in a wise manner.
- Wisdom is the highest level of nurturing. The one who is wise is not influenced by falsehood or the words of anyone.
- A wise person fears Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), seeks His pleasure and works for the akhira.



- It is wise to leave what does not concern us. If we place ourselves in every platform then we will be part of things which we do not concern us.
- The wise person measures his words, and is not one who just forwards what people say. He does not magnify anyone except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and does not magnify anything of the duniya, but magnifies the akhira.
- It is wise to leave what does not concern us and to filter what we say and do. Then we will be able to perform good deeds with ease and cross the Sirat quickly.
- The wise person does not push himself everywhere and does not put himself everywhere. A wise person is focused.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most High and we need to exalt Him. The believer is not someone without identity, but their identity comes inwardly when they truly fear Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and work for the akhira. They know their purpose.
- It is wisdom to speak less, listen more and filter what does not concern us. And something which does not concern us means it does not increase us in faith.

## SURAH LUQMAN 29 TO 31

29

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُوَلِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُوَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلٌّ يَجْرِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى  
وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ

See you not (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) that Allah merges the night into the day (i.e. the decrease in the hours of the night are added to the hours of the day), and merges the day into the night (i.e. the decrease in the hours of day are added to the hours of night), and has subjected the sun and the moon, each running its course for a term appointed; and that Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

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ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

That is because Allah, He is the Truth, and that which they invoke besides Him is Al-Batil (falsehood, Satan and all other false deities); and that Allah, He is the Most High, the Most Great.

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أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ الْفُلُكَ تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِنِعْمَتِ اللَّهِ لِيُرِيَكُمْ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ

See you not that the ships sail through the sea by Allah's Grace that He may show you of His Signs? Verily, in this are signs for every patient, grateful (person).

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in control of disposing all affairs. Do we not see how the day goes and the night comes, and the night goes and the day comes? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) beautifully merges the day into night and it is all with wisdom. Sometimes we see “day” and “night” in our life and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows when each will come and go.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) subjected the sun and moon for us so that we take it as a lesson and benefit from it.
- With all of these universal actions which Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) handles with wisdom, and with all of these transitions which take place smoothly, why are we in a hurry? In times of transitions, we do not want to react hastily or without wisdom.
- Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? Allah is Al Haqq – The Truth and it is wisdom to believe that everything with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the truth. All of His Names and Attributes are truth, His promises are true and worshipping Him is the truth. The truth and wisdom are (لا إله إلا الله). But it is not wisdom and it is falsehood to call on other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When we do everything for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and believe in Him then it will remain, but when we believe in other than Him then we will quickly change, react in haste and quickly get influenced. Those who believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are stable, constant and balanced.
- The One Whom we attach to is The Most High and there is no one greater than Him. We should not magnify anyone or our worships, but only magnify Allah Al Haqq.

- When we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) The Most High, The Most Exalted then we can easily continue in path and sail smoothly. Take the opposite, if we crowd ourselves, if we stop at every fitna and problem then that is not wisdom, and we will be unable to move forward.
- When we truly attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we can “sail”. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will favor us and give us from His mercies so that we can move forward. And when we do move forward, we should not be impressed with ourselves, but see ayat Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The one who believes and benefits from the ayat is the one who has patience, does not complain or overreact. And when he is showered with blessings, then he is grateful.
- Also, the hadiths of the Prophet (ﷺ) are wisdom.
- In conclusion, when we magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), are patient and grateful then we will have wisdom.

## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- When we have wisdom then we will sail smoothly and we will say everything with wisdom.
- When we magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the akhira then we will benefit from every nurturing.

- The wise person observes everything, believes in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), has identity, is patient and grateful.
- If we do not magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we will not be wise because we will say things out of place.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US WISDOM. AMEEN.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
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## INTRODUCTION

### SUPPLICATION FOR ALLAH TO JUDGE BETWEEN MATTERS

كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَفْتَتِحُ صَلَاتَهُ قَالَتْ كَانَ إِذَا قَامَ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ افْتَتَحَ صَلَاتَهُ قَالَ " اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ جِبْرِيَلٍ وَمِيكَائِيلَ وَإِسْرَافِيَلِ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ عَالِمَ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ أَنْتَ تَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ عِبَادِكَ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي لِمَا اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْحَقِّ إِنَّكَ تَهْدِي مَنْ تَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ "

"I asked 'Aishah: 'With what did the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) start his prayer?' She said: 'When he got up to pray at night he would start his prayer with the words:

Allahumma Rabba Jibril wa Maika'il wa Israfil; Fatirus-samawati wal-ard, 'alim al-ghaybi wash-shahadah, anta tahkumu bayna 'ibadika fima kanu fihi yakhtalifun, Allahumma ihdini limakktulifa fihi min al-haqq innaka tahdi man tasha'ila siratin mustaqim

O Allah, Lord of Jibril, Mika'il and Israfil, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Knower of the unseen and the seen, You judge between Your slaves concerning wherein they differ. O Allah, guide me to the disputed matters of truth for You are the One Who guides to the Straight Path<sup>2</sup>

- The truth is stable, balanced and it remains. Even if falsehood looks great, it will perish and will not have any impacts.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Haqq – The Truth and He will show the truth in the right time. He shows us the truth about ourselves and the truth of (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله). His promises are true, His warnings are true, His messengers is true, the Last Day is true, paradise is true, hellfire is true and meeting Him is true.
- We all want to be on the path of truth and only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can show us the truth. That's why we need to exalt and magnify Allah The Most High and The Most Great.

## THE NAME OF ALLAH “AL KABEER” IN THE QUR'AN

### SURAH SABA

<sup>2</sup> Sunan an-Nasa'i 1625

- The theme of Surah Saba is about being favored with different provisions. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) granted the people of Saba many blessings and provision with good weather and easy transport. However, they did not appreciate these blessings and even turned away by being arrogant and complaining about the blessings.
- It is a blessing when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes it easy for us to travel and to know when we will arrive. But if a person complains then there will be difficulties and removal of the blessings.
- Sometimes things are easy, but people do not appreciate the ease and start to complain. Whatever blessings we have, we need to guard them, appreciate them and believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone without any association.
- There are two groups of people in Surah Saba. There are those who guarded the blessings, appreciated them and believed in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone, what happened to them? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) kept the blessings for them and increased it for them.
- And there is another group who were proud of themselves, complained and associated with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), so what happened to their blessings? It was removed from them. They exalted the duniya and themselves; they were quick to complain and quick to forget the Bestower is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Thus, the sweet life will become a bitter life.



- We should not complain of the duniya, but use it to reach Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We should not associate another partner with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but believe in Him alone. We should not think bad of Him, but think good of Him.

## SURAH SABA 13

اعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُودَ شُكْرًا وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّكُورُ

"Work you, O family of Dawud (David), with thanks!" But few of My slaves are grateful.

- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives us more blessings, then we need to engage ourselves in more worship, otherwise we can easily exalt the duniya.
- Among the challenges is when people associate another partner with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Sometimes we underestimate the greatness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so we understatement His blessings. However, when we magnify the blessings, we will magnify the Bestower.
- In the upcoming ayat, we will see the most pious and nearest creations – the angels – and how they react when they hear the Words of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Before we speak or complain, we need to give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His due position.

## SURAH SABA 23

وَلَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَاعَةُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِمَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُزِعَ عَن قُلُوبِهِمْ قَالُوا مَاذَا قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ۖ قَالُوا الْحَقَّ ۖ وَهُوَ

الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

Intercession with Him profits not except for him whom He permits. So much so that when fear is banished from their (angels') hearts, they (angels) say: "What is it that your Lord has said?" They say: "The truth. And He is the Most High, the Most Great."

- Angels are made of light; they are obedient slaves of Allah ( سبحانه ) (وتعالى) who do not show any types of complaints or arguments.
- (وَلَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَاعَةُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِمَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ ۚ) (Intercession with Him profits not except for him whom He permits.): on the Day of Judgment, the last part remaining is the intercession which will either save a person or take him out the fire. Who will be allowed to intercede? The angels, the messengers and righteous people.
- Nevertheless, the intercession will not be of no benefit without the permission of Allah ( سبحانه وتعالى). Only He can allow the intercessor to intercede and He must be pleased with the one receiving the intercession.
- We should never think we can do whatever we want and then just depend on the intercession to be saved. Therefore, we should focus on our relationship with Allah ( سبحانه وتعالى) and His pleasure.

- (حَتَّى إِذَا فُزِعَ عَن قُلُوبِهِمْ قَالُوا مَاذَا قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ قَالُوا الْحَقَّ) (So much so that when fear is banished from their (angels') hearts, they (angels) say: "What is it that your Lord has said?" They say: "The truth.): when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) speaks and decides any matter in the heavens, what will happen to the angels? They will feel the greatness of the Words of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and due to their great respect they will fall into prostration before hearing it. Imagine how many decrees and how many blessings Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings to us and we complain, subhan Allah.
- The first to rise from prostration is Jibreel (عليه السلام), and they are so fearful of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that when the fear is removed from their hearts, they will say, "what did your Lord say?". They will say, "the truth".
- Humans easily argue and talk about the decree, but before the angels even hear what it is, they are in fear and say "it is the truth".
- We can quickly be ungrateful and we can quickly complain. Even when any decree befalls us, we are quick to complain because we do not magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or respect that He is The Most High The Most Great. Do we magnify the blessing when it comes to us, do we respect the commands? Subhan Allah.
- When we magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Himself then we will be grateful. And we need to believe that whatever Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

decrees is the truth. Before the angels hear, they say it is the truth, so what about ourselves when the decree befalls us? Surely it is the truth.

- (وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ) (And He is the Most High, the Most Great.): Allah (سبحانه) is The Most High and everything He says is high and exalted. And He is The Most Great, greater than the duniya, blessing or decree, so we magnify Him.

## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- If we want our blessings to remain, we should respect and magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Whatever Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sends down, we should submit and say it is the truth, and not argue or complain about it.
- Respect the command, respect the decrees and respect the blessings because it is all from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We do not want to deny, disbelieve or be ungrateful to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because this will remove our blessings.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US GRATEFUL SLAVES. AMEEN.

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## INTRODUCTION

### SUPPLICATION TO LOVE BELIEF

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، وَكْرِهْ إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ  
الرَّاشِدِينَ.

O Allah, make us love belief and adorn our hearts with it. Make us hate disbelief, deviance and rebellion. Place us among the rightly-guided.<sup>3</sup>

- We all want to live this life with faith and we want to leave this life with faith. We want to live this life with ikhlas and sincerity without association.
- We all want the best life; we know we cannot return to this life, but will be brought back to life for the recompense.

<sup>3</sup> Al Adab Al Mufrad, Book 1, Hadith 699, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

- After Ramadan, we want to change for the better, we do not want the shaitan to stop us, nor do we want the problems of the duniya to affect us. We want to transition with “Allahu Akbar” – Allah is The Most Great, and this purifies us from anything of the past which can hold us back, and makes us overcome our challenges which affect our progression.

## THE NAME OF ALLAH “AL KABEER” IN THE QUR’AN

### SURAH GHAFIR

- Surah Ghafir is about inviting to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and there are different approaches to inviting the people. Most importantly there should be forgiveness when inviting.
- Another name for the Surah Ghafir is At Towl (الطول) which is a favor to be invited to Islam. Another name for the Surah is called “al mu’mioon” (المؤمن) – the believer. And this is our objective to increase our faith.
- When our faith goes up then we feel happy and motivated, and when it does down, we feel sad, low and anything triggers us and brings us down.
- There are different approaches of inviting the people to Islam. One is logic and to see the signs in order to increase in faith. Another

way is through emotions by showing, love, affection and compassion because one is dealing with people. Another approach is with warning, but it needs to be coated with love and care.

- Dawah is not about making others follow us, but calling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because there is genuine love for the people.
- Another approach is speaking of what happened to the previous nations, and to remind of the hereafter.
- And the final approach is to take it back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because judgement belongs to Him.
- Even if the best approach is used, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guides whomever He wills. If a person has an atom of good then he will be affected by one of the means.

#### SURAH AL QASAS 56

إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

Verily you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) guide not whom you like, but Allah guides whom He wills. And He knows best those who are the guided.

- If a person calls others to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then one must rely on Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and use different approaches and techniques.

- Surah Ghafir is not only about dawah, but there is dua as well. There is the dua of the angels who seek forgiveness for the believers.
- When wanting to invite others, judgement belongs to Allah ( **سبحانه** ) **(وتعالى)** because He knows who is worthy of guidance and who is worthy of invocation.

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إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُنَادُونَ لِمَلَأْتُ اللَّهَ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ مَفْتِكُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِذْ تُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ فَتَكْفُرُونَ

Those who disbelieve will be addressed (at the time of entering the Fire): "Allah's aversion was greater towards you (in the worldly life when you used to reject the Faith) than your aversion towards one another (now in the Fire of Hell, as you are now enemies to one another), when you were called to the Faith but you used to refuse."

11

قَالُوا رَبَّنَا أَمَتْنَا اثْنَتَيْنِ وَأَحْيَيْتَنَا اثْنَتَيْنِ فَاعْتَرَفْنَا بِذُنُوبِنَا فَهَلْ إِلَى خُرُوجٍ مِّنْ سَبِيلٍ

They will say: "Our Lord! You have made us to die twice (i.e. we were dead in the loins of our fathers and dead after our life in this world), and You have given us life twice (i.e. life when we were born and life when we are Resurrected)! Now we confess our sins, then is there any way to get out (of the Fire)?"

12

ذَلِكُمْ بِأَنَّهُ إِذَا دُعِيَ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ كَفَرْتُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ تُؤْمِنُوا ۗ فَالْحُكْمُ لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْكَبِيرِ



(It will be said): "This is because, when Allah Alone was invoked (in worship) you disbelieved (denied), but when partners were joined to Him, you believed! So the judgement is only with Allah, the Most High, the Most Great! "

13

هُوَ الَّذِي يُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُنزِلُ لَكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ رِزْقًا وَمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ إِلَّا مَن يُنِيبُ

It is He Who shows you His Ayat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and sends down (rain with which grows) provision for you from the sky. And none remembers but those who turn (to Allah in obedience and) in repentance (by begging His Pardon and by worshipping and obeying Him Alone and none else).

14

فَادْعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ

So, call you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the believers) upon (or invoke) Allah making (your) worship pure for Him (Alone) (by worshipping none but Him and by doing religious deeds sincerely for Allah's sake only and not to show off and not to set up rivals with Him in worship), however much the disbelievers (in the Oneness of Allah) may hate (it).

- The disbelievers will be in sorrow, sadness and regret while they are in the fire. They will hate themselves for it; however, the aversion of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) towards them is greater because He sent

messengers to them, He sent signs to them, He showed them the way to belief and faith, but they refused and rejected.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is far angrier with them than they are angry with themselves because they denied and disbelieved. We do not want aversion from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or to be outside His mercy. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for the well-being. Ameen.
- Then they will say, “we died twice and lived twice” (i.e. we were dead in the loins of our fathers and dead after our life in this world and alive in this life and alive when resurrected)).
- They will admit to their sins, but it is too late then. We have to admit to our sins in this life and repent to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But if we admit on the Day of Judgement, then there is no way to come out then.
- They want to come out of the fire, and they want to be out from their regret and punishment, but there is no way.
- Faith is to ask for forgiveness and to accept the invitation to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But the problem is when they are invited to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone and not associate with Him, they do not like it. Thus one calls to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone, to (لا إله إلا الله).
- And when there is shirk and association with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then they believe. They want idols and to attach to other than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), why? Because they want something tangible. They do not like tawheed because tawheed is to believe in the Oneness of

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to believe meeting Him in the hereafter when He will reward us.

- When calling to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), one might get frustrated to see what is good is left and what is evil is taken. However, guidance is not in our hands, the judgement belongs to Allah Al 'Aliy Al Kabeer – The Most High, The Most Great.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is just in His judgment and He guides whomever He wills because He knows who wants guidance and He misguides whomever He wills because He knows who does not want the guidance.
- Sometimes we think, “why does this person not listen? I am trying to convince them through different ways”. But it is not up to us; the judgement belongs to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) The Most High, The Most Great.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in the highest position, so surely He places everything in its place. He will not make someone rebellious equal to someone obedient.
- Allah Al Kabeer is The Most Great and He is greater than what we think. So the judgement of The Highest and The Most Great will not change.

- If someone is misled, it is not because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) did not show him. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows everyone the ayat; He shows everyone the truth from falsehood so there is no excuse.
- One of the great signs which Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows is that He brings provision from the sky. People think they are provided by others so this stops them from worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone. They think provision is in the hands of those on earth. However, our provision comes from the sky, whether it is knowledge, faith, water or food. And these are ayat shown to the people.
- But who will take this reminder? Only the one who always returns to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) (يُنِيبُ). When we return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then He will show us and grant us insight. But if a person does not return back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and only blames the people then there is no insight or guidance.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows who returns to Him, so they will be guided. And He knows who does not return to Him, so they will be misguided. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guide us. Ameen.
- The one returns to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will invoke Him alone, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves when we call on Him alone. We should not fear the blame of the blamers. The disbelievers do not love when

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is made one, but love when he is associated.

However, one should continue even if the disbelievers hate it.

## WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- To invoke Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone and to call the people to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone.
- A person does their best in the way of dawah, but not everyone will listen because guidance is in the Hands of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Judgement belongs to The Most High, The Most Great.
- When we magnify and exalt Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then it will make our life easier and we will continue our path without stopping.

THIS IS THE END OF THE SERIES. MAY ALLAH MAKE US AMONG THOSE WHO MAGNIFY AND EXALT HIM. AMEEN.

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