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INTRODUCTION

- Before you can adorn your heart you need an alive heart and then a present heart. You can't have an absent heart and then expect to adorn it, subhan Allah. How can you adorn someone who's not here? So in order to make the deeds in Dhul Hijjah the most beloved deeds to Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى), you need an alive and present heart.
- What are signs of an alive and present heart?

- Feelings, and what exactly? **Feeling the unseen** – about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the angels, messengers, books. Banu Israel failed in this test, how? They said they won't believe in Musa (peace be upon him) until they see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the story of the cow, manna and salwa.
- Everyone prays, but how do you know you have a present heart? You feel that Allah's face is in front of you, there is recompense of paradise and hellfire.
- You feel happy when Allah's praises you but not when people praise you – you feel the unseen. Your heart moves for the intangible but is numb towards the tangible, subhan Allah.
- The place of the feelings of the unseen is the heart and the place of the feelings of the seen are the ears and eyes, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is looking at your heart. So how can we beautify our hearts?
- Women especially love to adorn themselves – they love to beautify their clothes, homes, even food – they will even compete with each other because of it. When you want to beautify your house, what do you do? You clean it first, then you organize it, then you decorate it. So to adorn anything you need these three matters. And to understand the intangible we need to go to the tangible, for this reason that are many parables in the Qur'an . For example the parable of light, the parable of the tree.
- Every unseen matter exists as an example in life. For example, on the Day of Judgement we are accounted, while in rows and are called. Do we not have this in life? Being in line and queues waiting to be called. Sometimes you see someone turning their face away from you, and you think how will it be if Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) turns His face away from me, may Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) protect us. Ameen.

- We don't want to acquire knowledge like machines and memorize the Qur'an like parrots – Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants feelings. So how can you feel? When you relate it to something tangible. If someone puts you down and you think what will it be like when the angels scold those in the hellfire? Then you will feel a person putting you down is nothing and you're able to forgive and pardon, subhan Allah.
- Adorning our heart for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is intangible but we can understand it when we relate it to the tangible. For example, when your house is messy and you're told a guest is coming. You will close off all rooms, and just focus on the one room where the guest will sit. You will take out any junk from that room and put it in another room and perfume that room as soon as they arrive. Now imagine it's not a guest that's staying for a day or two, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who is looking at your heart 24/7. Why do we worry so much about what the guest is looking at and not at what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is looking? Subhan Allah.

THE HEART IS THE PLACE WHERE ALLAH (سبحانه وتعالى) LOOKS

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُورِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) as saying: Verily Allah does not look to your faces and your wealth but He looks to your heart.

– Sahih Muslim 2564



- Only the people will look at your outer, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will look at your heart. So we need to focus on the place where Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) looks. Recall in Surah Al Baqarah and Surah Al Munafiqoon the hypocrites will focus where people look at them, and you're amazed by them, subhan Allah.



- Who are the people?: One of the righteous predecessors said: (من عرف الناس) من عرف الناس (من عرفت الناس) (استراح فلا يطرب لمدحهم و لا يجزع لذمهم) if you understand people then you'll be relaxed but if you don't understand them then you'll be restless. So when you know them, you won't be happy with their praises and you won't be unhappy with their dispraises.
- People are quick to get pleased and quick to get angry and their moods move them (الناس سريعو الرضا سريعو السخط و الهوى يحركهم).
- Ask yourself how many years have you been studying? How many years have you been on guidance? How many years have you been Muslim? – is knowledge moving you? The more knowledge you have the more you

will be sensitive to the unseen and insensitive to the tangible. You won't get upset, angry or quick to react to the people. The Companions were so sensitive to the unseen that when they hear about paradise then as if they can grab its fruits and when they hear about the hellfire then as if they feel the heat. Are we sensitive when we read the Qur'an or say our adkhaar? Subhan Allah. We are insensitive to the unseen because we are sensitive to the seen. People are a fitna for each other and the solution is patience.

- People can get bored, they get tired, they get frustrated, they die, they change, so you can't deal with people as if they're fixed. The moment you say this person is always the same then they'll change.
- The moment you see anything or anyone as perfect, out of Allah's mercy you'll see their faults because no one is perfect in this life. You will not find anyone salam except Allah As Salam.
- **When you adorn and beautify your heart for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then what will happen? →**

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " إِذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا نَادَى جِبْرِيلَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ فُلَانًا، فَأُحِبُّهُ. فَيُحِبُّهُ جِبْرِيلُ، فَيُنَادِي جِبْرِيلُ فِي أَهْلِ السَّمَاءِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ فُلَانًا، فَأُحِبُّهُ. فَيُحِبُّهُ أَهْلُ السَّمَاءِ، ثُمَّ يُوَضَّعُ لَهُ الْقَبُولُ فِي أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ "

Narrated Abu Huraira: The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "If Allah loves a person, He calls Gabriel saying: 'Allah loves so and so; O Gabriel, love him.' Gabriel would love him, and then Gabriel would make an announcement among the residents of the Heaven, 'Allah loves so-and-so, therefore, you should love him also.' So, all the residents of the Heavens would love him and then he is granted the pleasure of the people of the earth." - Sahih al-Bukhari

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- Why does Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) love someone? Because of their heart, subhan Allah. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) love us. Ameen. Who from the people on the

earth will love this person? The believers. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will put the acceptance of that person in the hearts of the believers. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bring the people to you, you don't need to make any effort for them to come to you, subhan Allah. So when you adorn your heart for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will adorn you in the eyes of the people. Take the opposite, adorn yourself for the people, and they will dispraise you, subhan Allah. Don't think it's your experience and efforts that will bring the love of your husband, people, etc – when you adorn your heart for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then He will adorn you to the people.

HOW DO WE ADORN OUR HEARTS? – WE NEED THREE THINGS



- We need cleaning, organizing, and decorating. And most people skip the cleaning part, subhan Allah.

(1) CLEANING (التنظيف)



- We don't like it for people to see our clothes torn or dirty, similarly we need to clean our hearts because this is where Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) looks. We need to clean our heart from sicknesses of the heart. And when your heart is clean then everything else will be clean and when the heart is dirty then everything else will be dirty.

" أَلَا وَإِنَّ فِي الْجَسَدِ مُضْغَةً إِذَا صَلَحَتْ صَلَحَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ، وَإِذَا فَسَدَتْ فَسَدَ الْجَسَدُ كُلُّهُ. أَلَا وَهِيَ الْقَلْبُ "

Beware! There is a piece of flesh in the body if it becomes good (reformed) the whole body becomes good but if it gets spoilt the whole body gets spoilt and that is the heart. - Sahih al-Bukhari 52

- Perfume was originally created as a result of people not cleaning themselves. People used to very rarely bathe. Now imagine someone cleaning their heart only Ramadan to Ramadan or once a lifetime in hajj, subhan Allah. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is looking at our moments every moment, so we need our hearts to be very clean. We know all of this knowledge, but we need to feel it.

HOW DO WE CLEAN OUR HEARTS? – THREE STEPS

▪ **(1) We need to know what is the dirt, so what are sicknesses of the heart?**

Look at how much we taking care of the dirt outside, yet forget to clean our hearts from the inside, may Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgive us. Ameen. We know not to backbite, slander, gossip – yet we still do it, why? Because if a sin appears on our tongue then it's a result of a sin inside our heart. The tongue is a ladle for the heart. The tongue won't say anything except what's inside your heart. A person might say something he's careless about it and he will fall 70 autumns in the hellfire. **Hadith:** (عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وسلم " إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَتَكَلَّمُ بِالْكَلِمَةِ لَا يَرَىٰ بِهَا بَأْسًا يَهْوِي بِهَا سَبْعِينَ خَرِيفًا فِي النَّارِ " (Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: "Indeed a man may utter a statement that he does not see any harm in, but for which he will fall seventy autumns in the Fire.") - Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2314

- Why does one word carry so many sins? Because of what's inside the heart.
- Jealousy is a sin, pride is a sin, but people call it confidence or competition, subhan Allah.

▪ **What are the major sicknesses of the heart?**

- **Shirk (شرك):** what makes me to attach to people, to do tawaf for others, to worship graves, to make dua'a to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه) (وسلم). Shirk means you make someone have a position with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) inside your heart. There is no one like Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so don't make anyone like Him. We are learning about the names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we're still doing shirk? Then there's a problem. Shirk comes when you don't know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or the people.

- Disbelief (كفر): when you know the truth and you deny it or doubt it or mock at it. For example, you hear about the hellfire but you think I don't think there's a hellfire? It's in the heart. Or you hear about something of the unseen and you make fun of it. Minor disbelief which can become major is ingratitude. To be bored with the blessings and complain about them, istaghfar Allah. You have a husband and you're ungrateful, you have children and you're ungrateful, you have a house and you're ungrateful, subhan Allah.
 - Hypocrisy (نفاق): to show belief from outside while there is disbelief inside.
 - Arrogance (كبر): to feel you're better than others, even if it's one person. And we tell our children be better than your cousins, be the best in class, etc. and don't take knowledge from people because they'll call it 'confidence', subhan Allah. What did the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) say? Whoever has an atom of arrogance will not enter paradise. You don't need to worry about anything except your heart and we worry about everything except our heart, subhan Allah. One of the tricks of the shaitan is to make important matters unimportant. He'll make you think aqeedah is not important but that is your belief, your foundation. What's the point of praying, fasting, etc but if the belief is wrong? Subhan Allah. Arrogance is also to see yourself better than the commands of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Hadith: (عن عبد الله بن مسعود رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "لا يدخل الجنة) من كان في قلبه مثقال ذرة من كبر" فقال رجل "إن الرجل يحب أن يكون ثوبه حسناً ونعله حسناً؟ قال: ("إن الله جميل يحب الجمال الكبر بطر الحق وغمط الناس) ('Abdullah bin Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He who has, in his heart, an ant's weight of arrogance will not

- enter Jannah." Someone said: "A man likes to wear beautiful clothes and shoes?" Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Allah is Beautiful, He loves beauty. Arrogance means ridiculing and rejecting the Truth and despising people." – Muslim Book 1, Hadith 612 – An example of someone with arrogance is Iblis. He saw himself as better than Adam (peace be upon him) and as a result he was taken out from amongst the angels.
- Enmity (الحقد): to hate someone in the heart and you're waiting for a problem to happen to them. The believer is not holding enmity in his heart because it's a bad feeling. And the shaitan will constantly come and make you hate a person more and more so that you don't forgive. And you will slander, backbite the person, even harm them, istaghfar Allah.
 - Jealousy (حسد): which means you wish for the removal of a blessing from a person. The believer loves what for others what he loves for himself. People don't call it jealousy, but competition, subhan Allah. An example is the story of Qabeel and Habeel – the two sons of Adam (peace be upon him). The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said jealousy is like a shaver – it doesn't shave the hair but it shaves your deen. Jealousy eats up your good deeds.
 - Infatuation (عشق): it's astonishment and excessive love which is a sickness of the heart. It's a greed in the heart, you want so much from that person. You want their attention all the time. And the reason for infatuation is not because of inner-character but their outer – they have their pictures everywhere. This person might have the worst character but it's just because of their outer that a person is infatuated with them and this will harm both the mind and body

of the person. They become mad in the end – they talk about them, they dream about them, they idolize them, thus leading to shirk. This person's heart is always in pain and his mind is corrupted, where is the achievement? Subhan Allah. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) protect us. Ameen.

- Before the sicknesses appear there are symptoms and what is the symptom, what is the gate for all of these sicknesses? (غفلة) – heedlessness from the remembrance of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We are heedless because we are busy with things not concerning us – they said, he said, she said, etc – and that's why we're not discovering our sicknesses. Dhikr will keep you alert and awake. May Allah Ash Shafiee cure our hearts. Ameen. When the heart is sick then it will be disabled and it can't do the work it's supposed to do which is to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Why are we not worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as we're supposed to? Because we're sick. Similar to someone not going to work because they're sick. And when someone is sick even the senses become disabled, now imagine when the heart is sick, the eyes will not see ayat Allah nor the ears – you will see the opposite. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show you signs to increase you in faith but it will only increase you in disbelief, arrogance, jealousy, may Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) protect us. Ameen. If a person is always ignoring that they're sick then what happens? They die. And if we're ignoring the sicknesses of the heart all the time then the heart dies. Even if this person sees angels in front of him, then he won't believe, why? Because the heart is dead. It is our responsibility to clean ourselves, we are learning in order to purify ourselves.
- Cleaning is the longest of steps, and even if you don't have a 'decorated' heart, then have a clean heart at least. Why so we have so many afflictions and tests? Because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants us to clean our hearts.

- **(2) You need to be busy observing the actions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) done on you.** Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will put you in a situation every day in order for you to understand what sicknesses you have. When you feel pain in your heart, then there's a sickness in the heart. When you're jealous of someone you feel a pinch in your heart, or if you hate someone it hurts your heart when you see them. As you learn more, you feel the pinches in your heart more because you are being nurtured and this is a good sign. In hajj, you will see all of your faults quickly because you're going through so many situations. If you don't know the sicknesses then you can make a mistake. For example, someone might be forbearing and humble which is good, and if you don't have knowledge that it's a good thing people will make you think that you're humiliating yourself, you let people step on you so you think it's a sickness in you, subhan Allah. When you're heart is clean then you can really worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- **(3) Why did the pinch happen? – Look at your heart and no one else** Ask yourself why are you feeling uneasy, why were you relaxed with others and when a certain person comes in you feel awkward? Or people are praising someone and you don't like it inside, you're jealous. Be honest with yourself and account yourself. Don't say you're innocent it's the people who are bad – you're not cleaning yourself, you're just putting perfume while dirty. You need to be honest and say this is nurturing happening to me. In the time of incident, never ascribe purity to yourself.

(2) ORGANIZING (الترتيب)



- Cleaning never stops, it's always ongoing. When things are clean then you're encouraged to organize and put things in their place. What does it mean to organize your heart? Imagine you have an exam coming up and you have so many notes and papers everywhere, can you study? No. You organize all of your notes and prioritize what is the most important to study. So organizing is prioritizing.
- We need to prioritize our heart:
 - The rights of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) first then,
 - The rights of the people: spouse, children, parents – mother then father, relatives, friends, etc – if there is a mess up in the priorities for example you give more rights to your friends than your husband then it will cause a corrupted heart. Or you put the rights of the people before the rights of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then it will be a cause for a corrupted heart. When you're married, you're focused on your husband but after you have a child you naturally you have the love of motherhood inside you, but don't neglect your husband. You'll sleep with your child and your husband will say ok because it's his child but he won't tell you what you're supposed to do. You need to put your priorities.

- When you make your concern Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the hereafter then all of your concerns will be right. We will die and meet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we will not die and meet someone else, subhan Allah. For example, we might have a problem with someone and you're writing a message to them, and then it's adhaan, so you stop and make wudhu but your heart is busy with other things. Wudhu is a worship which means you need to focus that you're purifying yourself and the sins are falling off. Wudhu needs a gathered heart, prayer needs a gathered heart, tawaf needs a gathered heart, jamarat, study circle, etc.
- When you make Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) your concern then all of your matters will be taken care of. For example, it's time for prayer and you're focused on Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), you will find before you end the prayer, your outside concerns will be taken care of, subhan Allah. By your thinking and worrying about your problems then it won't get solved. But when your concern is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) 100%, then He will be sufficient for you and He will take care of everything else. This is feeling the unseen and being numb to the duniya.

(3) DECORATING (التزيين)



- The most enjoyable part is decorating. We will meet Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so don't you want a beautiful heart? Yes.
- When you discover your sicknesses then you need to patch it up, and what do you patch it with? Taqwa. And there are different 'colors' of taqwa. For example, you have arrogance as a sickness and you recognize it, so how do you patch it with taqwa? Don't react with your feelings of arrogance. Your reaction comes from the outside when you don't do your 'cleaning'. When you have taqwa, you won't react with your desires – you won't backbite, slander or put down.

وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَىٰ ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ

And the raiment of righteousness, that is better. – Surah Al 'Araf 26

- Taqwa includes all of the actions of the heart: love – you might hate the person but you love them for the sake of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), fear, and hope. Why should I not backbite, not slander, not get angry? Because I love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), I hope from His reward and I fear His punishment. This is the triangle of the worshipper – you need to have these three feelings of love, hope and fear.
- Other actions of the heart include tawakul, patience, shukr, magnification – all of these are 'patches'.
- 'Decorating' is also feelings just as you have sicknesses of the heart that are feelings. So you decorate and adorn your heart with the worships of the heart like patience, gratitude, tawakul, etc.
- And actions of the heart are not only for patching up sicknesses of the heart. You can further adorn your heart with forbearance, for example the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) had a pure heart, he didn't have sicknesses in his heart but the people would do bad to him yet he would still be forbearing and kind and this is for elevation. This makes you even more beautiful.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us feelings to channel it to Him, not to other things. Save your feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), don't waste them. This is how to make your heart beautiful in front of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Knowledge is to purify ourselves and if we're not becoming better then what are we doing? Subhan Allah. So we really need to account ourselves now before we are accounted in front of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) purify our hearts. Ameen

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