



Names of Allah – Al Mateen

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Introduction

Surah Az Zariaat, Ayah 56-58

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ (٥٦) مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعِمُونِ
(٥٧) إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ (٥٨)

And I (Allâh) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone). (56) I seek not any provision from them (i.e. provision for themselves or for My creatures) nor do I ask that they should feed Me (i.e. feed themselves or My creatures). (57) Verily, Allâh is the All-Provider, Owner of Power, the Most Strong. (58)

The theme of Surah Adh Dhariyat is about rizq. Allah is the Provider and all the treasures are stored with Him.. Whatever Allah gives us, He gives us in exact measure. If we were to get without any measure then surely we will transgress and cross our boundaries. Allah is able to give us all the provision but He withholds because He is all knowing. He knows how much portion we can bear without transgression.

Allah didn't create us except to worship Him because that's our job. Allah says He doesn't want anything from us. Never think He will ask us for some provision or food to give to Him.

MEANING IN LANGUAGE

When we look at gas, liquid and solids, the particles for each are differently placed. For gas, the particles are spaced out, for liquid, the particles are closer, and for solids, the particles are tight and close to one another, this is called (متين) – extremely firm.

(متين) means it does not change shape and does not have holes or gaps. it's not taking the shape of anything, no one knows where's their weakness, so they don't know from what angle to get them. It is firm, solid, no influence, determined, nothing can come in or out, and nothing can change it. (متين) also means vast, not tight. Sometimes a person might be firm, but they're tight and rude, yet (متين) is to be firm, but vast at the same time.

In summary it means

1. Firmness
2. Strength - Very strong
3. Unlimited vastness.

MEANING IN RELIGION

Surah Zariaat, Ayah 58

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Here Al Mateen is mentioned with Ar Razzaq. Allah is very firm when He gives the provision. We need to believe that Allah is very firm and has the strength to bring our provision wherever it is

No one can change what Allah wants to give. Whether Allah gives or withholds it is a provision for us. Allah will give us our provision that is decreed for us. We should not take stress for our wordly provision.

Sometimes we are begging Allah and yet we do not get because Allah is All knowing and he knows it is not good for us. Allah knows what is the best for people.

In Surah Adh Dhariyat, the name of Allah Al Mateen is mentioned and in Surah Al 'Araf and Surah Al Qalam it's mentioned as an attribute.

Surah Al 'Araf 183: (وَأَمْلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّا كَنُودٌ مُتَيْنٌ) (And I respite them; certainly My Plan is strong.)

Surah Al Qalam 45: (وَأَمْلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّا كَنُودٌ مُتَيْنٌ) (And I respite them; certainly My Plan is strong)

The meaning of (كيد) is plotting for someone's fall and destruction. Allah's (كيد) is for the disbeliever's destruction or the one persisting in wrong. Allah will take them down and down and down to their destruction without them feeling; this is called (استدراج). For example, someone knows drinking is haram and ayat are coming to him and he's being nurtured, yet still he doesn't stop. What happens? Allah will leave him and He will open the door to this sin for him so it will be easier. Before he might have struggled to buy drinks, but now it's easy and the person thinks 'he's all good' and things are going good for him so he thinks 'Allah loves me'

The (كيد) of Allah is mateen. Allah's plot is perfect for the one who deserves as it is based on knowledge, wisdom and mercy. No one can avoid or escape from the plot of Allah.

Give and Allah will give you. Sometimes we might not be giving someone's due, so we're not being given. Or we're not giving others their rights and we expect to be enriched, subhan Allah.

How to live under this the shade of this name?

- Be firm on the truth, especially in the time of trials.
- We need to take the religion firmly
- When we are strong and firm in our religion at the same time we need to be gentle and kind. We need to be balanced
- When taking the religion firmly, a person should not be extreme in making the deen difficult on themselves. For example, it's not birr to fast while travelling.
- When a person enters into the deen, it's important to take things step by step because if a person wants to do everything in one go then he will get tired and will not remain firm and stable on it.