



Chapter (59) sūrat I-ḥashr (The Gathering)

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Wal Afwa wal Affiya

Allaahumma 'innee 'as'alukal-'afwa wal'aafiyata fid-dunyaa wal'aakhirati,
Allaahumma 'innee 'as'alukal-'afwa wal'aafiyata fee deenee wa dunyaaya wa 'ahlee, wa maalee,
Allaahum-mastur 'awraatee, wa 'aamin raw'aatee,
Allaahum-mahfadhnee min bayni yadayya, wa min khalfee, wa 'an yameenee, wa 'an shimaalee, wa
min fawqee, wa 'a'oothu bi'adhamatika 'an 'ughtaala min tahtee

O Allah, I seek Your forgiveness and Your protection in this world and the next.

O Allah, I seek Your forgiveness and Your protection in my religion, in my
worldly affairs, in my family and in my wealth.

O Allah, conceal my secrets and preserve me from anguish.

O Allah, guard me from what is in front of me and behind me, from my left, and
from my right, and from above me. I seek refuge in Your Greatness from being
struck down from beneath me.

Sahih Ibn Majah 2/332 and Abu Dawud.

The best thing to ask Allah swt for in the morning is '**afwa**' (to overlook) and '**aafiya**' (to pardon)

- Afwa is not to be accounted for by Allah swt for every single thing that we do or say.
- Aafiya is the well being, you are saved in the dunya and in the akhirah

You are asking Allah swt to protect you, to protect your family, to protect what you own, to protect absolutely everything.

The Names of Allah Al Sabhu Al Qaddus

Al Sabhu – negates all the imperfections from Allah swt. Nobody thinks bad about Allah swt and everyone glorifies Allah swt. The tasbeeh (dhikr) removes any negativity, removes doubts and imperfections in this life, so it is very important to always start anything that you do with the tasbeeh.

Al Qaddus – the One Who is Pure, Allah swt loves the purity and Allah swt purifies whomever He wills. Al Qaddus is also the Blessed One. You will get so many blessing when you believe Allah swt is Al Qaddus

The Malaika (Angels)

Chapter (2) sūrat I-baqarah (The Cow)

2:30 And [mention, O Muhammad],

when your Lord said to the angels, "Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority." They said, "Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood, while we declare Your praise and sanctify You?"

Allah said, "Indeed, I know that which you do not know."

So many bad things happen in this life, people are shedding blood and you ask yourself why do these things happen? But these are the actions of the people. But the angels are not thinking bad, they are praising Allah swt which is pushing away all negativity about Allah swt. The angels really know who is Allah swt.

Knowing the Names of Allah is the best of the knowledge, they are the best start as a platform of your belief. You cannot understand an ayat of the Qur'an or a surah of the Qur'an if you don't know who is Allah swt. When you only look at the actions of the people you will see negativity, people's assumptions and them being afraid.

Al Aziz Al Hakim

- **Tasbeeh**

The first ayat of Al Hashr is an introduction to gather your thought and to gather your heart so it will make sense to you. When you are scattered you will not understand and benefit from the lessons of Allah swt. Not everyone is benefitting from the decree, benefitting from the legislation of Allah swt as they are always asking why it is always like this.

59:1 Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth exalts Allah,
and He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.



This is in the past tense, which is telling you that already everyone and everything in the Heavens and on the Earth by default is moving forward and being saved when they are glorifying Allah swt.

- I cannot move **forward** if I do not do tasbeeh glorifying Allah swt
- I cannot be **upgraded** if I do not do the tasbeeh
- I cannot be **saved** and not drown if I do not do the tasbeeh

When you push away the negativity, push away those thoughts with tasbeeh you will make space for yourself, you will go forward and be upgraded, otherwise you will drown and not go forward.

Motivation

The motivation for you is when you know that everyone is glorifying Allah swt, when everyone is moving forward and doing their best. This is the inspiration for you.

59:1 Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth exalts Allah,

Wherever you are or whatever you are doing, all the things around you i.e. the book, the piece of paper etc. are doing tasbeeh, so to be in harmony with your surroundings do the tasbeeh.

The Majesty and Greatness of Allah swt

Despite us life carries on, life keeps on going despite the human being thinking bad about Allah swt because the whole of creation is glorifying Allah swt. Allah swt does not need your glorification, you need to glorify Allah swt, it is about what you need to do. Everything that happens in this life suits the Majesty of Allah swt. Everything that happens has to happen.

and He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

Allah swt is Perfect

You need negate all the imperfections which do not suit Allah swt Majesty and Glorification. Allah swt is worthy of all your devotions as only Allah swt has all the actions and all the perfections. Always think good because Allah swt is so Perfect.

The Names of Allah swt gather you so that you are 'gathered' and can move forward. These two Names of Allah swt are also mentioned in Surat al Naml.

Chapter (27) sūrat l-naml (The Ants)

27:8 But when he came to it, he was called, "Blessed is whoever is at the fire and whoever is around it. And exalted is Allah, Lord of the worlds.

27:9 O Moses, indeed it is I - Allah, the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

It is not important what is happening, but what is important is to always follow the commands of Allah swt and to always believe in Allah swt. The remedy, the solution and the protection for yourself is to glorify Allah swt. From the beginning don't let yourself to have the doubts or negativity first.

- **The connection between 'hashr' and Al Aziz Al Hakim**

Think of something scattered, out of its place but it has to be in the right position at the right time.

In Madinah the yehud thought of Madinah as their home, but actually they were not in the right place. They tried to kill Nabi saws, but this situation had to happen so that they left Madinah. They also had to leave their second home and leave a third time for Shams (Syria). Allah Al Hakim had to make this 'disturbance', but it is always good if you believe in Allah swt. The yehud had something in their heart's, so something had to be happen to make things better.

We need to always adopt and adjust, Allah swt is Al Aziz Al Hakim so that we are in line with Allah swt.

Anything scattered, or the hearts of the people are scattered, Allah swt will bring it to the right position, to be reunited. Some of sahabah used to hate Nabi saws before they became Muslim. Allah swt will bring situations to unite those who are enemies. Maybe this even happened in your life. It is a great honour when you are in the right place, when you are in line with Allah swt.

- **Honour**

When you feel things are not in the right place you need to really glorify Allah swt and everything will be in its right place with honour, with izzat so that you will not be dragged to the right place. You need to believe, even if you feel something is a mistake, Allah swt Al Aziz Al Hakim so something better will come. Nothing is random, everything is in its right place.

59:2 It is He who expelled the ones who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture from their homes at the first gathering.

You did not think they would leave, and they thought that their fortresses would protect them from Allah;

but [the decree of] Allah came upon them from where they had not expected, and He cast terror into their hearts [so] they destroyed their houses by their [own] hands and the hands of the believers.

So take warning, O people of vision.

The one who believes, for them the Qur'an is a guidance and a glad tiding. Not everything that is guidance is also a glad tidings as it can mislead the disbeliever's. However the believer is excited and

thinks positively and so increases in faith, but the hypocrite thinks the ayat is referring to them and feels afraid.

So many things are gathered in this one ayah – this is hashr. In this ayah you will see the actions of Allah swt and the actions of the people, the believer and the non believer.

- **Allah swt action**

What we have to see here is that Allah swt took them out of their homes – who did Allah swt take out and when did Allah swt take them out?

It is He who expelled the ones who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture from their homes at the first gathering.

You did not think they would leave,
and they thought that their fortresses would protect them from Allah;

- **Assumptions of the people**

These are the assumptions of the believer's and the assumptions of the disbelievers. The glad tiding is when you understand the actions of Allah swt.

- **Action of Allah swt**

but [the decree of] Allah came upon them from where they had not expected,
and He cast terror into their hearts

They thought no one could remove them from their homes. But your thinking has to be in line with what Allah swt wants. Allah swt cast the fear in their hearts so that they were terrified.

- **Actions of the people**

[so] they destroyed their houses by their [own] hands and the hands of the believers.

If you don't respect what you have then this allows others to disrespect the same people and things in the same. The disbelievers were destroying their homes which allowed the believer's to also destroy the homes of the disbeliever's. You may ask yourself why are the Muslims destroying the homes of the people?

- **Allah swt is teaching us a lesson**

Allah swt is showing us His izzat to the Muslims who are being destructive. The Muslims destroyed trees, but there was a chain of events behind their actions which we don't know.

- **This is a test of your belief**

Are you really believing in Allah swt or is your belief based on the actions of the people. True belief is not based on the good or the bad actions of the people. Allah swt chooses whomever He wills.

يُخْرِبُونَ

The disbeliever's left their homes in a such a state that no one else could inhabit their homes. And so the disbeliever's allowed the believer's to also destroy their homes.

- **Vision of Allah swt**

So take warning, O people of vision.

By telling us all this, this is what Allah swt actually wants for us.

What is the lesson?



So take a lesson, - We need take a lesson.

- A lesson about Al Aziz Al Hakim
- A lesson about doing the tasbeeh

There were so many events leading up to this point but we need to gather ourselves and take it as a lesson. Don't think badly about the Muslims and have doubts.

• Ibrar



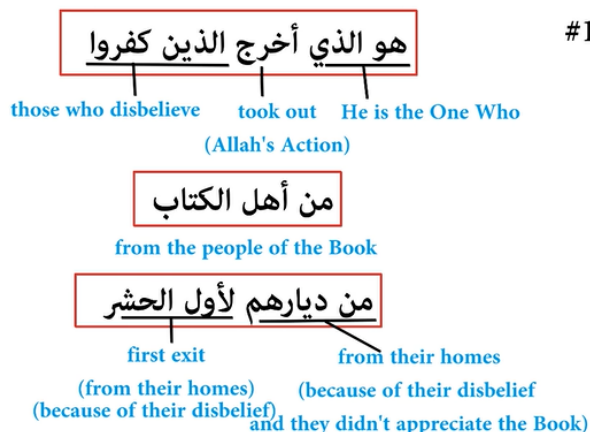
(with) insight! – everything in your life should be measured based on 'ibrar' – measured against this event. You should make tafakkur that Allah swt is Al Aziz Al Hakim. The Absar will view the situation with Allah Al Aziz Al Hakim, not the fact the homes were destroyed. They will see everything as Allah swt actions bringing everything into it's correct position.

• Basira – Eyes of the Heart

Those with insight see everything from many sides as they know everything is Allah swt actions. These people have complete 'akal' – they don't just judge things by what their eyes see so they are not just following their desires; they are not opposing the truth. In every situation Allah swt is Al Aziz Al Hakim. They can distinguish and understand the actions of Allah swt and the actions of the people following their desires.



The first point can be divided further:



#1a - He is the One, Al Aziz Al Hakim

- Actions with honour – Allah swt took them out

- The disbeliever's were taken out. They had the means for belief because they had the Book, so they were very established, more so than the Quraysh.

- First 'hashr' of three because of their disbelief. Belief makes you to be established.

Assumptions

Assumptions of the believer

ما ظننتم أن يخرجوا

they would leave did not think

Assumptions of the disbeliever

وظنوا أنهم مانعتهم حصونهم من الله

from Allah their fortress would protect them they are and they thought

(Feeling secure from the plot of Allah - الامن من مكر الله)

#1b They appear so established the believer's can't imagine they would be thrown out of their homes. Allah swt is dealing with the people with their 'hearts'. The disbeliever's thought their fortress would protect them from Allah swt decree.

Believe in Allah swt, believe in Allah swt actions, not the actions of the people or that 'things'

will protect you. Imagine the mother of Musa AS put her baby in the river because she had so much yaqeen. Believe that it is Allah swt Who protects and Allah swt is behind all the decree.

فأتاهم الله من حيث لم يحتسبوا

they did not expect where from Allah But came to them

وقذف في قلوبهم الرعب

terror their in and He cast hearts

#1c - You believe in Allah swt but they didn't believe in Allah swt. I believe Allah swt to protect me, Allah swt will protect me. I believe Allah swt will cure me, Allah swt will cure me, not the doctor, the doctor is just a means.

- Fear in the heart is cast in their hearts by Allah swt – no army can't stand against this fear. Fear in the

heart makes you act irrationally. We should only fear Allah swt.

يخربون بيوتهم بأيديهم وأيدي المؤمنين

of the believers and the hands with their hands their homes they destroyed

#1d

فاعتبروا يا أولي الأبصار

O, those with insight so take a lesson