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Surah An Naml – Class 30

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Introduction

عَنْ أَبْنَىٰ عَتَّابٍ. رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا. قَالَ كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَدْعُو مِنَ اللَّيْلِ "اللَّٰهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ قَيْمُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ، لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، قَوْلُكُ الْحَقُّ، وَوَعْدُكُ الْحَقُّ، وَلِقَاؤُكُ الْحَقُّ، وَالجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ، وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ، وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ، اللَّٰهُمَّ لَكَ أَشْلَمْتُ، وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ، وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ أَنْتُ، وَبِكَ خَاصَّمْتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ حَاكَمْتُ، فَاغْفِرْ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَرْتُ، وَأَسْرَرْتُ وَأَعْلَمْتُ، أَنْتَ إِلَهِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ" (The Prophet ﷺ used to invoke Allah at night, saying, "O Allah: All the Praises are for You: You are the Lord of the Heavens and the Earth. All the Praises are for You; You are the Maintainer of the Heaven and the Earth and whatever is in them. All the Praises are for You; You are the Light of the Heavens and the Earth. Your Word is the Truth, and Your Promise is the Truth, and the Meeting with You is the Truth, and Paradise is the Truth, and the (Hell) Fire is the Truth, and the Hour is the Truth. O Allah! I surrender myself to You, and I believe in You and I depend upon You, and I repent to You and with You (Your evidences) I stand against my opponents, and to you I leave the judgment (for those who refuse my message). O Allah! Forgive me my sins that I did in the past or will do in the future, and also the sins I did in secret or in public. You are my only God (Whom I worship) and there is no other God for me (i.e. I worship none but You).")¹

- Sins cause us to be delayed and whether we are sinning or not, we should still seek forgiveness. Allah ﷺ wants to show us there is no ilah but Him.

Al Wahid Al Ahad – (الواحد الأَحَد) – The One and The One and Only

- Knowing Allah Al Wahid Al Ahad will cause a person to be sincere. The name Al Ahad is mentioned once in Surah Al Ikhlas – The Chapter of Sincerity.

¹ Sahih al-Bukhari 7385



Surah Al Ikhlas 1: (فَنْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ) (Say (O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ): "He is Allah, (the) One.)

- Allah Al Wahid is singled out so there is no one like Him or resembling Him.
- Allah is One in Himself; He is not parts.
- He is Singled Out in Divinity – only He is Ilah and there is no one worthy of worship except Him.
- The name of Allah Al Wahid is mentioned 20 times in the Qur'an and six times together with the name of Al Qahhaar – The Irresistible.
- If there are two co-managers then everything will be spoiled.
- Allah (هُوَ) is One in His Life, in His establishing matters, in His knowledge, in His ability, in His greatness, in His majesty, in His beauty, in His praise, in His wisdom and in His mercy.
- He has all the perfect and utmost attributes. He is One and Only One, He is unique and no one can come close to resembling Him.

Ayah 60

أَمْنَ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُنْبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا ۝ إِلَهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ ۝ بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ يَعْدِلُونَ

Is not He (better than your gods) Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky, whereby We cause to grow wonderful gardens full of beauty and delight? It is not in your ability to cause the growth of their trees. Is there any ilah (god) with Allah? Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Him)!

Word	Meaning
أَمْنَ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ	Is He not the One Who created the heavens and the earth
وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً	and brought down for you from the sky rain
فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ	and We cause from it to grow



ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ

beautiful gardens.

مَا كَانَ لَكُمْ

You would not be able

أَنْ تُنْبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا

to grow to its trees.

إِلَهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ

Is there an ilah besides Allah

بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ يَعْدِلُونَ

but they are a people who make equal Allah
to others

- Shirk is complication and demolishes a civilization, even if it is well-established. The Prophet (ﷺ) feared minor shirk the most for his ummah.
- Shirk can take place in an advanced civilization when someone praises himself or thinks someone else can help him or fears someone can affect their civilization or thinks no one can save them. All goodness is in the Hands of Allah (ﷻ).
- (أَمْنَ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ) (Is not He (better than your gods) Who created the heavens and the earth,): Allah (ﷻ) created the heavens, and the heavens (السماءات) is what is high and there is no mischief in the heavens. He also created the earth which contains mountains, rivers, and the like. The One Who creates is the One worthy of worship.
- (وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً) (and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky,): Allah (ﷻ) brought down water from the heavens. The heavens and the earth were joined so there was no water, then Allah (ﷻ) separated between them and then there was water.

أَوَلَمْ يَرَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا فَفَتَّاهُمَا ۝ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ (Surah Al Anbiya 30: 41)

(حَيٌّ ۝ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ (Have not those who disbelieve known that the heavens and the earth were joined together as one united piece, then We parted them? And We have made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe?)



- Allah (ﷻ) says He brought down from the heavens water thus He is above the seven heavens and is not everywhere.
- The best charity is to give water and digging wells is an ongoing charity.
- Water also represents knowledge and a civilization cannot be constructed without knowledge.
- Allah (ﷻ) brought down the water for us and this shows an advanced civilization takes care of its people.
- **(فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ)** (whereby We cause to grow wonderful gardens full of beauty and delight?): when there is water then there can be growth. This shows anything pure will cause growth. And notice the letter “fa” (فَأَنْبَتْنَا) is mentioned which shows the growth is immediate.
- And water is a means which caused it to grow. What grew? (حدائق) – gardens. The meaning of (حدائق) is a plot of land which has water so it is always growing, it is also enclosed. The word (حدق) also means to always stare at something. It also means to surround.
- The gardens are (بَهْجَةٍ) – which are beautiful and cause the face to be happy and impressed.
- It shows the gardens are sustainable because water is always there. We want to grow with water “knowledge” so that we are (بَهْجَةٍ) – beautiful.
- **(مَا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُنْبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا)** (It is not in your ability to cause the growth of their trees.): if it was not for Allah (ﷻ) to bring down the rain, then there will be no trees and gardens. Thus anything we do is by Allah's Favor.
- **(إِلَهٌ مَعَ اللَّهِٰ بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ يَعْدِلُونَ)** (Is there any ilah (god) with Allah? Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Him)!): there is no ilah with Allah (ﷻ).

Tree (شجرة) in the Sunnah



Hadith:

ما لي ول الدنيا ، و ما للدنيا و ما لي ! و الذي نفسي بيده ، ما مثّي و مثّل الدنيا ، إلا كراكب سار في يوم صائف ، فاستظلّ تحت شجرة ساعية من النهار ، ثم راح و تركها

الراوي : عبدالله بن عباس | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر : صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 5669 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : صحيح

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "By the One Whose my soul is in His Hands, my example and the example of this life is like a rider in a sunny day who sought shade under there the tree for an hour, then he left.

Hadith:

ما في الجنة شجرة إلا وساقها من ذهب

الراوي : أبو هريرة وجرير بن عبد الله | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر : صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 5647 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : صحيح

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "There is not a tree in Paradise except that its tree is of gold."

Hadith:

ألا أدلّك على غرائب ، هو خيرٌ مِنْ هَذَا ؟ تقولُ : سبَّحَنَ اللَّهُ ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، يُغَرِّسُ لَكَ بِكُلِّ كَلِمَةٍ
منها شجرة في الجنة

الراوي : أبو هريرة | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر : صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 2613 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : صحيح

"Shall I not tell you of a plant that is better than this?" He said: "Of course, O Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)." He said: "Say: 'Subhan-Allah, wal-hamdu-lillah, wa la ilaha illallah, wa Allahu Akbar (Glory is to Allah, praise is to Allah, none has the right to be worshiped but Allah and Allah is the Most Great.)' For each one a tree will be planted for you in Paradise."

Hadith:

لقد رأيت رجلاً يقلّب في الجنة ، في شجرة قطعها من ظهر الطريق ، كانت تؤذى الناس

الراوي : أبو هريرة | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 5134 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : صحيح

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "I saw a man going about in Jannah (and enjoying himself) as a reward for cutting from the middle of the road a tree which was causing harm to the people".

Hadith:

إِنَّ مِنَ الشَّجَرِ شَجَرَةً لَا يَسْقُطُ وَرْقَهَا ، وَ إِنَّهَا مُثْلُ الْمُسْلِمِ فَحَدَّثَنِي مَا هِيَ ؟ ثُمَّ قَالَ : هِيَ النَّخْلَةُ

الراوي : عبد الله بن عمر | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 2218 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : صحيح

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Amongst the trees, there is a tree, the leaves of which do not fall and is like a Muslim. Tell me the name of that tree." Everybody started thinking about the trees of the desert areas. And I thought of the date-palm tree but felt shy to answer the others then asked, "What is that tree, O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) ?" He replied, "It is the date-palm tree."

Hadith:

طوب شجرة في الجنة ، مسيرة مائة عام ، ثياب أهل الجنة تخرج من أكمامها

الراوي : أبو سعيد الخدري | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 3918 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : حسن

Tuba is a tree paradise whose shade is the extent of a hundred years journey. The clothing of the dwellers of paradise come from it.

Hadith:

إِنَّمَا نَسَمَةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ طَائِرٌ يَعْلَقُ فِي شَجَرِ الْجَنَّةِ ، حَتَّى يَبْعَثَنَاهُ اللَّهُ إِلَى جَسَدِهِ يَوْمَ يَبْعَثُنَا

الراوي : كعب بن مالك | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع



الصفحة أو الرقم: 2373 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: صحيح

It was narrated from 'Abdur-Rahman bin Ka'b Al-Ansari that his father used to narrate that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"The believer's soul is a bird that hangs in the trees of Paradise, until it will be returned to his body on the Day when he is resurrected."

Hadith:

كُلُوا الرِّزْقَ وادْهِنُوا بِهِ، فِإِنَّهُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مَبَارَكَةٍ

الراوي: عمر بن الخطاب وأبوأسيد الساعدي | المحدث: الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 4498 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: صحيح

It was narrated from 'Umar that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

'Season (your food) with olive oil and anoint yourselves with it, for it comes from a blessed tree.'

Hadith:

إِذَا لَقِيَ أَحَدُكُمْ أَخَاهُ فَلْيَسْلِمْ عَلَيْهِ، فَإِنْ حَالَتْ بَيْنَهُمَا شَجَرَةٌ أَوْ جِدَارٌ أَوْ حَجَرٌ ثُمَّ لَقِيَهُ فَلْيَسْلِمْ عَلَيْهِ أَيْضًا

الراوي: أبو هريرة | المحدث: الألباني | المصدر: السلسلة الصحيحة

الصفحة أو الرقم: 186 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: إسناده صحيح

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "When one of you meets a brother (in Faith) he should greet him. Then if a tree or a wall or a stone intervenes between them and then he meets him again, he should greet him."

Hadith:

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ يَابِسَةٍ وَرُقُبَةٍ فَضَرَبَهَا بِعَصَاهٍ فَنَثَرَ الْوَرْقَ، فَقَالَ: إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَتَسَاقِطُ مِنْ ذُنُوبِ الْعَبْدِ كَمَا تَسَاقَطَ وَرْقُ هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةِ

الراوي: أنس بن مالك | المحدث: الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 1601 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: صحيح



Anas bin Malik narrated that:

The Prophet (ﷺ) passed by a tree with dry leaves, so he struck it with his staff, making the leaves fall. Then he said: "Indeed, 'all praise is due to Allah, (Al-Ḥamdu lillāh)' 'glory to Allah, (Subḥān Allāh)' 'none has the right to be worshipped by Allah, (Lā Ilāha illal-lāh)' and 'Allah is the greatest (Allāhu Akbar)' cause the sins to fall from the worshipper, just as the leaves of this tree fall."

Hadith:

ما مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يُلَبِّي، إِلَّا لَبَّى مَا عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَشَمَائِلِهِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، أَوْ شَجَرٍ، أَوْ مَدِيرٍ، حَتَّى تَنْقَطِعَ الْأَرْضُ مِنْ هُنَا وَهُنَا

الراوي: سهل بن سعد الساعدي | المحدث: الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 5770 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: صحيح

It was narrated from Sahl bin Sa'd As-Sa'idi that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"There is no (pilgrim) who recites the Talbiyah but that which is to his right and left also recites it, rocks and trees and hills, to the farthest ends of the earth in each direction, from here and from there."

Hadith:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَمْ يَنْزِلْ دَاءً، إِلَّا أَنْزَلَ لَهُ شَفَاءً، إِلَّا هَرَمَ، فَعَلِيهِمْ بِالْبَلْيَنِ التَّبَرِيُّ، فَإِنَّهَا تَرُمُّ مِنْ كُلِّ الشَّجَرِ

الراوي: عبد الله بن مسعود | المحدث: الألباني | المصدر: السلسلة الصحيحة

الصفحة أو الرقم: 518 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: صحيح

For every sickness, Allah sent a cure with it except old age. But drink cow's milk for it takes goodness from all trees.

Hadith:

مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يُصِيبُهُ أَذِىٌ شَوْكَةٌ فَمَا فَوْقَهَا، إِلَّا حَطَّ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِهِ سَيِّئَاتِهِ، كَمَا تَحُطُّ الشَّجَرَةُ وَرْقَهَا

الراوي: عبد الله بن مسعود | المحدث: الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 5763 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: صحيح



No Muslim is afflicted with any harm, even if it were the prick of a thorn, but that Allah expiates his sins because of that, as a tree sheds its leaves."

Hadith:

مُسْتَرِيْحٌ وَمُسْتَرَّاحٌ مِنْهُ ، الْعَبْدُ الْمُؤْمِنُ يَسْتَرِيْحُ مِنْ نَصْبِ الدُّنْيَا وَأَذَّاهَا إِلَى رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى ، وَالْعَبْدُ الْفَاجِرُ تَسْتَرِيْحُ مِنْهُ
الْعَبَادُ وَالْبَلَادُ ، وَالشَّجَرُ وَالدَّوَابُّ

الراوي: أبو قتادة | المحدث: الألباني | المصدر: صحيح الجامع

الصفحة أو الرقم: 5872 | خلاصة حكم المحدث: صحيح

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and he said, "One is relieved and another others are relieved from." They said, "Who is the one relieved and the one from whom others are relieved?" He said, "A slave who is believer is the one who is relieved from the exhaustion and suffering of this world to the mercy of Allah, and a wrong-acting slave is the one from whom people, towns, trees and animals are relieved."

How can we change ourselves for the better?

- Increase in saying (الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ) for it is a means for trees in paradise and forgiveness of sins.
- Seek refuge with Allah (ﷻ) from shirk.
- When seeing gardens and trees, remember it is only Allah (ﷻ) Who caused it to grow.
- Remain "moist" with the "rain" of the Qur'an and Sunnah.

May Allah (ﷻ) protect us from all types of shirk. Ameen.