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INTRODUCTION

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reminds us of tawheed through our life when we see things are getting blocked, not going forward or relationships are not working. And (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is the message and mission of all the prophets and messengers.
- The reality of people is revealed through (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ). And with (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) there is freedom because a person is not attached to an “ilah” or has to worry about them, feed them or take

care of them. The Ilah is the One Who takes care of us and not the other way around.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us He needs no food, drink or anything from us. He will give us everything we need, but we just love Him and not associate with Him.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is jealous for our hearts and if we share He with someone else then He will leave us with that association. And we feel this in life. We do not like to be shared with anyone, and if we are “shared” with someone, we leave. And this is all to teach us tawheed.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can use anyone to make us realize (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ). When we feel pain, it is not because of the spouse or children, but just to remind us of (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ).

- When we say (سبحان الله وبحمده) (Glory be to Allah and Allah His praise) we push away all negativity and affirm all perfection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When we go through a trial in life, we might feel disabled and the means around us become disabled, but we attach to (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) and He will take care of us.
- We always want to accept what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings to us without expectations, planning or calculating.
- The word that will remain is (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ). Nothing can be old, broken or torn with (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) because we are holding on to the strongest handhold. This is a bond that no one can sever between us and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). If we attach

to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), do we think He will leave us?

Never.

- And this makes us truly love (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) because without it nothing will make sense. We will not even make sense without (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ).
- We always want to live with (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) and we want it to be our final words before we leave this life.
- When we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), it is not because we just want things from Him, but we connect to Him out of love and magnification.
- When there is connection with only love but without magnification then there will be exaggeration, and when there is connection with only magnification but no love then we will be unable to taste sweetness.

- Sometimes things can distract us whether it is people, blessings, job or even our thinking, but then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will remind us Who He is.
- He will remind us that a life detached from Him is tasteless. But when we return to Him, He will give us the best treatment customized for us.
- To reach Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not about proving ourselves or going to such a high standard, it is to (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) and attaching to Him as we are, and He will accept us and be our Companion. He will be our most beloved Companion and Trustee. He will show us everything we need.
- And the thing most people need are feelings. They need a friend, they need someone who cares for their feelings. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us that only He can give us this.

- If we go to anyone in life in order to get something, we will not get it; Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will stop it. He wants to show us that a life without Him is dark, miserable and bitter.
- He wants to show us that no one can provide us, make us happy and accept us as we are except Him, because He is our Creator, He is our Sustainer.
- Even if we go far away, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will still send guidance to us to bring us back, though He is The Master, The King and The Most Rich. He is able to replace any of us, but He does not want to lose us.
- The connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the most beautiful connection because He will never let us down. And if our (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) becomes less, He will show us no one can provide us except Him,

and no one can give us except Him. And when we come to Him, He will be the most beloved to us and He will show us the best treatment.

- Those who repent to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be shown a great amount of love; He is Al Ghafoor Al Wadood (The All-Forgiving, The Most Loving). The one who repents is broken, they have fallen into sins, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will take them in and will not make them feel low. We may remember our sins, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not take it against us. He will replace our sins to good deeds.
- We cannot survive without attachment to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is the good word, it is word that will make everything grow. It will make our feelings grow and our deeds to grow.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN

- We are grateful to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for allowing us to complete Surah Al Baqarah.

SUPPLICATION TO BE GRATEFUL

"اللَّهُمَّ أَعْنِي عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ وَشُكْرِكَ، وَحَسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ"

Allahumma a'inni 'ala dhikrika wa shukrika, wa
husni 'ibadatika,'

(O Allah, help me remember You, expressing
gratitude to You and worship You in the best
manner).¹

- Surah Al Baqarah consists of 286 ayat and Surah Aal Imraan consists of 200 ayat. These two surahs are called (الزَّهْرَوَيْنِ) – they are like two glowing flowers.

¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and An- Nasa'i , Book 1, Hadith 384

○ And on the Day of Judgement, these two surahs will come as shades in the form of clouds or a flock of birds.

SURAH AL BAQARAH AND SURAH AAL IMRAAN

يَقُولُ حَدَّثَنِي أَبُو أُمَامَةَ، الْبَاهِلِيُّ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ "ا قْرَءُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
شَفِيعًا لِأَصْحَابِهِ ا قْرَءُوا الْزَّهْرَاوَيْنِ الْبَقَرَةَ وَسُورَةَ آلِ عَمْرَانَ
فَإِنَّهُمَا تَأْتِيَانِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ كَانُوكُمَا غَمَامَتَانِ أَوْ كَانُوكُمَا غَيَّابَتَانِ أَوْ
كَانُوكُمَا فِرْقَانِ مِنْ طَيْرِ صَوَافَّ تُحَاجَّانِ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِمَا ا قْرَءُوا
سُورَةَ الْبَقَرَةَ فَإِنَّ أَخْذَهَا بَرَكَةٌ وَتَرْكَهَا حَسْرَةٌ وَلَا تَسْتَطِعُهَا
الْبَطَلَةُ"

Abu Umama said he heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) say: Recite the Qur'an, for on the Day of Resurrection it will come as an intercessor for those who recite it. Recite the two bright ones, al-Baqara and Surah Al 'Imran, for on the Day of

Resurrection they will come as two clouds or two shades, or two flocks of birds in ranks, pleading for those who recite them. Recite Surah al-Baqara, for to take recourse to it is a blessing and to give it up is a cause of grief, and the magicians cannot confront it.²

- Surah Al Baqarah consists of categories of people, parables and stories of Adam (عليه السلام), Banu Israel, Ibrahim (عليه السلام), and Talut and Jalut. It also consists of legislation and commands, and emphasizes listening and obeying.
- It also makes a person free themselves from being selfish and proud because they learn to submit, not be rigid or ask too many questions.
- Surah Al Baqarah softens us to be flexible and not think that we have to be so perfect.

² Sahih Muslim 804

- Asking too many questions in the curriculum shows arrogance and a sense of fulfilling our desire of not wanting to make any mistakes. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us to change directions then we should change directions.
- Surah Al Baqarah helps us overcome our nafs which likes to ask too many questions, following its desires and not accept change.
- Surah Al Baqarah teaches us that it cannot handle someone rigid, stubborn and rough because this cannot be someone who represents the religion. A person needs to be “moist” and gentle.
- After Surah Al Baqarah, a person will be satisfied, but we always want to be protected because we have to be aware of our

weakness, what can penetrate us and strike us from behind.

- Surah Aal Imraan is about protecting what we have and to remain firm.
- Matters that can affect our firmness include:
 - Being discouraged
 - Being disappointed
 - Being afraid
 - And sins
- The whole concept of firmness is the heart. It is not about focusing on the limbs, but focusing on the heart so that it is in its right place.
- If the heart is in its place, then our head will be up and our feet will be down. But if our heart is unstable, then we will be upside down.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ
أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

[Who say], "Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

NAME OF THE SURAH

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 33 TO 37

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إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَى آدَمَ وَنُوحًا وَآلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلَ عِمْرَانَ عَلَى
الْعَالَمِينَ

Indeed, Allah chose Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of 'Imran over the worlds -

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ذُرِّيَّةً بَعْضُهَا مِنْ بَعْضٍ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

Descendants, some of them from others. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing.

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إِذْ قَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ عَمْرَانَ رَبِّ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لَكَ مَا فِي بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا
فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

[Mention, O Muhammad (ﷺ)], when the wife of 'Imran said, "My Lord, indeed I have pledged to You what is in my womb, consecrated [for Your service], so accept this from me. Indeed, You are the Hearing, the Knowing."

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فَلَمَّا وَضَعَتْهَا قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَضَعْتُهَا أُنْثَى وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعَتْ
وَلَيْسَ الذَّكَرُ كَالْأُنْثَى سُوِّيْنِيْتُهَا مَرِيْمَ وَإِنِّي أُعِيْذُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيْتَهَا
مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

But when she delivered her, she said, "My Lord, I have delivered a female." And Allah was most knowing of what she delivered, "And the male is not like the female. And I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge for her in You and [for] her descendants from Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of Allah]."

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فَتَقَبَّلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبْوِلٍ حَسَنٍ وَأَنْبَثَهَا نَبَاتًا حَسَنًا وَكَفَلَهَا زَكَرِيَّا كُلَّمَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا زَكَرِيَّا الْمِحْرَابَ وَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا رِزْقًا قَالَ يَا مَرْيَمُ أَنِّي لَكِ هَذَا قَالَتْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner and put her in the care of Zechariah. Every time Zechariah entered upon her in the prayer chamber, he found with her provision. He said, "O Mary, from where is this [coming] to you?" She said, "It is from Allah. Indeed, Allah provides for whom He wills without account."

- The Family of Imraan is an example of firmness. Who is the Family of Imraan? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) chose exclusively Adam (عليه السلام) as the first human, Nuh (عليه السلام) as the first messenger, the family of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) since he is the father of the prophets, and He chose the family of Imraan over all nations.

- We can understand messengers and prophets being firm, but even someone normal can be an example of firmness.
- And among the family of Imraan, who is specifically mentioned? Is Imraan mentioned? No. The wife of Imraan.
- She became pregnant, but did something very special. She wanted the child in her stomach to serve Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to be devoted to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- She made a vow to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that whatever is in her stomach to be purely for Him and she asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to accept it from her.

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- To make a vow is not easy because it takes firmness to fulfill it.
- She thought what was inside her stomach was a boy to serve Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but when she delivered it, she saw it was a girl. She made a vow to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and said “a boy is not like a girl”. It is important to understand her environment because it is not easy to place a girl as a worshipper. Though she was determined and firm in fulfilling her vow.

فَلَمَّا وَضَعْتُهَا قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَضَعْتُهَا أُنْثَىٰ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعَتْ
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- Her mother called her “Maryam” which means a devotee, and she sought refuge with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for her and her offspring to be protected from the shaitan. The mother knows the shaitan is an obstacle from remaining firm on the path.
- And who are the offspring of Maryam? Eisa (عليه السلام). So Maryam (peace be upon her)

together with her offspring (Eisa peace be upon him) are just two people, but their significance is great.

- It is important to always seek refuge with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from the shaitan because he is waiting for any moment to make us slip and penetrate us through our weakness.

فَتَقَبَّلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٍ حَسَنٍ وَأَنْبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا حَسَنًا

So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) accepted Maryam and made her grow a beautiful growth with purity, devoid of evil, desires, bad thinking or obscenities.
- Surah Aal Imraan is not because of the father, but the wife of Imraan and the mother of Maryam (peace be upon her). We may easily

focus on Maryam and Eisa (عليه السلام) and forget the mother, though had it not been for the mother and her truthful invocation and firmness, they would not have attained these great levels.

- And this shows us how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not forget everyone.

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- Those who repent to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be shown a great amount of love; He is Al Ghafoor Al Wadood (The All-Forgiving, The Most Loving). The one who repents is broken, they have fallen into sins, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will take them in and will not make them feel low. We may remember our sins, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will

not take it against us. He will replace our sins to good deeds.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US AMONG THE TRUTHFUL AND ALWAYS BE TRUTHFUL WITH ALLAH. AMEEN

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