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JOURNEY OF LOVE

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THE MOST BELOVED DAYS TO ALLAH

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INTRODUCTION

- We can sense when our faith is up or down because when our faith is up, we feel we are flying, and we are so excited and happy. And we see everything as fine, positive and good. But when our faith is down, we also feel down and look at things in a narrow way.
- Our religion is based on faith and the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah are totally different from Ramadan. The feelings in Ramadan are more about taqwa,

but in this time, it is more about love because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves those days.

- We want a journey of love to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we ask Him to make us go on this journey. We want to reach loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with all our heart and to do all that He loves. It is not about doing what I like or do not like, but to do what He loves.
- The journey of love is the journey of (lamd). We come to these days with nothing in our mind, but we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to teach us, guide us and inspire us.
- We want to attain the love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and surely He will guide us to it. And each good deed performed in this time is loved by Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى), so today's class is loved by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- If we did not know we entered the ten days of Dhul Hijjah, then we will feel yesterday is like today.
- We all want to be attached to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in this time, and what will help us? The takbeerat.

TAKBEERAT – PROCLAIMING THE GREATNESS OF ALLAH

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Allah is Most Great Allah is Most Great and to Allah
is all praise

- We say the takbeerat from the start to the end of the ten days of Dhul Hijjah, but what makes us feel down or low? When we magnify something else, whether we magnify our sins, or the mistakes of others. We do not want to feel down, so we need to remember “Allahu Akbar” – Allah is Greater.
- During hajj, the devils are loose unlike in Ramadan, so things can come up. And surely Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will nurture us to feel “Allahu Akbar”.
- We want to renew our contract on the Day of ‘Arafah and imagine these days are like a final exam with tests coming along the way, so we do not want to be fussy. We want to remember “Allah Akbar”.
- When there is complete submission and when we attach to Him, then we will praise Him. And we

cannot attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) if we make something big in our life.

THE JOURNEY OF LOVE

- There are steps to the journey of love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and in these days we look at these “steps”.
- These steps are actually the conditions of (لا إله إلا الله) which are seven. And each day we will take about one and how we need each one until we reach the final condition of love.

THE MEANING OF (لا إله إلا الله)

- No one is worthy of complete love and complete magnification except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). So only

He is worthy of being worshipped. (لا معبود بحق الا الله).

CONDITIONS OF (لا إله الا الله)

- For each condition there is nurturing that comes with it. And this nurturing is to push away from our desires until we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) purely.
- And notice for the ten days of Dhul Hijjah, there is the slaughter of the sacrifice and there is the throwing of the stones. This shows to overcome our desire is greater than just throwing stones at the devil.

Conditions 1 to 4 are more outer:

1. KNOWLEDGE WHICH BANISHES IGNORANCE

◦ Knowledge (العلم): to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We cannot love someone without knowing them first.

2. CERTAINTY WHICH BANISHES DOUBTS

◦ Certainty (اليقين): we not only need to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we need to be certain of Him. And He will nurture us so that we have certainty.

3. ACCEPTANCE WHICH BANISHES REJECTION

◦ Acceptance (القبول): to accept there is no one worthy of worship except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Some people are certain of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but they

reject Him. For example, Firaoun knew and was certain of (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), but he did rejected it due to his arrogance.

4. SUBMISSION WHICH BANISHES LEAVING

◦ Submission (الإنقياد): we should be obedient and not rebellious. And what stops us from submitting? Because there is something bigger in our life. For example, Iblis knew everything, but did not submit to the command of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

Conditions 5 to 7 are inner-feelings

5. TRUTHFULNESS WHICH BANISHES LYING

◦ Truthfulness (الصدق): this is to free the nafs from hypocrisy because someone may do something

from the outside, but inside they are not truthful in their intentions.

6. SINCERITY WHICH BANISHES ASSOCIATION

- Sincerity (الإخلاص): sincerity to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is also one of the conditions for our deeds to be accepted. What is the difference between truthfulness and sincerity?
- Before we perform a deed, we need to be truthful in doing it because we believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and love Him. And sincerity is to be sincere in our intentions while performing the deed. For example, we can be praised or dispraised while performing a deed which can cause our intention to change, so we need to purify it and make it sincere for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

◦ We are guests of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in these days, and we want to be a good, truthful and a sincere guest because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) looks at our hearts.

RIGHT OF ALLAH TO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH HIM

كنت رديف النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم، على حمار فقال: "يا معاذ هل تدرى ما حق الله على عباده، وما حق العباد على الله؟" قلت: الله ورسوله أعلم. قال: "إِنَّ حَقَ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْعَبَادِ أَنْ يَعْبُدُوهُ، وَلَا يُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَحَقُّ الْعَبَادِ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ لَا يَعْذَبَ مَنْ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا، فَقُلْتُ، يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا أَبْشِرُ النَّاسَ؟ قَالَ لَا تَبْشِرْهُمْ فَيَتَكَلَّوْا"

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ on a donkey. He (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, "O Mu'adh, do you know what is the right of Allah upon His slaves, and what is the Right of His slaves upon Allah?" I said: "Allah and His Messenger know

better". Upon this the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, "Allah's Right upon His slaves is that they should worship Him Alone and associate nothing with Him; and His slaves' right upon Him is that He should not punish who does not associate a thing with Him." He (Mu'adh) added: I said to the Messenger of Allah: "Shall I give the glad tidings to people?" He (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, "Do not tell them this good news for they will depend on it alone".¹

- It is the right of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to believe in Him and not give a share to anyone else in our worship. But what causes us to bring partners? Because our connection is not solid.
- When we have a solid connection and relationship, then we will not have doubts when something we do not expect happens. But if there

¹ Riyad As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Book 1, Hadith 426

are doubts, then it can easily fall apart or easily we can take others as partners.

- The right of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) upon His slaves is (لا إله إلا الله). Imagine we produce a beautiful project, but we do not know for whom we are doing it? We are perfecting it and trying to do our best, and this shows our focus is only our work, and not Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Why did Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) send messengers, books, and all the decrees? To witness (لا إله إلا الله). And the greatest scene we will witness during hajj is (لا إله إلا الله).

SURAH AL HAJJ 37

لَن يَنالَ اللَّهُ لُحُومُهُمْ وَلَا دِمَاؤُهُمْ وَلَكِن يَنالُهُ التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْكُمْ

Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you.

- We can easily give so much credit to what we sacrifice for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We might say, “I sacrificed my time, my health, my wealth for Allah”, so we feel honored or we give a share to ourselves. But what reaches Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)?
- The taqwa from us which means make our heart behave well with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We should not show ignorance, doubts, rejection, leaving, lying and insincerity to Him in our hearts. And this is the hajj of the heart.
- Hajj is the time when it is no longer about us, but it is all about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and this is purity. When we truly believe in (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) then everything will go right. This is what we want to live our life for, this is what we want to do tawaf for.
- In order to have a very good and solid relationship, surely there are phases, there are steps, and when

we reach the peak, we do not look at what we did in the past or our achievements. We will only see the love.

7. LOVE WHICH BANISHES HATE

- The final condition of (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). And all the previous conditions are based on respect and magnification first, and then there is love.
- There cannot be a solid relationship that jumps straight to love without respect, otherwise we will underestimate and look down at the other.
- If we truly want to respect Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we should not magnify anything else besides Him. We want to always remember Him and this frees us from our desires.

- The opposite of love is hate – someone can reach sincerity to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but they hate it, astaghfar Allah. And anyone who hates then it will nullify his deeds.

SURAH MOHAMMED 9

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَرِهُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ

That is because they disliked what Allah revealed,
so He rendered worthless their deeds.

- Sometimes a person can be doing something, but they hate it. Every condition is important and with each condition there is something that we leave behind by overcoming our nafs.
- The journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a journey of love, but to reach this, we need every condition. In order for our heart to truly love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we have to truly magnify Him and not something else.

- How can we love someone we do not know? And the more we know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more we will love Him, and to love all that He loves.
- When we love then we will fly to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى); we will not look at ourselves or what we do.
- It is a journey of feelings, but if we have wrong feelings and wrong emotions then it is because we have magnified something else.
- We do not want to be someone who is sad, depressed and harsh during hajj. We want to be someone soft, gentle and smiling.
- The journey of (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) is to love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and when we love Him, we will love the Prophet (ﷺ) and all of whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves. Then we will hate to go back to disbelief and this is the sweetness of faith.

◦ The sweetness of faith is when we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) more than anyone else, and we hate to go back to disbelief.

SWEETNESS OF FAITH

أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ . صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . " ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ طَعْمَ الْإِيمَانِ - وَقَالَ بُنْدَارٌ حَلَاوةُ الْإِيمَانِ - مَنْ كَانَ يُحِبُّ الْمَرْءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ . وَمَنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا . وَمَنْ كَانَ أَنْ يُلْقَى فِي النَّارِ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ أَنْ يَرْجِعَ فِي الْكُفْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ أَنْقَذَهُ اللَّهُ مِنْهُ "

It was narrated from Anas bin Malik that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

“There are three things, whoever has them has found the taste of faith (One of the narrators) Bundar said: ‘The sweetness of faith; When he loves a man and only loves him for the sake of Allah. When Allah and His Messenger are more beloved to him than anything else; and when being thrown

into the fire is dearer to him than going back to disbelief after Allah has saved him from it.”²

- We will notice before this series, we started the Name of Allah Al ‘Aleem (The All-Knower) and now we can see the direct impact of knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), which is the first condition of (إله لا إله).

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- *It is the right of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to believe in Him and not give a share to anyone else in our worship. But what causes us to bring partners? Because our connection is not solid.*
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² Sunan Ibn Majah 4033

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MAY ALLAH GRANT US HIS LOVE IN THE MOST BELOVED DAYS.

AMEEN.

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Allah is Most Great Allah is Most Great and to Allah is all praise

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