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THE MOST BELOVED DAYS TO ALLAH

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INTRODUCTION

LOVE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (ﷺ)

TAKBEERAT – PROCLAIMING THE GREATNESS
OF ALLAH

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

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◦ People try hard to build relationships with others. They buy gifts, they spend money, they go out of their way, but to say “as salam alaykum” builds our relationship with others. And not any kind of relationship, but a strong relationship of love, and that is when we will believe.

SPREAD SALAM TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه

وسلم : "لا تدخلوا الجنة حتى تؤمنوا ولا تؤمنوا حتى تحابوا أولاً

أدلّكم على شيء إذا فعلتموه تحاببتم؟ أفشوا السلام بينكم"

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, "By Him in Whose Hand is my life! You will not enter Jannah until you believe, and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I inform you

of something which, if you do, you will love one another? Promote greetings amongst yourselves.¹

- To say “assalam alaykum” (peace be upon you): is actually a dua where we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to grant the person peace, to be away from harm and any disturbance in their life.
- And to say “wa rahmat Allah” (and Allah’s mercy): is to ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to grant the person mercy and mercy is feelings.
- And “baraktuh” (His blessings): we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to grant the person blessings and increase them from what they have.
- We will not enter paradise until we believe, and to believe is to have a strong connection to Allah

¹ Riyad As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 6, Hadith 848

(سبحانه وتعالى), and we will not believe if we do not love each other. Love leads to faith and without love, our faith will be affected.

- The journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a journey of faith, a journey of love, and not a journey of limbs.
- To live in peace is important and to love each other is important, and that is by spreading the peace.
- To love is a great feeling and that is by spreading the salam.

SWEETNESS OF FAITH

TASTED 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 الْمَرءَ لَا يُحِبُّهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ . 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

◦ In order to have sweetness of faith, three things are required:

1. TO LOVE ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (ﷺ)

◦ To love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Messenger (ﷺ) more than anybody else. We are to love the

² Sunan Ibn Majah 4033

Messenger (ﷺ) more than our parents and ourselves.

2. TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR ALLAH

- To love others for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) includes loving them because they are believers, they are righteous, they have good values and so forth. So we love the messengers, the companions and those who love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- And love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not a love that is based on desires.

HONOR FOR THOSE WHO LOVE EACH OTHER FOR HIS SAKE

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "إِنَّ مِنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ لَأَنَّاسًا مَا هُمْ بِأَنْبِيَاءٍ وَلَا شُهَدَاءَ يَغْبِطُهُمُ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِمَكَانِهِمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى". قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ تُخْبِرُنَا مَنْ هُمْ. قَالَ "هُمْ قَوْمٌ تَحَابُّوا بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ عَلَى غَيْرِ أَرْحَامٍ وَلَا أَمْوَالٍ يَتَعَاطُونَهَا فَوَاللَّهِ إِنَّ

وُجُوهُهُمْ لَنُورٌ وَإِنَّهُمْ عَلَىٰ نُورٍ لَا يَخَافُونَ إِذَا خَافَ النَّاسُ وَلَا يَحْزُنُونَ
إِذَا حَزَنَ النَّاسُ". وَقَرَأَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ {أَلَا إِنَّ أُولَيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزُنُونَ} .

Narrated Umar ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him): He reported the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) as saying: There are people from the servants of Allah who are neither prophets nor martyrs; the prophets and martyrs will envy them on the Day of Resurrection for their rank from Allah, the Most High. They (the people) asked: Tell us, Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) who are they?

He replied: They are people who love one another for Allah, without having any mutual kinship and giving property to one. I swear by Allah, their faces will glow and they will be (sitting) in (pulpits of) light.

They will have no fear (on the Day) when the people will have fear, and they will not grieve when the people will grieve.

He then recited the following Qur'anic verse:
 "Behold! Verily for the friends of Allah there is no
 fear, nor shall they grieve."³

- To love each other for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a worship, and if we were alone, we will not know who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Those who love each other for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are awilya Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), they are the Companions of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because they are pure. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not be part of a companionship that is based on shirk.
- And those who are just and fair will also be on pulpits of light, and that is something not easy. And

³ Sunan Abi Dawud 3527

the underlying matter is they magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- They love each other out of respect and magnifying Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), so a person remains in that relationship because they love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They do not give up or follow their desires because the relationship based on faith.
- So surely any relationship based on desire will not taste the sweetness of faith.
- If someone is arguing during the hajj, then can they see the signs of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)؟ No, it requires peace to see the signs of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- To love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a very special love, and a person needs to struggle to keep that love.

They do not allow desires to come in between that love.

- To love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is to be connected and to be nurtured together, unlike someone whom we generally say salam to them.
- Situations and clashes happen between people, but it is to purify the relationship, though a person should not want to leave it.
- And love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) requires a great amount of purification because there is the love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that bonds them. It cannot be that we are attached to them if they are good, or dispraise them if we see bad from them.
- The clashes that happen are to be purified from our desires, and instead of giving up, we need to fight our desire and remain patient.

- Love needs to be maintained, love is fragile and a person needs to push away desires and fitna from it.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) took the Prophet (ﷺ) and Ibrahim (عليه السلام) (سبحانه وتعالى), but He dealt with them in intense ways to purify them, though they are so firm in their love because they love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They do not doubt what He commands them or decrees for them.
- To struggle to keep the love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the level of the sidiqeen – the truthful ones. We can be truthful in our worships, but to be truthful in our feelings requires even more struggle.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will grant those who love for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) no fear or sadness on the Day

of Judgement, why? Because they took care of their feelings in this life.

- We will not know the perfection of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) if we only look at ourselves. We need people and companions to see the perfection of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

3. TO HATE TO RETURN TO DISBELIEF

- They are terrified to go back to disbelief and be thrown in the fire after they were saved.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 106

يَوْمَ تَبَيَّضُ وُجُوهٌ وَتَسْوَدُ وُجُوهٌ فَمَا الَّذِينَ اسْوَدَتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ أَكَفَرُتُمْ
بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ

On the Day [some] faces will turn white and [some] faces will turn black. As for those whose faces turn black, [to them it will be said], "Did you disbelieve after your belief? Then taste the punishment for what you used to reject."

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CONDITIONS OF (الْإِيمَانُ بِاللَّهِ)

2. CERTAINTY WHICH BANISHES DOUBTS

- After learning and learning, then we need to be nurtured to the second level of yaqeen (certainty) which banishes all doubts.
- We may learn about the Name of Allah Ar Rabb – The Nurturer and Reformer – and then we will go through different situations with our family and friends to know we are being nurtured. Or we learn about the Name of Allah Al Ghaniy – The Most Rich – and then we see poverty, but no, we learned Allah is The Most Rich, so we believe He will grant us richness.
- Or we learn about Allah Al Mu'tee – The Giver – and we want to be given something, but we are not given. But we tell ourselves, “no Allah is The

Giver, Allah is The Giver, He will give me", so we practice our belief and the knowledge we know. Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give us, He will give us richness and this is yaqeen – certainty.

- Even if someone tells us, "we will not be given", we will say, "no, Allah is The Giver", even if someone tells us, "there is no cure", we will say, "Allah is Ash Shafee and there is a cure." We need to strive and believe in Him.
- So we cannot have certainty until we see the opposite, and then remain patient and see what we know.
- How can we reach the love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) if we doubt Him? How can we love someone we doubt?
- If certainty hits the heart, then we can fly, and this is the transition.

- To build trust with people requires time, and the trust can easily be broken, but if we have certainty in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the truth, then nothing can change it.
- Certainty will not be removed by doubts because if we are sure and have evidence, then how can we doubt Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Faith means there are no doubts and the best provision after certainty is pardoning and well-being.
- It is a great provision to have certainty and assurance, so a person will not be shaky.
- If we are exposed to many things and mingle with many people, then it will be difficult to see the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but if we are with the same people, then we will see focused nurturing.

- Sometimes people want to escape themselves because the nurturing puts them in a corner to change. There will be a restless feeling until we change, and if we do not, then we say, “I’ll go to someone else, or I’ll change jobs or whatever it may be.”
- The Companions were the best people because they never missed out on being nurtured with the Prophet (ﷺ) and witnessing everything with him.
- To be constant and focused on the study circles are important because to hear the same thing and learn the same will make the nurturing understood and impactful.
- If there are two people then the 3rd is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), so surely He will purify them to make them upright. If there are three people then the 4th is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But only Mohammed (ﷺ) and

Ibrahim (عليه السلام) had Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as their 2nd because they are Khalil Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). But for all of us, we need someone.

SURAH IBRAHIM 9 TO 10

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أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ بَنَاءُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَعَادٍ وَثَمُودًا وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ لَا يَعْلَمُهُمْ إِلَّا اللَّهُ جَاءَهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَرَدُوا أَيْدِيهِمْ فِي أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَقَالُوا إِنَّا كَفَرْنَا بِمَا أَرْسَلْنَا بِهِ وَإِنَّا لَفِي شَكٍّ مِمَّا تَدْعُونَا إِلَيْهِ مُرِيبٌ

Has there not reached you the news of those before you - the people of Noah and 'Aad and Thamud and those after them? No one knows them but Allah. Their messengers brought them clear proofs, but they returned their hands to their mouths and said, "Indeed, we disbelieve in that with which you have been sent, and indeed we are, about that to which you invite us, in disquieting doubt."

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قَالَتْ رَسُلُّهُمْ أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌ فَاطِرُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَدْعُوكُمْ لِيَغْفِرَ لَكُم مِّنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُؤْخِرَكُمْ إِلَى أَجَلٍ مُّسَمٍّ قَالُوا إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُنَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَصْدُّونَا عَمَّا كَانَ يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُنَا فَأَتُونَا بِسُلْطَانٍ مُّبِينٍ

Their messengers said, "Can there be doubt about Allah, Creator of the heavens and earth? He invites you that He may forgive you of your sins, and He delays your death for a specified term." They said, "You are not but men like us who wish to avert us from what our fathers were worshipping. So bring us a clear authority."

- The theme of Surah Ibrahim is about blessings of the deen, and to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), لا إله إلا الله (Allah) and tawheed are great blessings.
- The messengers came with clear evidence to the previous nation, and not only to have knowledge, but certainty. The people could see the miracles, but what did they do?

- They said, “we disbelieve in all that you have been sent with”, why? Because they connected it to their forefathers and did not want to change.
- They said, “you are humans who are stopping us from worshipping what our fathers worshipped.”.
- When certainty comes, it makes a person restless and know they need to change, but ego and desires stop them.
- Then they said, “we have doubts”, so the messengers said, “do you doubt Allah?”.
◦ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Apparent and Most Visible in this life, how can we doubt Him?
- Those who rebel and are tyrants do not have doubts about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but they only say they have doubts. Just as Firaoun had full certainty in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but was rebellious and fought against it.

SURAH AN NAML 14

وَجَحَدُوا بِهَا وَاسْتَيْقَنُتْهَا أَنفُسُهُمْ ظُلْمًا وَعُلُوًّا فَانظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ

عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

And they rejected them, while their [inner] selves were convinced thereof, out of injustice and haughtiness. So see how was the end of the corrupters.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) calls us with messengers and messages in order to forgive our sins. And He will make us live in this life until our time comes. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgive us. Ameen.
- People of yaqeen are those who benefit from the signs, are guided and will be leaders.

SURAH AS SAJDAH 24

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أَئِمَّةً يَهْدِونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا صَبَرُوا وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ

And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs.

- How can someone be a leader or a good example if they have doubts? Subhan Allah.

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- Certainty will not be removed by doubts because if we are sure and have evidence, then how can we doubt Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Faith means there are no doubts and the best provision after certainty is pardoning and well-being.
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MAY ALLAH GRANT US CERTAINTY. AMEEN.

الله أكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

الله أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allaahu akbar, Allaahu akbar, Allahu akbar , Laa ilaaha ill-Allaah

Allaahu akbar, Allaahu akbar, wa Lillaah il-hamد

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

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