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LIVE WITH THE QUR'AN: SURAH AAL IMRAAN

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INTRODUCTION

- There are things that take time it takes time to learn, it takes time to be nurtured. But it is important to never lower the standard, never cause any kind of conflict or argument.
- We are representing the religion of Allah (وتعالی) and we should not think it does not matter if we argue with another. Allah (سبحانه) makes us witness to (la) and witness to (وتعالی) (establishing the creation in justice).

If one person in a "boat" makes conflict then everyone will sink.

- We all know what we resemble in Islam and we know what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has made us to witness to (la). We all know what we are created for, so we do not need to be confused.
- o It is important to ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to be sincere and truthful, and to fulfill the role we have.
- The religion with Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) is Islam and for each person, Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) opened for them, so no one needs to tell us what we are good at, but conflict happens when we either do everything or are confused about what we are doing.

what is good for us. Sometimes Allah (وتعالى) made it easy for us to spend on orphans or food, so we do not need to be jealous of someone whom Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has opened this for them. When this is clear, then we will make dua for everyone and everyone will be united.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 132

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And obey Allah and the Messenger (Muhammad صلی الله علیه وسلم) that you may obtain mercy.

There are things that take time, but there are things that will quickly be stopped, and that is when we cross our boundaries with others.

- It is important to help each other to do their job, and that is by being firm in performing our job because this will support everyone, and it will be a beautiful and harmonious picture.
- If someone is truly busy with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then he will be firm and he will be a means to make others firm as well. But if we do not know what's going on or do not remain in our position, then we will just "go away with the wind".
- It is important to not disrespect anyone or look down on anyone due to their sins because if we look down on others, then we will be afflicted with that sin.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ وَبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنتَ الْوَهَّابُ

(They say): "Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from You. Truly, You are the Bestower."

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- Firmness does not start from below, but it begins from the top. How do we expect our children to be firm if we are not firm?
- The One Who will have the best impact on our firmness is Allah Al Hayy Al Qayyoom (The Ever-Living, The Self-Sustaining Master). The Names "Al Hayy Al Qayyoom" include all the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and some scholars said it is the greatest Name of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- o Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is always Al Hayy Al Qayyoom and nothing will ever affect His life and

- nothing will ever affect His taking care and looking after us.
- Sometimes we say we want to be firm in our position or want someone to help us, but the One Whom we need to get our strength and firmness from is Allah Al Hayy Al Qayyoom and that is by believing in Him. His Life is perfect with no death, no sleep, no slumber, no negligence and no heedlessness and His Life is the best standard from all aspects.
- Allah Al Qayyoom constantly looks after all our affairs. He looks after our food, guidance and nurturing. There are no gaps in how He looks after us, so we need to be firm in believing in Him because He is firm in maintain us and our life. When we understand He is nurturing us with all His decrees and ayat then

we will appreciate His love, kindness and nurturing.

What will make us remain in our position, know our position, respect those who are older and have mercy towards the younger, and not transgress? When we believe in Allah (مبيحانه).

RESPECT THE ELDERS AND BE MERCIFUL TO THE YOUNG

فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صلى الله عليه وسلم "لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ . صَغِيرَنَا وَبُوَقِّرْكَبِيرَنَا"

The Prophet (*) said: "He is not one of us who does not have mercy on our young and does not respect our elders."

We want to be firm in our position and not exceed our boundaries, and this will make us enjoy and be pleased.

¹ Jami` at-Tirmidhi 1919

- When we say Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is firm with us it means. He is steadfast in teaching us and nurturing us, but when we transgress against others then He will be quick in account.
- There are sins that a person will not see its impact in this life, but in the hereafter. But there are two sins that a person must see its impact and punishment both in this life and the next. What are these two sins?

TWO SINS PUNISHED IN THIS LIFE BEFORE THE NEXT

اثنانِ يُعجِّلُهما اللهُ في الدنيا: البغيُ ، وعقوقُ الوالدَينِ.

Two sins whose punishment is hastened in this life: transgression and disobedience to parents.²

² Sahih Aj Jami'e 137, Authenitcated as Sahih

1. DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS (العقوق)

Disobedience to parents (العقوق) in any way, whether to speak louder than them, shouting or misbehavior towards them. It is important to show so much humility to them, and low our wings to them, and not make "puff" our wings and scare them.

SURAH AL ISRAA 24

وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُل رَّبِ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبِّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

And lower unto them the wing of submission and humility through mercy, and say: "My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was young."

We should not say "uff" to them, or say "you already said this before, you're repeating it" or "don't you hear me, I already you before".
And on the Sirat, our relationship with our

family will either help us forward or take us down.

SURAH AL ISRAA 23

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ﴿ إِمَّا يَبْلُغَنَّ عِندَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُل لَّهُمَا أُفٍ وَلَا تَنْهَرُهُمَا عِندَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُل لَّهُمَا أُفٍ وَلَا تَنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُل لَّهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour.

How do we expect Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to be pleased with us if our parents are not pleased with us? Of course this does not mean obeying the parents in disobedience of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

It is important to smile at our parents, say salam to them, accept it if they repeat their words, or even if they speak to us with a louder tone.

PLEASURE OF ALLAH IN THE PARENT'S PLEASURE

رضا الرَّبِّ في رضا الوالِدِ ، وسخَطُ الرَّبِّ في سَخَطِ الوالِدِ The Lord's pleasure is in the parent's pleasure, and the Lord's anger is in the parent's anger.³

And now we said from the signs of the Day of Judgement is when the child becomes "master" to the parent such that the parents are not scared of their children and will give in to whatever their children want so that they do not explode on them.

³ Sahih Aj Jami'e 3506, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan

SIGN OF THE HOUR – CHILDREN ARE MASTERS TO THEIR PARENTS

قَالَ فَمَا أَمَارَتُهَا قَالَ " أَنْ تَلِدَ الْأَمَةُ رَبَّتَهَا ".

He asked: 'Then what are its signs (The Day of Judgement)?' he said: 'When the slave woman gives birth to her mistress'.4

And it is important to tell them to stop when there is transgression because the parent cares for them and does not want punishment to befall them. Knowing this will put everyone in their position and keep everyone firm and safe.

2. EXCEEDING THE BOUNDARIES (البغي)

It is important to respect everyone as a person
 our spouses, our children, those working for us, friends, siblings and so forth.

⁴ Sunan Ibn Majah 63

ALL THINGS OF A MUSLIM ARE INVIOLABLE

المسلم كل المسلم على المسلم حرام دمه وماله وعرضه

All things of a Muslim are inviolable for his brother-in-faith: his blood, his property and his honour".5

- This means there is a sanctity between one another, meaning we cannot put someone down, we cannot harm others in any way, we cannot transgress against the property and money of others. We cannot steal, cheat and take what does not belong to us. We cannot speak badly about the honor, position and chastity of a person. These are principles of Islam in society, and there is no religion that will call to this except Islam.
- Being disobedient and undutiful to parents is part of transgression but it is mentioned

⁵ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Introduction, Hadith 235

- separately due to the great position given to parents.
- They are to be told noble and honorable words, they are to treated like kings and queens. We should not treat them as the same level as we are. No matter how kind they are, they are not the same level as us, they are our mother and father. And surely we will get nurtured with them, but it is all mercy for us.

SURAH LUQMAN 14

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنًا عَلَىٰ وَهْنٍ وَفِصَالُهُ فِي عَوَصَالُهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنِ اشْكُرْلِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَيَّ الْمُصِيرُ

And We have enjoined on man (to be dutiful and good) to his parents. His mother bore him in weakness and hardship upon weakness and hardship, and his weaning is in two years - give thanks to Me and to your parents. Unto Me is the final destination.

o Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not accept someone who transgresses, and these are matters that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be quick to punish because it will cause extreme imbalance.

ALLAH HAS FORBIDDEN INJUSTICE

عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم فِيمَا رَوَى عَنِ اللَّهِ، تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى أَنَّهُ قَالَ " يَا عِبَادِي إِنِّي حَرَّمْتُ الظُّلْمَ عَلَى نَفْسِي وَجَعَلْتُهُ أَنَّهُ قَالَ " يَا عِبَادِي إِنِّي حَرَّمْتُ الظُّلْمَ عَلَى نَفْسِي وَجَعَلْتُهُ بَنَّهُ مُحَرَّمًا فَلاَ تَظَالَمُوا بَيْنَكُمْ مُحَرَّمًا فَلاَ تَظَالَمُوا

Abu Dharr reported Allah's Messenger (وسلم) as saying that Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, said: My servants, I have made oppression unlawful for Me and unlawful for you, so do not commit oppression against one another.6

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will never be unjust with us, or make us feel bad. Injustice will be darknesses on the Day of Judgement, this means a

⁶ Sahih Muslim 2577

person will not see the light. We will be unable to learn or continue our path is there is injustice because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not leave it. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us dutiful to our parents and never transgress against others. Ameen.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 19

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِندَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِن اللهِ عَندَ اللهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِن بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ مِن بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ مِن بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَن يَكُفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللهِ مَا لَحِسَابِ اللَّهُ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam.

And those who were given the Scripture did not differ except after knowledge had come to them - out of jealous animosity between themselves. And whoever disbelieves in the verses of Allah, then indeed, Allah is swift in [taking] account.

- If the people witness to (la), then how should they be with others? They should be fair and just – (قائما بالقسط), not fighting others or being in conflict with one another.
- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) mentions what can happen with those with knowledge. When knowledge comes, it is a source of honor and elevation, it is not to be in conflict or argument.

SURAH AL MUJADILA 11

Allah will exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge. And Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do.

- With knowledge, one's belief is higher, one's speech and actions are higher, but what will cause the person to lose that honor?
- و (الله مِن بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ) (except after knowledge had come to them out of jealous animosity between themselves.): People of the Book will surely behave differently from someone without a Book. The one with knowledge should be humble and not exceed the boundaries. Those who are given a Book should be connected and firm in their place, but People of the Book become in conflict, why? Due to transgression.
- And this is saddening when people of knowledge transgress against others. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us something, we do

- not need to put others down with that knowledge.
- There are people who will put down scholars and say, "look at this hadith" and look what you said.
- Some people know the truth, but they can be very mean and rude to others. We can find this behavior when people first acquire knowledge and start being disrespectful to their parents and siblings by saying, "look at you, this is haram" and so forth. We seek refuge with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from transgression.
- And we transgress when we follow our desires and not follow the knowledge. It is important to be respectful and humble to one another.
- o (وَمَن يَكُفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ) (And whoever disbelieves in the verses of Allah,): only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can

make us firm and to be firm is to be merciful and kind to others. When the weather changes and when our heart changes are all ayat. When we look at the ayat, we will glow, be soft and kind, but when we only look at sins, faults and our ego then we will be hard and rough.

- o Firmness is when we accept the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) with whatever He takes us, and we need to appreciate it that Allah (سبحانه) is telling us this. Truly no one loves us and cares for us more than Allah (سبحانه وتعالی).
- The Signs of Allah include those of the Qur'an and Sunnah and the universal signs.
- نَا الله سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ) (then indeed, Allah is swift in [taking] account.): and if we disbelieve in

the Signs of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then He is quick in account. And the Name "Allah" is mentioned and not "Ar Rabb" (The Lord, The Nurturer) because now it is not about nurturing, but about magnifying Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and submitting to Him.

The Name "Allah" stops all questions and to submit immediately. To be in conflict in Islam is great, so Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will stop it.

SURAH AL ANBIYAA 23

لَا يُسْأَلُ عَمَّا يَفْعَلُ وَهُمْ يُسْأَلُونَ

He cannot be questioned as to what He does, while they will be questioned.

We cannot say, "why Allah are you doing this to me?", astaghfar Allah, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will ask us.

- When there is any kind of imbalance, only Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) can rebalance it because He is quick in account. He considers every word, every action and every movement of heart when accounting us. So the result and punishment is in line and equal to the sin.
- If someone transgresses in doing something, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will calculate and account whom we transgressed against, what we said, the words we used, the tone we said it, the intensity of the misbehavior we showed and our intentions.
- It is important to be humble to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)
 because we cannot accept this kind of command except from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- There are people who transgress, but it is worse when it is someone with knowledge.

Islam is the religion of peace and unity, but there is separation when there is transgression. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not accept it and He discloses to us that He is quick in accounting. He made it clear so that we are more conscious, respectful and that we magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

In order to remain in our place, we need this type of disclosure from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so that we do not transgress. And this is good for us to fear the One Who is worthy of being feared, so that we are protected from the evil of ourselves.

SUPPLICATION TO HAVE OUR HEARTS MENDED

O Allah, join our hearts, mend our social relationship, guide us to the path of peace, bring us from darkness to light, save us from obscenities, outward or inward, and bless our ears, our eyes, our hearts, our wives, our children, and relent toward us; You are The Acceptor of Repentance, the Merciful. And make us grateful for Your blessing and make us praise it while accepting it and give it to us in full.⁷

The shaitan will not go to people of ignorance, rather he will come to good people in order to spoil them, so we need to

⁷ Sunan Abi Dawud 969, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

be firm and not transgress because Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) is quick in accounting. And overall, Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) loves us and does not want our standard to become less. And to take the nurturing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالی) is coolness of eyes, alhamdulilah Rabb Al 'Alameen.

PLEASED WITH ALLAH AS OUR LORD

رَضِيتُ بِاللهِ رَبّاً وَبِالإسْلامِ ديناً وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيّاً.

But those firm in knowledge say, "We believe in it. All [of it] is from our Lord." And no one will be reminded except those of understanding. Raḍītu billāhi Rabba, wa bil-Islāmi dīna, wa bi-Muḥammadin (ṣallallāhu `alayhi wa sallama) nabiyya.

I am pleased with Allah as my Lord, with Islam as my religion, and with Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as my Prophet.⁸

MAY ALLAH MAKE US DUTIFUL TO OUR PARENTS AND PROTECT US FROM TRANSGRESSION. AMEEN.

⁸ At-Tirmidhi 5/465

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