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SURAH BAQARAH

We continue with our discussion on Surah Baqarah.

Alhamdulillah, we have completed 29 Ayaats of this Surah.

Allah Ta'ala says from the 30th Ayat:

- (Remember) when your Lord said to the angels, I am going to create a deputy on the earth! They said, Will You create there one who will spread disorder on the earth and cause bloodshed, while we proclaim Your purity, along with your praise, and sanctify Your name? He said, Certainly, I know what you know not.
- And He taught 'Adam the names, all of them; then presented them before the angels, and said, tell me their names, if you are right.
- They said, To You belongs all purity! We have no knowledge except what You have given us. Surely, you alone are the All-knowing, All-wise.
- He said, O 'Adam, tell them the names of all these. When he told them their names, Allah said, Did I not tell you that I know the secrets of the skies and of the earth, and that I know what you disclose and what you conceal.
- And when We said to the angels: Prostrate yourselves before 'Adam! So, they prostrated themselves, all but Iblis (Satan). He refused and became one of the Kafirun (the dis-believer).
- And We said, O 'Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise; and eat at pleasure wherever you like, but do not go near this tree, otherwise you will be (counted) among the transgressors.

- Then, Satan caused them to slip from it, and brought them out of where they had been. And We said, Go down, all of you, some of you the enemies of others; and on the earth there will be for you a dwelling place and enjoyment for a time.
- Then 'Adam learned certain words (to pray with) from his Lord; so, Allah accepted his repentance. No doubt, He is the Most-Relenting, the Very-Merciful.

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّنَا تَوْبَةٌ لَّنَا وَتَرَحَّمْنَا لِنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers.

- We said, Go down from here, all of you. Then, should some guidance come to you from Me, those who follow My guidance shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve.
- As for those who disbelieve, and deny Our signs, they are the people of the Fire. They shall dwell in it forever.

DARS UL HADITH

We continue from our last lesson, and the topic we are discussing is "Kitabul Akhlaaq" The book of Manners.

Previously, we discussed 4 chapters:

1st chapter we learnt the importance of showing Mercy to one another.

2nd chapter we learnt the importance of showing Kindness to one another.

3rd chapter we learnt the importance of Generosity and to be away from stinginess and selfishness.

4th chapter we learnt the importance of forgiveness.

These are qualities we must bring in us, to be better Muslims, better husband or/and wife, better father or/and mother and a better son or/and daughter.

This week's chapter is on Doing Good.

To do an act of kindness, too, is a branch of compassion, or, rather, its fruit. It can have many forms, such as, the doing someone a favour, the offering a gift, or the rendering a service or acting in any other manner that may be a source of joy or comfort to anyone, the Nabi of Allah Hs urged upon his followers to make all these a part of their social and moral behaviour.

1st Hadith, Anas Radhiyallahu anhu and Abdullah Radhiyallahu anhu both related to us that the messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said, "The creatures are the family of Allah Ta'ala. Thus, the most beloved to Allah, in the whole creation, is he who does good to the members of His family."

2nd Hadith, it is related by Huzayfah Radhiyallahu anhu that the messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said,

"Do not be those who do as the others do,

and say that we will do them a favor if they do us a favor,

and if they will be mean and unjust to us, then we too, will be mean and unjust to them,

on the contrary, resolve that you will do good if the others do good, and if they do a wrong and act unjustly, even then you will not be unfair to them.

3rd Hadith, Sayyidina Anas Radhiyallahu anhu said that the messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said, "He who fulfils the need of any of my people to make him happy, truly makes Me happy. And, he who makes me happy, in fact, makes Allah happy. And, he who makes Allah happy, Allah will make him enter Jannah".

4th Hadith, it is related by Abu Hurayrah Radhiyallahu anhu that the messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said, "Whoever exerts himself for the sake of a helpless widow or a weak and indigent man is equal in recompense to him who exerts himself in the path of Allah".

The narrator adds, "And I think the prophet also said that, "he is like the bondsman who spend his nights in

prayer, and does not feel tired, and the bondsman who fasts through the year, and never goes without a fast".

From all the above Hadith we can see, an act of kindness is most pleasing to Allah Ta'ala., no matter to what kind or class it belongs or to whom it is done.

ILM UL FIQH

Chapter 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF SALAAH

After cleanliness has been achieved, one should be in a state of remembrance of Allah and pray to Him. Salah is the best form of worship that Allah has provided as a gift to His slaves.

In many of its verses, the Quraan emphasises the necessity, obligation and virtue of Salah.

For example:

- "Verily salah is enjoined on the believers at fixed hours."
- "Establish Salaah at the two ends of the day and in some hours of the night."
- "Verily, good deeds remove the evil deeds. This is a reminder for the mindful."
- "Establish salah from the midday until the dark of the night, and the recital of the Quraan at dawn. Verily, the recital of the Quraan at dawn is ever witnessed."
- Glorify the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun, and before its setting, and during some hours of the night and at the sides of the day, that you may find acceptance."
- "Successful indeed are the believers, those who are fearful and humble in their Salah..."

Virtue of Salah in the Hadith:

- Abu Hurayrah Radhiyallahu anhu narrated: I heard the Messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam saying, "If there was a river at the door of anyone and he took a bath in it five times a day, would there notice any dirt on him? They said, 'Not a trace of dirt would be left'. Nabi then said: "That is the example of the five daily obligatory prayers by which Allah erases sins."
- Abu Hurayrah Radhiyallahu anhu narrated that the Messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said, "the first act that a slave of Allah will be accountable for on the Day of judgement will be Salaah. If it is good, then the rest of the acts will

be good. And if it is evil, then the rest of his acts will be evil.”

- It is one of the last things that the Messenger of Allah commended his ummah to hold firmly to before he passed away, saying “salah! Salah! And you slaves.”

History

Salah was the first act of worship to be made obligatory by Allah. Its sanctioning as obligatory was revealed directly to the Messenger of Allah during his ascension to heaven.

Al-Bukhaari and Muslim narrated from Anas ibn Maalik (may Allah be pleased with him) the famous hadeeth of the Isra' (Prophet's Night Journey) in which it is reported that the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said:

“Then Allah revealed what He revealed to me and enjoined fifty prayers on me every day and night. I came back down to Moosa (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) and he said: What did your Lord enjoin upon your ummah? I said: Fifty prayers. He said: Go back to your Lord and ask Him to reduce it... I kept going back and forth between my Lord, may He be blessed and exalted, and Moosa (peace be upon him), until He said: ‘O Muhammad, they are five prayers each day and night, for every prayer there will be a tenfold (reward), and that is fifty prayers.’”

Those on whom salaah is Fard

Salaah is obligatory upon:

- Muslims
- Who are Sane
- And have reached

Children should be ordered to pray the salaah when they are 7, and they should be disciplined if they neglect the salaah after they reach the age of 10.

ILM UL AQAID

Firstly, we must understand that as Muslims we are required to believe in all the articles of faith.

And What is believing?

Believing means to have firm yaqeen (conviction) in the heart and at the same time to proclaim it by the tongue.

Now what are the Articles of faith?

Imaan (believes) of a Muslim has been put into 2 statements mentioned by the Ulama:

1- Imaan Mujmal

أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ بِأَسْمَائِهِ وَصِفَاتِهِ وَقَبِلْتُ جَمِيعَ أَحْكَامِهِ

I affirm my faith in Allah as He is with all His Names and Attributes and I accept all of His Commands.

2- Imaan Mufassal

أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْقَدْرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَالْبَعْثِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ

I affirm my faith in Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messengers, the day of judgment, in that the fate good and bad is predetermined by Allah and in coming to life after death (resurrection).

So, in a nutshell these 2 statements mentioned by the Ulama whilst looking into Quraan and Hadith makes mention of all the articles of faith that a Muslim are required to believe in.

In the previous months we went over the beliefs regarding Allah Ta'ala in some detail and beliefs concerning nubuwwah, we also discussed our beliefs regarding the angels and the books that Allah Ta'ala sent.

Last month we started with the “Beliefs regarding the Qabr – signs of Qiyaamah – Qiyaamah – Jannat and Jahannam”

Beliefs concerning Qiyaamah

Rasoolullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam has mentioned some events and signs by means of which the proximity of Qiyaamah may be deduced.

The signs of Qiyaamah are of two kinds:

1. The lesser / Minor signs, those events which will take place from the time of Rasoolullah birth to the appearance of Hadhrat Mahdi. The first sign is the honourable birth of Rasoolullah.

2. The Major Signs, those events which will take place after the appearance of Hadhrat Mahdi till the blowing of the trumpet.

The lesser / Minor signs

- Ignorance of Deen will increase greatly.
- People will disobey their parents and disrespect them.

- People will not trust each other.
- Singing, music and dancing will become common.
- Illiterate people will become leaders.
- People will speak ill of their ancestors and the previous pious people.
- Fornication will become rampant.
- Shame and modesty will be eliminated.
- The female population will increase.
- People of low means will begin to boast of high buildings.
- Unworthy people will be given high posts.
- Speaking Lies will become common.
- Alcohol and drugs will become common.
- Earthquakes will increase.
- People will not care about Halaal and Haraam.
- Public funds will be regarded as private property.
- There will be much bloodshed and violence.
- People will not want to give Zakaat.
- Wives will rule their husbands.
- People will desire death due to the evil and false practices that will become rampant.

DUAA'S TO LEARN

Dua to be recited in the evening

أَمْسَيْنَا وَأَمْسَى الْمُلْكُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ
إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ فَتَحَهَا وَنَصْرَهَا
وَنُورَهَا وَبَرَكَتَهَا وَهُدَاهَا وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا
فِيهَا وَشَرِّ مَا بَعْدَهَا

The evening has come to me and the whole universe belongs to Allah who is The Lord of the worlds. O Allah, I ask of you the good of the night, it's success and aid and its nur (celestial light) and barakaat (blessings) and seek hidayat (guidance) and refuge from the evil of this night and the evil that is to come later.

Alternatively, recite this dua

اللَّهُمَّ بِكَ أَمْسَيْنَا وَبِكَ أَصْبَحْنَا وَبِكَ نَحْيَا وَبِكَ
مَمُوتٌ وَإِلَيْكَ النُّشُورُ

O Allah we enter the night and the day and live and die with Your Qudrat (strength) and to You do we return.

After the expiry of Maghrib time, recite this dua

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا إِقْبَالُ لَيْلِكَ وَإِدْبَارُ نَهَارِكَ
وَأَصْوَاتُ دُعَاتِكَ فَاعْفِرْ لِي

O Allah, this is the time of the coming of the night and the passing of the day and the voices of those calling You to forgive us.

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