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TAFSEER UL QURAAN

SURAH BAQARAH

We continue with our discussion on Surah Baqarah.

O Children of Isra'il (the Israelites), remember My blessing that I conferred upon you, and fulfil the covenant with Me, and I shall fulfil your covenant, and have awe of Me alone.

[2:41]

And have faith in what I have revealed, confirming what is already with you, and do not be the first to deny it, nor take a paltry price for My verses. Fear Me alone.

[2:42]

and do not confound truth with falsehood, and do not hide the truth when you know (it).

[2:43]

And be steadfast in Salah (prayer), and pay Zakah, and bow down with those who bow down.

[2:44]

Do you enjoin righteousness upon others while you ignore your own selves, although you keep reciting the Book? Have you then no sense?

[2:45]

Seek help through patience and prayer. It is indeed demanding, but not for those who are humble in their hearts,

[2:46]

who bear in mind that they are to meet their Lord, and that to Him they are to return.

DARS UL HADITH

We continue with the topic we are discussing, that is "Kitabul Akhlaaq" The book of Manners.

Previously, we discussed 5 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.

5th chapter Doing Good to and for people.

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 "Even the smallest Act of Goodness is Precious in the Judgement of Allah".

Sayyidina Abu Zarr Ghiffari Radhiyallahu anhu related to us that the messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said,

"Let no one of you consider any form of doing good of little value. If you have nothing to give to a brother, you should, at least, meet him with a smile on your face.

And when you buy or cook meat, increase the gravy, (by adding more water into it), and take out a spoonful from it for your neighbour".

This Hadith emphasises that everyone should make it a point to be kind and helpful to his relatives, friends or neighbours. He should give gifts to them, according

to his means, he should give what he can afford and not hold himself back thinking that it is valueless.

And if he has nothing worth giving, he should at the least meet his brother with a cheerful face.

This action of smiling and meeting with a cheerful face may look very small but this act has great effects. It makes the on looker comfortable, at ease, relaxed and loved.

Sayyidina Jabri Radhiyallahu anhu related to us that the messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said,

Do not consider any form of kindness insignificant and one of its form is that you meet your brother with a cheerful face. It is also an act of kindness that you pour water from your bucket into the vessel of your brother”.

This Hadith like the preceding Hadith makes use of examples to stress that no act of kindness is insignificant in the sight of Allah. A person should not hesitate to render what little service he can to others.

ILM UL FIQH

Chapter 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF SALAAH

NEGLECTING SALAH

If any Muslim denies that salah is obligatory then he became an unbeliever.

Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said, “between a person and unbelief is discarding salaah”.

THE NUMBER OF FARD SALAAH

The number of Fard salah is five.

Fajr – Zuhr – Asr – Maghrib – Isha

A Bedouin with scattered hair came to the Messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam and said, “O Messenger of Allah, inform me of what Allah has made obligatory on me as regards to Salaah?” Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said, “Five Salaah, unless you do others voluntarily”.

THE NUMBER OF RAKAATS

The Fard of:

- Fajr is 2 Rakaats,
- Zuhar has 4 Rakaats,

- Asr has 4 Rakaats,
- Maghrib has 3 Rakaats,
- Isha has 4 Rakaats

THE TIMES OF SALAAH

The 5-time Salaah must be performed at their specific appointed times.

Allah Ta’ala says in the Quraan, “Verily salaah is enjoined on the believers at fixed hours”.

The Fajr Salaah

The starting time for Fajr Salaah is when the true dawn breaks, that is, when whiteness marks the horizon and lasts until sunrise.

It is preferable to pray Fajr Salaah when the morning light becomes clear.

The Zuhr Salaah

The starting time for Zuhr Salaah is after the sun has gone past its zenith, its last time, according to Imaam Abu Hanifah, is when the shadow of anything becomes twice its length.

In Summer, it is preferable to delay the salah until it is cooler and pray in the winter when the sun declines.

The Asr Salaah

The time of Asr begins when the time of Zuhr has elapsed, that is when the shadow is twice its length. Its lasts until the sun sets.

The preferred time to pray the Asr Salaah is before the sun becomes yellowish in the horizon.

To delay the salaah until the sun becomes yellowish, although it is permissible, is much disliked.

The Maghrib Salaah

The time of the Maghrib Salaah begins after the sun has set and lasts as long as shafaq (twilight) has not disappeared.

Shafaq is the whiteness that follows the redness on the horizon.

It is preferable to pray Maghrib early in its time duration.

The Isha Salaah

The time of Isha Salaah begins when the Shafaq has disappeared and it lasts until the time of Fajr Salaah.

The preferred time of Isha is up to a third of the night.

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 signs of Qiyaamah. We discussed the lesser / minor signs of Qiyaamah.

Now we go on to the Major Signs.

The Advent of Hazrat Mahdi

Mahdi in Arabic means "rightly guided". Many such Mahdi's have come and will continue to come.

But the Mahdi who is mentioned in the Ahadith will make his appearance very close to Qiyamah as foretold by Rasulullaah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam.

He will be from the progeny of Hazrat Fatima.

His name will be Muhammad

His father's name will be Abdullah

His mother's name Amina.

He will resemble Rasulullaah. Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam

He will be tall,

Have a bright and broad forehead.

He will have a long high-bridged nose.

He will speak with a stutter.

Sometimes, due to difficulty in speech, he would strike his thighs with his hands.

His knowledge will be an inspiration from Allah.

He will be a resident of Madinah.

He will appear at the age of forty in Makkah.

The Ulama of Syria and Iraq will pledge allegiance to him.

He will remove the treasure buried under the Ka'bah and distribute them amongst the Muslims.

He will first rule over the Arabs and then the entire world will be under his rule.

He will restore peace and justice to the entire world.

All his actions will be in accordance to the Shariah of Rasulullaah. Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam

During his lifetime, Dajjaal will appear

Hazrat Isa will descend from the sky and perform his Salaah behind Hadrat Mahdi.

In the same year, during the month of Ramadan, there will be two eclipses – an eclipse of the sun and an eclipse of the moon.

During his reign, Islam will flourish.

Hadrat Mahdi will go for the Ziyarat of Rasulullaah Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam and then proceed to Damascus.

There he will be confronted by an army comprising of eighty groups.

Hazrat Mahdi will prepare an army from Damascus and fight the army. In this battle, the Muslims will be divided into three groups.

One will turn their backs and flee.

Their repentance will not be accepted, and they will die as non-Muslims.

2nd group will be rewarded with martyrdom.

3rd group will be victorious and will always be saved from destruction and all forms of evil.

DUAA'S TO LEARN

When fever or pain increases

If fever rise or pain increases:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الْكَبِيرِ أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ مِنْ شَرِّ
كُلِّ عَرَقٍ نَعَّارٍ وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَرِّ النَّارِ

"I seek relief taking Allah's great blessed name from all the evils of pulling (pulsating) nerves and from the evils of the hot fire".

(Tirmidhi)

It is prohibited to speak ill of fever.

When Umme Sahabia spoke ill of fever then Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam said,

"Do not abuse fever for it removes the sins of man like the furnace removes the rust from the iron".

(Mishkat)

For pain of the eye

Read this and blow on the ailing eye:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ أَذْهِبْ حَرَّهَا وَبَرِّدْهَا
وَوَصِّبْهَا

"I take the name of Allah and blow, O Allah remove its heat, cold and sickness Then say by the will of Allah".

(Hisn from Nisai etc)

For eye pain

اللَّهُمَّ مَتَّعْنِي بِبَصَرِي وَاجْعَلْهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنِّي
وَأَرِنِي فِي الْعَدُوِّ تَأْرِي وَأَنْصُرْنِي عَلَى مَنْ
ظَلَمَنِي

"O Allah grant me benefit from my eyesight and keep it (maintain it) till my death and give me power over my enemies and give me aid against those who oppress me".

(Hisn)

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