Surah Maryam – Ayat 96 to 97

(Verily, those who believe [in the Oneness of Allâh and in His Messenger (Muhammad SAW)] and work deeds of righteousness, the Most Gracious (Allâh) will bestow love for them (in the hearts of the believers).)

- the bond between all of them is to believe and do righteous good deeds, despite coming in different periods, different genders, different ages. Allâh (swt) promises He will make a connection. This means before there was no connection, as Allâh (swt) says in Surah Al Imran 103:

What will He make for them? (وُدٌّ لَّهُمْ أَلۡفُ ْنَفۡصٌ وَذَٰلِكَ) (and remember Allâh’s Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islâmic Faith)). This shows that without belief and righteous good deeds people will be a trial, they will be enemies for you. Enemies means someone who decreases your faith and it can be the closest people to you like your children and spouse. Allâh (swt) will make a connection for those who believe and do righteous good deeds. What will He make for them? (وُدٌّ لَّهُمْ أَلۡفُ ْنَفۡصٌ وَذَٰلِكَ) – He didn’t say (بِنۡعۡمَتِهِّ) (by His Grace). (حنان). (Verily, those who believe [in the Oneness of Allâh and in His Messenger (Muhammad SAW)] and work deeds of righteousness, the Most Gracious (Allâh) will bestow love for them (in the hearts of the believers)).

First Allâh (swt) loves the person, and then others will love him. The love of Allâh (swt) is a reward and He will give this to those who believe and do righteous good deeds in the duniya before the akhira. Allâh (swt) shows you His wud when people love you for the sake of Allâh (swt). People love each other for the sake of Allâh (swt) is a sign of Allâh’s wud. Hadith: (عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي تَالِبِ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَالَ: "إِذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَبْدَ لَا نَادَى جِبَرِيلَ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَحْبُبُ فَلَانًا، فَأَحْبَبْهُ جِبَرِيلُ، فِنَادِيَ فِي أَهَلِ النَّاسِمَةِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْبُبُ فَلَانًا، فَأَحْبَبْهُ، فِنَادَى: أَلۡفُ ْنَفۡصٌ وَذَٰلِكَ (Abu Hurairah May Allâh be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, 'When Allah loves a slave, calls out Jibril and says: 'I love so-and-so; so love him'. Then Jibril loves him. After that he (Jibril) announces to the inhabitants of heavens that Allah loves so- and-so; so love him; and the inhabitants of the heavens (the angels) also love him and then make people on earth love him.".) – Riyadh As Saliehen, Al- Bukhari and Muslim, Book
1. Hadith 387. Allah (swt) will not love anyone unless the person is worthy of that love, may Allah (swt) love us. Ameen. If Allah (swt) loves you, everything will love you, even the animals and mountains, subhan Allah. They will know because there is an announcement that Allah's makes announcing that He loves so and so, subhan Allah. Allah (swt) will announce to Jibreel that He love so and so, and Jibreel announces to the angels Allah (swt) loves so and so, so love him, then the angels love him. Imagine there are so many angels, so this love penetrates and reaches the earth, and all will love him except the disbelievers. Then there is love among the believers themselves, subhan Allah. So the first connection begins with Allah (swt) and how does it begin, by believing in Him and doing righteous good deeds — this is servitude, being a slave of Allah (swt). May Allah (swt) love us, then we will then not be alone. Which name of Allah (swt) is mentioned? — This is all from Allah's mercy and no one can enter paradise without the mercy of Allah (swt). Mercy of Allah (swt) means we don’t deserve it, but still Allah (swt) gives us. Any relation that is based on worldly matters will end, and the feelings will be dimmed and it'll fade away. People will go and find someone else. But when Allah (swt) places the (دُخُلُ), then nothing can change it. Omar bin Al Khattab (ra) said after being guided to the faith, the best blessing is loving for the sake of Allah (swt). You are always happy and pleased, but what makes us sad? Duniya. True love will never make you sad, if it make you sad then it’s not for the sake of Allah (swt). The love of Allah (swt) is divine love, not worldly. Two people come together for the sake of Allah (swt), but what separates them? When one of them sins. Even when there is a blood relation, it is there, but it becomes stronger when you believe and do righteous good deeds, even in marriage. Sometimes you don’t know anyone and you don’t have any common hobbies, but Allah (swt) puts the love between you because of belief and righteous good deeds.

- The love of Allah (swt) is salam and when He loves you, He will make your affairs easy as well, He will bring goodness to you, He will give you the acceptance and make you a role model for the those who believe and do righteous good deeds. It’s not Him who’s benefitting, but you. Dua’a: (اللَّهُ قَرْنِا إِلَيْكَ رَحْمَةً وَسَلَّمَكَ وَجَعَلَكَ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينِ وَيَتَّلَّقُ بِهِ فَْ— 97 (So We have made this (the Qur’ân) easy in your own tongue (O Muhammad SAW), only that you may give glad tidings to the Muttaqûn (pious and righteous persons - See V.2:2), and warn with it the Luda (most quarrelsome) people)

- (فِئَامُمَا يُسَرِّنَةُ بِلِسَانِكَ لِيُبْشِرُ بِهِ الْمُتَّقِينَ وَيَتَّلَّقُ بِهِ فَْ— 97 (So We have made this (the Qur’ân) easy in your own tongue (O Muhammad SAW)).: from where will you believe and do righteous good deeds? From the Quran. The Quran is teaching us to be ‘abd Allah. Allah (swt) made the Quran easy for us, we’re getting examples of the messenger’s stories from the Quran. He gave us the stories of Zachariah (as), Yahya (as), etc. This is a blessing and mercy from Allah (swt) to have everything ‘packaged’ and clear for us. Surah Ai
Qamar 17: (And We have indeed made the Qur’ân easy to understand and remember, then is there any one who will remember (or receive admonition)?) – Allah (swt) made the Quran easy. Anyone who believes the Quran is easy, then it will be easy for him. But anyone who puts obstacles in front of himself then it will be difficult – it’s in Arabic, I’m not a native speaker, I’m old, etc. Allah (swt) made the Quran easy for recitation, memorizing, understanding, acting upon it, and making dawah with it. (بِلِس انِك) – your tongue, the tongue of Mohammed (ﷺ) is Arabic. The Quran is in the Arabic language, and you’re giving it justice when you say it in Arabic. Kallam Allah will remain but not people’s kallam. Memorizing the Quran is not about saying it from the beginning to the end, but recalling the ayah, it goes to your heart.

- (وَلَقَدۡ يَسَرۡنَا ٱلۡقُرۡءَانَ لِلذِّكۡرِ فَهَلۡ مِن مُّدَكِر) (only that you may give glad tidings to the Muttaqûn (pious and righteous persons - See V.2:2), and warn with it the Luda (most quarrelsome) people): To be continued in sha’a Allah.

May Allah (swt) love us. Ameen.