

## Allah As Sitteer (الله الستير) – Part 2

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- Allah (ﷻ) conceals His slaves even though they're exposing themselves. For example, a person might speak of a sickness they have and no one listens. Or a person says something and no one hears, subhan Allah. And this is out of Allah's mercy and kindness. But if a person is insisting in exposing himself then he will be exposed.
- When a person is not exposing himself then he can be reformed.
- Allah (ﷻ) is As Sitteer and He loves covering and hates exposure. We're not talking about concealment of evil or hypocrisy, but concealment for good. For example, when there's a problem between husband and wife then it should be solved behind closed doors, and not exposed to the parents or friends. When things get exposed then it becomes the 'talk of the town' and being reformed becomes difficult.
- The baby in the stomach doesn't need to be seen, and the seed under soil doesn't need to be seen; when something is covered then we should leave it covered, but if we open things then we will see things we won't like.
- Allah As Sitteer and He commands us to cover our 'awra and faults. There's an 'awra between man and man, woman and woman, and man and woman. The best of covering is taqwa. Surah Al 'Araf 26: **اٰتِيْ اٰدَمَ قَدْ اَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْنٰكُمْ (لِبَاسًا يُوَارِيْ سَوْآتِكُمْ وَرِيشًا) وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَىٰ ذٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ ذٰلِكَ مِنْ آٰتِ اللّٰهِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكَّرُوْنَ** (O Children of Adam! We have bestowed raiment upon you to cover yourselves (screen your private parts) and as an adornment, and the raiment of righteousness, that is better. Such are among the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allâh, that they may remember) – just as our garments cover our 'awra, taqwa covers our sicknesses and desires. When we react with our desires then it will surely show our sickness and weakness.
- **Dua: (اللهم آت نفسي تقواها، وزكها أنت خير من زكاها، أنت وليها ومولاها، )** (O Allah! Grant me the sense of piety and purify my soul as You are the Best to purify it. You are its Guardian and its Protecting Friend.) – Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 17, Hadith 1479
- Also we shouldn't talk about our weakness because then we're putting it on display.
- Allah is As Sitteer especially for the believers because they're following Allah's commands and not exposing themselves, so Allah (ﷻ) will cover their sins.
- Sins are like black dots and we all need forgiveness. If a person is exposed then it means for many years he's been covered by Allah (ﷻ) though the person was deceived by this covering. The covering is in order we reform and change and if we don't then we will be exposed. Allah (ﷻ) gives us chances but if there's no change then the exposure will come because of ourselves.
- On the Day of Judgement, Allah (ﷻ) will screen the believers but those who exposed themselves then they will be judged in public.
- Covering comes with faith and the more faith one has, the more one covers as protection.
- We should also conceal the faults of others. **Part of longer hadith: (ومن ستر مسلماً ستره الله يوم القيامة) (and whoever covers up the fault of a Muslim, Allah will cover up his fault on the Day of Resurrection) - Sahih Muslim 2580**
- We should not follow the faults of the people and wait for them to make a mistake. Anyone who follows the faults of others then Allah (ﷻ) will expose him in his own home. **Hadith: (لَا تَغْتَابُوا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا عَوْرَاتِهِمْ فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ (اتَّبَعَ عَوْرَاتِهِمْ يَتَّبِعِ اللَّهُ عَوْرَتَهُ وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعِ اللَّهُ عَوْرَتَهُ يَفْضَحْهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ** (do not back-bite Muslims, and do not search for their faults, for if anyone searches for their faults, Allah will search for his fault, and if Allah searches for the fault of anyone, He disgraces him in his house.) - Sunan Abi Dawud 4880, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan Sahih

In the morning and evening supplication we say the following:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ وَأَهْلِي وَمَالِي اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ  
عَوْرَاتِي وَأَمِنْ رَوْعَاتِي واحفظني من بين يدي ومن خلفي وعن يميني وعن شمالي ومن فوقي وأعوذ بك أن أغتال من  
تحتي

Allahumma inni as'alukal-'afwa wal-'afiyah fid-dunya wal-akhirah. Allahumma inni as'alukal-'afwa wal-'afiyah fi  
dini wa dunyaya wa ahli wa mali. Allahum-mastur 'awrati, wa amin raw'ati wahfazni min bayni yadayya, wa min  
khalfi, wa 'an yamini wa 'an shimali, wa min fawqi, wa 'audhu bika an ughtala min tahti

*O Allah, I ask You for pardoning and well-being in this world and in the Hereafter. O Allah, I ask You for  
pardoning and well-being in my religious and my worldly affairs. O Allah, conceal my faults, calm my fears, and  
protect me from before me and behind me, from my right and my left, and from above me, and I seek refuge in  
You from being taken unaware from beneath me*

(Sunan Ibn Majah 3871)

*May Allah (ﷻ) conceal us, pardon us and grant us well-being. Ameen.*