



Live with Allah (عِشْ مَعَ اللَّهِ)

Workshop about Allah's Most Beautiful Names – Day 1

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Goal of this workshop: Allah (ﷻ) doesn't accept shirk with him and this workshop is to live with Him.

It's not just about knowing the meaning of the names, but what we need to do.

- Roots: Knowing Allah (ﷻ)
- Trunk and Branches: Applying the names of Allah (ﷻ) in our life
- Fruits: Results from Allah (ﷻ) that He will give us the best

Introduction

- Sometimes we wonder why the same situations always happen to us, and at times we're always saying 'it's her fault, it's his fault, it's their fault' but we don't say, 'it's my fault'.
- It's very common when we blame the decree, we blame our mother, father, husband. And then we say, 'until when will my problems end, until when will I stop going through what I'm going through'. These are all despairing thoughts and if these thoughts cloud our mind then it will distract us from our goal. And the reason for this is we're not living with Allah (ﷻ), but living with he, she and it, subhan Allah.
- We should be living with Allah (ﷻ) because He's dealing with us and we should be dealing with Him. Faith is something we don't see but we believe in it.
- And sometimes we don't feel appreciated by others and this sensitivity is a sign of lack of faith because anything we're doing is for Allah (ﷻ). Everything is from Allah (ﷻ) and we need to do everything for Him. Allah (ﷻ) gave us feelings to be devoted to Him, to be attached to Him and to go to paradise. The very feelings of love and fear of Allah (ﷻ) can make us enter paradise. There's a man who feared Allah (ﷻ) that he told his children to burn his body and scatter it after passing away out of his fear of Allah (ﷻ), subhan Allah. **Hadith: (عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " كَانَ رَجُلٌ مِمَّنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ يُسِيءُ الظَّنَّ بِعَمَلِهِ فَلَمَّا حَضَرَتْهُ الوُفَاةُ قَالَ لِأَهْلِهِ إِذَا أَنَا مِتُّ فَأَحْرِقُونِي ثُمَّ أَطْحَنُونِي ثُمَّ ادْرُونِي فِي الْبَحْرِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ إِنْ يَقْدِرَ عَلَيَّ لَمْ يَغْفِرْ لِي . قَالَ فَأَمَرَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ فَتَلَقَّتْ رُوحَهُ قَالَ لَهُ مَا حَمَلَكَ عَلَيَّ مَا فَعَلْتَ قَالَ يَا رَبِّ مَا فَعَلْتُ إِلَّا مِنْ مَخَافَتِكَ . فَغَفَرَ اللَّهُ** (It was narrated from Hudhaifah that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "There was a man among those who came before you who thought badly of his deeds, so when death was approaching he said to his family: 'When I am dead, burn my body and grind up my bones, then scatter me in the sea, for if Allah gets hold of me, He will never forgive me.' But



Allah commanded the angles to seize his soul. He said to him: 'What made you do what you did?' He said:: 'O Lord, I only did it because I feared You.' So Allah forgave him.") - Sunan an-Nasa'i 2080

- What causes attachment?
 - Seeing the person
 - Not knowing Allah (ﷻ)
 - Not believing in the unseen
- The solution is to increase in faith and knowledge in Allah (ﷻ) and not always talk about our problems because it will only increase the presence of our issues.
- The solution is not to leave the people but we need to struggle to make Allah (ﷻ) the most apparent in our life and this is living with Allah (ﷻ) despite having our family and children around us.

Surah Al Muminoon 78 to 89:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَ لَكُمْ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۗ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ

It is He Who has created for you (the sense of) hearing (ears), eyes (sight), and hearts (understanding). Little thanks you give.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي دَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ

And it is He Who has created you on the earth, and to Him you shall be gathered back.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَلَهُ اخْتِلَافُ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ ۗ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

And it is He Who gives life and causes death, and His is the alternation of night and day. Will you not then understand?

بَلْ قَالُوا مِثْلَ مَا قَالَ الْأَوَّلُونَ

Nay, but they say the like of what the men of old said.

قَالُوا أَإِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا أَإِنَّا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ

They said: "When we are dead and have become dust and bones, shall we be resurrected indeed?"

لَقَدْ وَعَدْنَا نَحْنُ وَآبَاؤُنَا هَذَا مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ

"Verily, this we have been promised - we and our fathers before (us)! This is only the tales of the ancients!"



قُلْ لِمَنْ الْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

Say: "Whose is the earth and whosoever is therein? If you know!"

سَيَقُولُونَ لِلَّهِ قُلْ أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ

They will say: "It is Allah's!" Say: "Will you not then remember?"

قُلْ مَنْ رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Say: "Who is (the) Lord of the seven heavens, and (the) Lord of the Great Throne?"

سَيَقُولُونَ لِلَّهِ قُلْ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ

They will say: "Allah." Say: "Will you not then fear Allah (believe in His Oneness, obey Him, believe in the Resurrection and Recompense for every good or bad deed)?"

قُلْ مَنْ مَن بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ يُجِيرُ وَلَا يُجَارُ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

Say "In Whose Hand is the sovereignty of everything (i.e. treasures of each and everything)? And He protects (all), while against Whom there is no protector, (i.e. if Allah saves anyone none can punish or harm him, and if Allah punishes or harms anyone none can save him), if you know?"

سَيَقُولُونَ لِلَّهِ قُلْ فَأَنَّى تُسْحَرُونَ

They will say: "(All that belongs) to Allah." Say: "How then are you deceived and turn away from the truth?"

- Allah (ﷻ) gave us seeing, hearing and heart in order to be grateful, and He scattered us in this land but we will all return back to Him. And when asked, 'to whom does this entire earth belong to? They will say Allah'. So the problem is we know the answer but it's not apparent in our life. Nowadays, we find people who are educated but they're not 'elevated', subhan Allah. Elevation is when we know our purpose and we know Whom we're dealing with. If they know the answers, then are they bewitched to not apply it? Subhan Allah. It's not about knowing the answers, but feeling and living them. And Allah (ﷻ) says the truth came and they knew the answer, but they're lying because it's not just a claim but a feeling.
- Allah (ﷻ) doesn't accept shirk with him and the goal of this workshop is to live with Him. It's not just about knowing the meaning of the name, but what we need to do.



Names of Allah (ﷻ)

- In every situation, Allah (ﷻ) is dealing with us with all His names, but when we know about Allah (ﷻ) then we will link it to the names we know. When we receive a gift, we might think of Allah Ar Razaq, Al Wahab, Al Kareem, but He's also dealing with us with Al Aziz, As Samie'e, Al Baseer, Al Wakeel, subhan Allah.

Allah:

- We have the need for attachment and to come to any name, there's always a need. It's important that we feel we're in need of Allah (ﷻ) and that we can't survive without Him. When we put all our needs towards Allah (ﷻ) then we will live in peace.
- The name of Allah is the main name which all others names of Allah (ﷻ) refer back to. When we attach to the One Who's worthy then we're in peace and rest because He knows all of our needs.
- The names of Allah are (حسنى) meaning they reach the peak in beauty, so the One we're dealing with is perfect. Allah (ﷻ) is The Most Beloved One and He's the One Who will accommodate us, We cannot be perfect nor can our life be perfect unless we attach to the One Who's perfect.
- When we know we need Allah (ﷻ), what should we do?
 - Need Him
 - Love Him, fear Him, and put all our hope in Him
 - When we remember, we should remember Him first, when we're grateful, we should be grateful to Him first
- When we attach to Allah (ﷻ) all the time, what will be the result?
 - He will be to us as we think of Him
 - A beautiful and blessed life, we will really a happy and good life because we knew Allah (ﷻ) and we devoted to Him, so surely He will give us a good life.
- What can ruin all of this for us?
 - Shirk and attachment to others

Ar Rabb – The Nurturer, The Reformer

- The best who know Allah (ﷻ) are the messengers and prophets and they need Allah (ﷻ) in order to fulfill their mission. When they invoke Allah (ﷻ), they invoke Him by His name 'Ar Rabb'.



- Needs for this name:
 - We want to be developed and nurtured
 - Understand the mysteries in our life so that we don't blame others. When we go through situations with people or things are getting repeated, then knowing this name solves it.
- The One Who created us, knows us better than anyone else, and He nurtures us on the spot. He knows who's jealous, so that person will get a special kind of nurturing, but another will not get it because it will not benefit him. And when He nurtures us, He nurtures discreetly and subtly.
- What should we do?
 - Ask Him by His name Ar Rabb
 - Accept His nurturing, 'be pleased with Allah as your Rabb', sometimes we don't know why something is happening to us, but we know Allah (ﷻ) wants to teach us and take us to another level.
- When we attach to Allah (ﷻ), what will be the result?
 - Allah (ﷻ) will be pleased with us, He will reward us
 - He will give us good character and manners
 - It teaches us the skill of nurturing, to be a mother, to be a nurturer to others, subhan Allah.

Ar Rahman Ar Raheem – The Most Merciful The Especially Merciful

- In life, we're begging people for mercy. Sometimes we want to tell people, 'have mercy on me, I'm a human', but then we feel as if we're a victim, subhan Allah. And when we beg for such feelings, it makes us enslaved to those we're seeking it from.
- When we're hoping mercy from anyone then we'll be disappointed, why? Because Allah (ﷻ) wants to nurture us. Allah (ﷻ) gave us feelings of wanting to be shown mercy so that we ask the One Who can give us mercy.
- Sometimes we feel we want to help others and we can't, do we think we're more merciful than Allah (ﷻ)? Subhan Allah.
- Sometimes we think we're being merciful but we're actually spoiling and damaging. Allah (ﷻ) has 99 parts of mercy and one part is placed on this earth, so imagine how much mercy we need in order to enter paradise, subhan Allah. **Hadith: (إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مِائَةَ رَحْمَةٍ) قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مِائَةَ رَحْمَةٍ) (Salman Farisi reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as saying: Verily, there are one hundred (parts of) mercy for Allah, and it is one part of this**



mercy by virtue of which there is mutual love between the people and ninety-nine reserved for the Day of Resurrection.) - Sahih Muslim 2753

- What should we do when we know Allah is Ar Rahman Ar Raheem?
 - We should ask Him for mercy and have hope in Him. If Allah (ﷻ) doesn't want someone to show us mercy then we can't.
- How will Allah Ar Rahman deal with us?
 - He will bring goodness to us and push away evil and sins from us.
 - The more we enrich ourselves with Ar Rahman Ar Raheem then we will show mercy to others

Al Hayy – The Ever-Living

- What makes us need to know Allah Al Hayy? Because there's death, separation and imperfection in life, subhan Allah. Allah Al Hayy never dies and this means everything will die and perish except Him.

Surah Ar Rahman 26 to 27:

كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ

Whatever is on it (the earth) will perish.

وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

And the Face of your Lord full of Majesty and Honour will remain forever.

- Only truth will remain because it's real. If we do deeds for the sake of Allah (ﷻ) then it will remain, but anything else will be washed away.
- We need to rely on Allah (ﷻ) and put our trust in Him. The more means we have, the lazier we become and the more we depend on them.
- How can we rely on someone who will die, is imperfect, sleeps and even when he wakes-up, he's in a slow state? Subhan Allah.
- When we rely on Allah (ﷻ) then He'll give us a complete life, and He will be to us as much as we trust Him.

Al Qayoom – The Self-Sufficient Master

- Who can organize, fix our life and take care of it? Allah (ﷻ) is Al Qayoom and He's the One Who makes our life organized and upright. Imagine how your life would be when you're living with Al Qayoom?



يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ أَصْلِحْ لِيْ شَأْنِيْ كُلَّهُ ، وَلَا تَكُنْ لِيْ إِلَى نَفْسِيْ طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ

Yaa ḥayyu yaa qayyoomu bi raḥmatika astagheeth, aṣliḥ lee sha'nee kullahu, wa laa takilnee ilaa nafsee ṭarfata 'ayn

O Ever Living, O Self-Subsisting and Supporter of all, by Your mercy I seek assistance, rectify for me all of my affairs and do not leave me to myself, even for the blink of an eye.

(Sahih Aj Jami'e 5820, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan)

- When you ask Al Qayoom then He will make your life perfect, it will seem as if you have thousands working for you, subhan Allah.

Al 'Aliy, Al 'Ala, Al Muta'al – The Most High, The Highest, and Ever-High

- People are attracted to what's high, but in life anything which is high will come down. Anything of the duniya will reach its peak and then go down, except the deen which only goes.
- In the duniya, to go up is difficult and coming down is even more so, but when a person does everything for Allah (ﷻ) then it will not make the person greedy, stressed or down.
- Even if no one believes, then this does not bring down Allah (ﷻ) because He's the Most High. When we exalt anything in life then it will surely go down. Sometimes a person is so exalted and talked about how great he is and then we know the end to the sad story. We should not say, 'this person never gets sick, or this person never gets tired' because then he will get sick and tired. We need to deal with humans as humans. The moment we say, 'there's no one like this person' then down they go. We're making sad endings to our stories, subhan Allah. If we want to make everything good then we shouldn't cross our boundaries.
- If we see anything high then we need to know Allah (ﷻ) is Higher and He's in the Most Highest position in place, above the seven heavens. And when we go to the Most High then He will elevate us.

Al Kareem – The Most Generous

Surah Al Infitar 6: (يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّبَكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ) (O man! What has made you careless about your Lord, the Most Generous?)

- We have deceived ourselves by Allah's generosity, how? We're making mistakes and sins, yet still He's giving us because He's dealing with us with His generosity; we're misinterpreting that He's pleased with us because He's giving us, subhan Allah.
- When we don't understand this name then we'll misunderstand Allah's nurturing, subhan Allah. When He's nurturing us then He's nurturing us with His generosity.



- Another meaning for kareem is honor and noble. Even if we make a mistake, He overlooks and covers.
- What should we do when we know Allah is Al Kareem?
 - We should ask Him by His name Al Kareem and have hope in Him
 - He will make us generous and bring generosity in our life

Al Wadood – The Most Loving

- We have the need to be loved and to show love to others. Allah (ﷻ) introduced Himself to us with names full of affection and feelings.
- What is the difference between (ود) and (حب)؟ (ود) is expressing love with action. The best of women is the one expressive in her love and affection. **Hadith: " تَزَوَّجُوا الْوَلُودَ الْوُدُودَ) (hen he said: 'Marry the one who is fertile and loving) - Sunan an-Nasa'i 3227**
- Someone might love us in the heart but they can't express it, and that's why the Prophet (ﷺ) said if you love someone then tell them.
- Even the name of Allah (ﷻ) is Al Wadood is mentioned in Surah Al Burooj where if the criminal repents, then Allah (ﷻ) will still love him, unlike people who cannot love someone bad even if they've repented, subhan Allah. If this is how Allah (ﷻ) introduces Himself to the sinners, so what about the good-doers? Subhan Allah.
- And only Allah (ﷻ) puts love and mercy in the hearts of people towards each other. Love can only be granted when you go to the right source.
- When Allah (ﷻ) loves us then He will put love in the hearts of the people towards us. We can't force people to love us nor can we snatch it away.
- When we love anyone, it should be for the sake of Allah (ﷻ). **Dua'a: (اللهم اني اسألك حبك و حب من يحبك) (Oh Allah I ask You for Your love and to love Whom You love and to love deeds that will bring me closer to Your love).**

Al Ghafoor Al Ghafaar – The Most Forgiving The Off-Forgiving

- Sins cause us to be sad and they complicate our lives. We commit sins and we need forgiveness, rather than going to the people to forgive us, especially when it's something big, then we should go to the One Who forgives.
- **Surah Az Zumar 53: (قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ) (Say: "O 'Ibādī (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allāh, verily Allāh forgives all sins. Truly, He is Off-Forgiving, Most Merciful)**

- Allah (ﷻ) will not only forgive us but He'll also have mercy on us to allow us to 'restart' our life. Sins cause us to go backwards and forgiveness cause us to go forward.
- When Allah (ﷻ) forgives us then He will not expose us in front of the people, He will make the people and angels forget it, and He will remove it from our book of records.
- And out of Allah's mercy, He doesn't expose all our sins to us otherwise we cannot look at ourselves in the mirror, subhan Allah.

