



## Live with Allah (عِشْ مَعَ اللَّهِ)

### Workshop about Allah's Most Beautiful Names – Day 2

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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

- To live with Allah (ﷻ) is reaching the level of ihsan. And growth comes when the heart is aligned with the outside.
- Dealing with the names of Allah (ﷻ) is living with feelings. Dealing with Allah's names is not about repeating the names, making it into coloring activities or wearing it on a chain because the names of Allah (ﷻ) are greater than this; we are to feel and live by these names.

### Surah An Naml 59 to 60

لِ الْحَمْدِ لِلَّهِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَىٰ ۗ اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ أَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "Praise and thanks be to Allah, and peace be on His slaves whom He has chosen (for His Message)! Is Allah better, or (all) that you ascribe as partners (to Him)?" (Of course, Allah is Better).

أَمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَّا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُنبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا ۗ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِذِي قُوَّةٍ يَعْدِلُونَ

Is not He (better than your gods) Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water (rain) from the sky, whereby We cause to grow wonderful gardens full of beauty and delight? It is not in your ability to cause the growth of their trees. Is there any ilah (god) with Allah? Nay, but they are a people who ascribe equals (to Him)!

- In Surah An Naml, it speaks of the establishment of an advanced civilization and this can only happen when there are roots and foundations to this civilization. The kingdom of Suleiman (عليه السلام) is an example of an advanced civilization with roots, though the people of Thamud is an



example of an advanced civilization but with no roots. A civilization that grows in succession must be based on faith.

- In order to protect ourselves, we need to come back to Allah (ﷻ) and not commit shirk, even with ourselves. Peace upon the ones whom Allah (ﷻ) has chosen from the believers, muttaqeen and those doing good deeds. Allah (ﷻ) will give the duniya to everyone, but He will not give the deen to all.
- Is there any god with Allah (ﷻ)? There is no ilah with Allah (ﷻ). Before we think of our own civilization and self, we need to think of Allah (ﷻ) because only He can make things grow and become established. And through the waves of life, there are times when there's thunder and storm, but Who can urgently answer us? Only Allah (ﷻ).
- Succession will then come when there are roots, building, and establishment. And we need to remember there is no god with Allah (ﷻ).
- We also need guidance in order to know our 'map' in life, and it's only our tawheed which will take care of us in life.
- Knowing Allah (ﷻ) increases our value with Him so when we do our deeds like prayer, there will be more weight and reward to it as a result of knowing Allah (ﷻ), subhan Allah.

## Names of Allah (ﷻ)

### Al Aziz – The All-Mighty

- People love to be honored and they admire those with position and honor. The opposite of honor is humiliation. Some people try to attain honor through money, education, clothes, car, or vacation spots. But what's the end to this sad story? A person might get the honor but is humiliated afterwards. Honor comes only from Allah (ﷻ), knowing Him and following His deen; this is what will grant us honor. **Surah Al Imran 26: (وَنُعِزُّ مَن نَّشَاءُ وَنُذِلُّ مَن نَّشَاءُ) (and You endue with honour whom You will, and You humiliate whom You will).**
- Someone might not be educated but is dear to the people. The Prophet (ﷺ) was not educated but he was beloved by the people for his manners.
- The meaning of honor is great respect that people will not reject your statements and when a person understands the name of Al Aziz then he will have this honor. Nowadays young children shout at their parents and the problem is not because they're not listening, but the problem is with us because we don't know how to attain real honor, subhan Allah.



- We shouldn't ask anyone to honor us, respect us or listen to us, but we need to ask Allah Al Aziz. Aziz means honor, dear to the heart, and irresistible. When a person is given honor then his speech will even make the people change their mind and listen to him. They will be convinced and listen to the person's words.
- There is no one more aziz than Allah Al Aziz. When we correct our relation with Allah then we will correct our relation with the people. Before living with the people, we're living with Allah.
- Many times we have all agreed on doing something and then something happens which changes the plan. This shows Allah is Al Aziz. For example Firaoun killed all the boys fearing one of them, but the very one whom he feared came to his house, lived there, and Firaoun even spent on him. When a person fears anything then it will come to him in order he does not fear it and move on. A person has to know only Allah is Al Aziz.
- Sometimes a person never thinks he will marry a particular person, or have children, or live another place, or even attend a study circle, but he does and this is all by Allah's might.
- When we know Allah is Al Aziz then we will have honor from Him. And when we follow His commands then we will have honor, and when we pardon those who have wronged us then He will give us honor. May Allah (ﷻ) grant us honor. Ameen.

### Al Jameel – The Most Beautiful

- People nowadays are running behind beauty because we all love what's beautiful, but people might do haram things to attain this beauty. A person might look beautiful from the outside but his manners are ugly.
- Allah (ﷻ) shows us that beauty can change and even during the day our beauty changes.
- Allah (ﷻ) is the Owner of all beauty and there is nothing more beautiful than the Face of Allah (ﷻ). He has veiled His Face because no one can stand His beauty, and it will only be unveiled to the people of paradise. May Allah (ﷻ) make us see His Face without any trials. Ameen.
- **Dua'a: ( وَأَسْأَلُكَ لَذَّةَ النَّظَرِ إِلَى وَجْهِكَ وَالشَّوْقَ إِلَى لِقَائِكَ فِي غَيْرِ ضَرَاءٍ مُضِرَّةٍ وَلَا فِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَا بِزِينَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً مُهْتَدِينَ ) (wa as'aluka ladhatan-nadhari ila wajhika wash-shawqa ila liqa'ika fi fitnatin mudillatin, Allahumma zayyina dizinatil-imani waj'alna hudatan muhtadin (I ask You for the sweetness of looking upon Your face and a longing to meet You in a manner that does not entail a calamity that will bring about harm or a trial that will cause deviation. O Allah, beautify us with the adornment of faith and make us among those who guide and are rightly guided) - Sunan an-Nasa'i 1305**



- Anyone who knows Allah (ﷻ) will be distracted from others in life because he's looking at the Most Beautiful. There are people who struggle to see beautiful scenery or go through pain in order to be 'beautiful'.
- Everything about Allah (ﷻ) is the Most Beautiful, remembering Him is the Most Beautiful and learning about Him is the Most Beautiful. And we need to beautify ourselves for Allah (ﷻ), and not for the people because people can't reward us. We should also beautify ourselves, our manners, our speech. **Hadith: ( ﷺ )** **وعن عبد الله بن مسعود رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "لا يدخل الجنة من كان في قلبه مثقال ذرة من كبر" فقال رجل "إن الرجل يحب أن يكون ثوبه حسناً ونعله حسناً؟ قال: "إن الله جميل يحب الجمال الكبر بطر الحق وغمط الناس" (The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "He who has, in his heart, an ant's weight of arrogance will not enter Jannah." Someone said: "A man likes to wear beautiful clothes and shoes?" Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah is Beautiful, He loves beauty. Arrogance means ridiculing and rejecting the Truth and despising people.") – Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim Book 1, Hadith 612**
- When we try to beautify ourselves for Allah (ﷻ) then He will give us the beauty.

#### Al Qadir Al Qadeer Al Muqtadir – The All-Able, The Most-Able

- Everything is decreed by Allah (ﷻ) in the Preserved Tablet and when we do anything it's all by Allah's decree; it's the power of Allah (ﷻ) to make it exist and happen.
- Belief in the decree falls under this name, and not everything goes according to our plans but according to how Allah (ﷻ) wants because He is All-Able. And easily the tables can turn, a person can be a 'believer' all his life and die on disbelief and a person can be a disbeliever all his life and then die on belief. We ask Allah (ﷻ) for the good end. Ameen.
- Allah (ﷻ) is not forcing us but He is the Most Able to make things happen as He wills. Knowing this name teaches us that we shouldn't reject the decree. Musa (عليه السلام) had knowledge of the book, but not knowledge of decrees.
- There are mysteries which happen in life and we don't know why, but we need to be patient. When Allah (ﷻ) wants anything then it will happen and no one can oppose Him. All that He wills will happen whether we like it or not. Ibrahim (عليه السلام) and his wife had a child at old age, and this is from Allah's ability.
- When we believe in the decree and accept Allah's decree then He will give us ability.

#### Al 'Afuw – The All-Pardoning



- It's not good character to point at the mistakes of people and highlight them. Though there are mistakes which cannot be overlooked especially when it's causing harm to others. Someone who's harming individually is different when harming a society or community.
- The concept of pardoning is not something just to be taken openly and forgive everything or be unpardoning for everything.
- As Samiree was not pardoned because he made everyone mushrik. There was a servant girl of Aishah (ra) who was doing magic, but she was not pardoned, rather she was sold to a tough owner.
- Human beings sometimes pardon but out of weakness. Allah Al 'Afuw pardons many of our mistakes, but He will not take us for every mistake until we overcome the weakness we have. Not all sins are exposed to us because Allah (ﷻ) has pardoned us, subhan Allah. And when Allah (ﷻ) does show us our mistakes and sins, He would have already shown us the solution and nurturing beforehand in order we overcome that sin, subhan Allah.
- When Allah (ﷻ) pardons us then we will not face the bitter consequence of that sin. Can we pray perfectly 100-%, or fast 100%, or give the right of the Quran 100%? Surely not, so we need Allah's pardoning.
- Allah Al 'Afuw not only covers our sins but erases it and He's able to do this. He's able to seize us in punishment, but He pardons us.
- Allah Al 'Afuw is also the One Who showers us in goodness. Sometimes people pardon, but there's no smile or goodness after that, unlike Allah (ﷻ) Who pardons and showers us with goodness. To attain people's forgiveness, pardoning, and acceptance is difficult, but to attain Allah's pardoning is honorable. When we want people's pardoning then it's humiliation but when Allah (ﷻ) pardons us then it's honor.
- No one is more patient than Allah (ﷻ), people are insulting Him yet still He's providing them because He's Al 'Afuw and there is no one like Him. Allah (ﷻ) wants us to make Him One, to have (لا اله الا الله) covering our vision.

### **Al Wahid Al Ahad – The One and The Only One**

- People like to be unique and special, but it's a dispraised quality is to wear or do something in order to make oneself unique or famous. Allah (ﷻ) is unique and is One in all His names, attributes and actions. The nature of human beings is to love to be unique, but we shouldn't tire ourselves or waste our money because the only One Who's unique on His own is Allah (ﷻ). He is One and Only One, not two, and there is no one like Him.

## Surah Al Ikhlas

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "He is Allah, (the) One.

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

"Allah-us-Samad (السيد الذي يصمد إليه في الحاجات) [Allah the Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)].

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

"He begets not, nor was He begotten.

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

"And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him."

- We want to go to One and get everything. When we are with Allah (ﷻ) then He will be to us as we think of Him.
- He's One and Only One and when we know this then we should have tawheed because we will not find one better than Him.

## Al Qareeb – The Most Near

- Everyone wants closeness and we like things to be near to us. Nowadays two people might be facing each other but each one is connected to something else, subhan Allah.
- Being near to Allah (ﷻ) enriches us and gives us solutions, and Allah (ﷻ) is The Most Worthy of being near to Him. There are people who are near to their friends, but not their parents. And knowing Allah Al Qareeb solves the issue of being lonely because He is The Most Near.
- What a waste to try to be close to people because Allah (ﷻ) will show us there's no closeness that comes that way. Some people are close and some people are far and this is to show us we're not in control, but if we go to Al Qareeb then we will not waste our emotions or energy on being close to someone.
- **Hadith:** عَنْ أَنَسٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَرْوِيهِ عَنْ رَبِّهِ، قَالَ " إِذَا تَقَرَّبَ الْعَبْدُ إِلَيَّ شِبْرًا ( Narrated Anas: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "My Lord says, 'If My slave comes nearer to me for a span, I go nearer to him for a cubit; and if he comes nearer to Me for a cubit, I go nearer to him for the span of outstretched arms; and if he comes to Me walking, I go to him running.' ") - Sahih al-Bukhari 7536



- When we come one step closer to Allah (ﷻ), He will come a hundred steps closer to us.

### **Al Mujeeb – The One Who Responds**

- This means we need to ask if we want to be responded to. In life we face not being responded to and then we feel frustrated or we worry. Or sometimes we see the person has read the message and is even 'online' but is not responding, why does this happen? To increase us in faith that no one can respond to us except Allah (ﷻ), subhan Allah. The response of human beings is limited and even if there's a response, it's not necessarily what we we're looking for.
- Everything we face in life is to teach us a lesson to devote ourselves to Him.
- It's a praised character to respond but there's always limitation. Allah (ﷻ) is Al Mujeeb Who responds to the invocations of those who invoke, and to the questions of those ask, even if it's in our mind, subhan Allah, and this gives us so much attachment.

### **Al Malik, Al Malak, Al Maleek – The King, The Owner, The Ever-Owning**

- The authority and kingdom of Allah (ﷻ) is perfect, it's at the peak and all that's in the heavens and earth belong to Him.
- He alone is disposing all the affairs in His Kingdom and does not depend on anyone. We think people or angels are disposing, but it's Allah (ﷻ) alone. And He will not neglect anything in His dominion, not even a small ant. And this should make us think, 'who are we to think we own anything?', subhan Allah.
- Whatever Allah (ﷻ) says then it's just 'Be' and it is. His Kingdom and dominion cannot be removed nor exchanged, unlike ourselves whom we change.
- If we truly know Who's Allah Al Malik, Al Malak, Al Maleek then He will help us to control ourselves. **Surah Al Insan 20: (وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَ ثَمَّ رَأَيْتَ نَعِيمًا وَمُلْكًا كَبِيرًا) (And when you look there (in Paradise), you will see a delight (that cannot be imagined), and a great dominion.)**

**May Allah (ﷻ) make us live by His names. Ameen.**