



Quranic & Prophetic Nurturing Program

Surah An Noor – Class 30

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Introduction

- The light of Allah (ﷻ) is in the hearts of the messengers, believers and angels. It is a great honor to have the intangible light of Allah (ﷻ) to be placed in the heart.
- The light of Allah (ﷻ) can only enter a transparent heart. Transparency is to say the truth with modesty and goodness. Sometimes we say unnecessary information under the guise of 'transparency'. If we want to know about transparency then we'll find it in the Quran.
- A person doesn't need to show others he's mukhlis, grateful or muttawakil because these are matters private between the person and Allah (ﷻ). Transparency is not about showing how much you love Allah (ﷻ) or have tawakul in Him. The scholar Ibn Al Jawzi said if anyone comes close to me to know the secrets of my heart (his relation with Allah (ﷻ)) then I will do something to make him repel, subhan Allah.
- Each component of the lantern requires a process itself because the parable of the lantern is not a simple one.
- The fuel of the lantern is olive oil but nowadays kerosene is used as fuel and this causes an odor and fogs up the glass, subhan Allah. Sometimes we have the fire of knowledge but we feel we're still not glowing. We need to go deeper to the fitra because there could be 'western' / 'eastern' influences which have affected the fitra. The Prophet (ﷺ) had no influence from outside.
- A person doesn't want a lantern that's filled with smoke, or whose glass will break.
- When the light of Allah (ﷻ) is in the heart of the person, then the light will be on his tongue, it will show on his face, and he can walk between the people with light.
- Not everyone can be a lantern, so where will the lanterns be found?

Ayah 36

فِي بُيُوتٍ أُذِنَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ تَرْفَعَ وَيُذَكَّرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ يُسَبَّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْأَصْوَالِ

In houses (mosques) which Allah has ordered to be raised (to be cleaned, and to be honoured), in them His Name is remembered [i.e. Adhan, Iqamah, Salat (prayers),



invocations, recitation of the Qur'an etc.]. Therein glorify Him (Allah) in the mornings and in the afternoons or the evenings,

- The lanterns can't be something that just goes out but requires maintenance. Before mentioning the people, the environment is mentioned.
- **(فِي بُيُوتٍ) (In houses (mosques))**: the houses of Allah (ﷻ) include masjids and places where worship is taking place, it does not include homes of people or places where people sleep or do business. When the Prophet (ﷺ) reached Medina, the first thing he did was build a masjid. He could have easily said, 'we go to a person's home' but they had a proper place. These places of worship are the most beloved places to Allah (ﷻ).
- **(أَذِنَ اللَّهُ) (which Allah has ordered)**: only Allah (ﷻ) can give permission for these homes. And this permission is not only by decree but as a command from Allah (ﷻ), subhan Allah. For example, to go from our home to acquire knowledge is a decree but when Allah (ﷻ) gives permission for us to pray 5 times a day then it's a decree and command. Imagine Allah (ﷻ) gives us permission to go to paradise but it's up to the person to take it. When Allah (ﷻ) says He created us to worship Him then He gave us permission to worship Him. What did Allah (ﷻ) ordain?
- **(أَنْ تُرْفَعَ) (to be raised (to be cleaned, and to be honoured),)**: It needs to be raised which is to be known, to be erected, cleaned, perfumed, and protected from those who are trying to cause problems. It's to be protected from vain talk, raising one's voice, and not remembering Allah (ﷻ). It's not about halal and haram anymore but about what's better. Do we think angels will come to a place where it's loud or there's vain talk? No because it's not up to their standard, subhan Allah. The level of the angels and Allah (ﷻ) is not about halal and haram but it's above this.
- If Allah (ﷻ) gives permission for a place to be raised then it will be a proper place and not a place which will be brought down with vain and loud talk.
- **(وَيُذَكَّرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ) (in them His Name is remembered [i.e. Adhan, Iqamah, Salat (prayers), invocations, recitation of the Qur'an etc.]**): the name of Allah (ﷻ) needs to be remembered in these places and not the names of people. How are the names of Allah (ﷻ) being raised? Reciting Quran, praising Allah (ﷻ), remembrance, prayer, learning the Quran, teaching the Quran, and studying the Quran.



- (يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ) **(Therein glorify Him (Allah) in the mornings and in the afternoons or the evenings,)**: what kind of remembrance is specifically mentioned? Tasbeeh, so there shouldn't be complaining or negativity. A person doesn't need to come and complain about the weather or their husbands because it will affect the 'lanterns' in these incubators. It will cause the oil to be spoiled or the glass to break. When is the tasbeeh to be done? In the beginning and end of the day. So when entering and exiting one is to glorify Allah (ﷻ). Notice it didn't mention the night, but the beginning and end of day. When a person's day is peaceful then his night will be peaceful.
- If a person glorifies Allah (ﷻ) in these times then he'll glorify Allah (ﷻ) at all times. The Prophet (ﷺ) said whoever prays the fajr and 'asr prayer then he'll enter paradise because whoever 'catches' these two prayers then he'll catch all the prayers. **Hadith: (عن أبي موسى رضي الله عنه أن) (Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "He who The observes Al-Bardan (i.e., Fajr and 'Asr prayers) will enter Jannah.") – Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Book 9, Hadith 1047.**
- The maximum times a person can see Allah (ﷻ) in paradise are twice – in the beginning and end of the day. **Hadith: (عند النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم، فنظر إلى القمر ليلة البدر فقال: "إنكم سترون ربكم كما ترون هذا القمر،) (We were sitting with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) when he looked at the full moon and observed, "You will see your Rubb in the Hereafter as you see this moon having no difficulty in seeing it. So try your best to perform the prayers before the rising of the sun and that before its setting.") – Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari and Muslim, Book 9, Hadith 1051.** A person needs to overcome himself in order to pray on time. The one who takes care of these two prayers will see His Rabb, subhan Allah. May Allah (ﷻ) help us. Ameen.

May Allah (ﷻ) make us true lanterns. Ameen.