



# Quranic & Prophetic Nurturing Program

## Surah An Noor – Class 31

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### Introduction

- The lantern is a very inspiring image and Allah (ﷻ) guides us gently to fulfill the parts of the lantern. From all the parts, the oil has the best ability to glow.
- The first step is to take care of the environment because the oil then glass will be the first to get affected. Anyone who comes to a place for loud talk or to cause corruption and mischief will be taken out because it's a place of lanterns.
- And in these places Allah (ﷻ) is remembered and tasbeeh is done so there is no complaining or negativity. It's not haram to complain but this place is different from others places. Its standard is higher because what's being taught is higher so the environment needs to be taken care of.
- The environment needs to be purified in order to receive these lanterns, what are the qualities of the lantern 'people'?

### Ayah 37

رَجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ لَا يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ

**Men whom neither trade nor sale (business) diverts from the Remembrance of Allah (with heart and tongue), nor from performing As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), nor from giving the Zakat. They fear a Day when hearts and eyes will be overturned (out of the horror of the torment of the Day of Resurrection).**

- (رَجَالٌ) (**Men**): they are men of the masjids and this can also include women.
- (لَا تُلْهِهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ) (**whom neither trade nor sale (business) diverts**): they are not occupied or distracted. Lahuw is distraction of the heart while playing is distraction of the limbs. Lahuw includes unnecessary thoughts which occupy the heart such as children, errands, money, etc. And which matters occupy the most? Trade and selling. These men are not only in the masjid but they have a life as well outside of it. They are busy with business but it will not occupy their hearts. Business and selling are both mentioned but they're not exactly the same.



If someone has a business, they are 24 hours in business but not 24 hours selling. A person's main goal in business is to sell. They will not be distracted from what?

1. **عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ** (**from the Remembrance of Allah (with heart and tongue)**): from the remembrance of Allah (ﷻ) and the best business is to believe in Allah (ﷻ) and do righteous good deeds. When a person is saved from the hellfire then that's the best business.
  2. **وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ** (**nor from performing As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat)**): and establishing the prayer. A person will get tested with this because the moment it's time for prayer, customers come in. They're not only praying, but they're establishing the prayer by fulfilling the wudhu, it's timings, etc. It also teaches us to make it easy on shop and business owners to not come at the time of prayer.
  3. **وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ** (**nor from giving the Zakat**): and giving the zakat with a good heart.
- **Surah Al Munafiqoon 9: (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ) (O you who believe! Let not your properties or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. And whosoever does that, then they are the losers.)**. To remember Allah (ﷻ) is the priority but this doesn't mean to neglect family and business. The loser is the one who makes them the priority from remembering Allah (ﷻ).
  - **(يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ) (They fear a Day when hearts and eyes will be overturned (out of the horror of the torment of the Day of Resurrection))**: what causes someone to only be focused and occupied with their business? They fear failure, and what keeps these men focused on remembering Allah (ﷻ) and not being distracted with the business and selling? Because they fear failure on the Day of Judgement, subhan Allah.
  - Someone might know about the Day of Judgement but not fear it, but they fear this Day. In business, what causes someone to always be on top? Because they don't know when they will be inspected. Sometimes it's announced and many times it's not, so a person will do his best because he doesn't know when he will be caught. And similarly they fear this Day because they're afraid of what will happen to them on that Day. They not only fear of the horrors of the Day of Judgement but what will happen to them, and this is a higher level of fear.
  - No one's business will remain on the Day of Judgement, even a person's own children will turn away from him. They're afraid their hearts and eyes will turn, why are the eyes mentioned? Whatever we look at will affect our hearts.



- Their hearts and eyes are not turning to the duniya, but what gives them this strength? They fear their states changing on the Day of Judgement. When a person is in the grave there's change, when he's resurrected there's change, when he's accounted there's change, and when he's on the sirat there's change. Who's the one who will be surprised on the Day of Judgement? The one who changed in this life. O Changer of the hearts keep our hearts firm on the deen. Ameen.
- For this reason the environment needs to be of the top standard because there are people who fear their state will change on the Day of Judgement.

## Ayah 38

لِيَجْزِيَهُمُ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنَ مَا عَمِلُوا وَيَزِيدَهُم مِّن فَضْلِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَن يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

**That Allah may reward them according to the best of their deeds, and add even more for them out of His Grace. And Allah provides without measure to whom He wills.**

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- (وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ مَن يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ) (And Allah provides without measure to whom He wills.): He will give them more than they can imagine with no accounts.

**What did we learn from these ayat and how can we change for the better?**

- Do not be distracted with the duniya
- Fear the Day of Judgement
- Ask Allah for firmness

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