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Truthfulness (الصدق)

- Saadiq (الصادق): the one who's truthful in tongue (الصادق بلسانه)
- Sideeq (الصدیق): the one who's truthful in his actions and state (الصدیق بأفعاله وأحواله). As a result of Abu Bakr's truthfulness, all the doors of paradise will call on him.
- State of truthfulness (الصَدِّيقِيَّة): complete sincerity to Allah (ﷻ) and complete submission to the Prophet (ﷺ) (كمال الانقياد للرسول مع كمال الإخلاص).
- Where do you find the truthful one? Either he's doing an obligation or he's doing something virtuous (في فرض يؤديه او فضل يعمل فيه). Allah (ﷻ) has given all of us the same capital of time and the one who's truthful sees his time as the greatest investment. Allah (ﷻ) even set our day for us. The truthful person wants Allah's pleasure and is constant in working towards it so that he's not caught up in bad thoughts or distractions.

Impacts of Truthfulness (آثار الصدق)

1. **Correct aqeedah (سلامة المعتقد):** anyone who wants the truth then Allah (ﷻ) will correct his aqeedah and protect it from anything which can spoil it.
2. **Effort and sacrifice to give victory to the deen (البذل والتضحية لنصرة الدين):** the hypocrite only wants to prove himself and wants to give victory to himself. The one who's truthful is doing everything to give victory to Allah's deen.
3. **High resolution (الهمة العالية):** he's full of energy and motivation, he's not lazy or dreaming without doing anything. He's pushing himself to seek Allah's pleasure. Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) would be seen in prayer, dhikr, performing hajj, visiting the sick, teaching, learning, giving condolences, commanding to good, and giving victory to the oppressed.
4. **He's quick to make up for any shortcoming and correct his mistakes (تلافي التقصير):** if he sins, he quickly repents to Allah (ﷻ). If he's unable to do a certain worship then he makes it up with another.
5. **Love of the righteous (حب الصالحين):** truthful people want to accompany other truthful people; they don't want to be with liars. He feels tight when he's with people of negligence. He might advise but is not the one to accompany them. **Surah At Tawbah 119: (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا)**

(مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ) (O you who believe, have taqwa of Allah and be with the truthful ones). And in Surah Al Kahf 28: (وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْعَدَاةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَهُ وَلَا تَعْدُ عَيْنَاكَ عَنْهُمْ تُرِيدُ زِينَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا تُطِعْ مَنْ (أَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهُ عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ وَكَانَ أَمْرُهُ فُرْطًا) (And keep yourself (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) patiently with those who call on their Lord (i.e. your companions who remember their Lord with glorification, praising in prayers, and other righteous deeds) morning and afternoon, seeking His Face; and let not your eyes overlook them, desiring the pomp and glitter of the life of the world; and obey not him whose heart We have made heedless of Our Remembrance, and who follows his own lusts, and whose affair (deeds) has been lost.)

6. **Firm on steadfastness (الثبات على الاستقامة)**: the truthful person knows that as long he's still alive, he is still in need of firmness. He's not the one who's going right and left or being distracted with desires and doubts. He's always asking Allah (ﷻ) to be firm on the guidance. May Allah (ﷻ) keep us firm on guidance. Ameen.
7. **He wants to be away from any doubtful matters.**

Ayah 54

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَّا حُمِّلْتُمْ وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

Say: "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, but if you turn away, he (Messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) is only responsible for the duty placed on him (i.e. to convey Allah's Message) and you for that placed on you. If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance. The Messenger's duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way (i.e. to preach in a plain way)."

- Guidance will not come to the one who's impure and bad. The messengers are not responsible if people accept the guidance or not.
- (وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ) (If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance. The Messenger's duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way (i.e. to preach in a plain way)."): when a person obeys the Prophet (ﷺ) then he'll be guided and when a person disobeys him then he'll be misguided. We need to follow the Prophet (ﷺ) in order to be guided. The message needs to be clear with no doubts and to the point.
- This is teaching us that anyone with a message needs to deliver and make it reach its destination; it's not about people accepting it or not. The Prophet (ﷺ) sent letters inviting the

rulers of the Roman and Persian Empires to Islam; it's his responsibility to convey the message but it's not his responsibility if they accept or not.

Ayah 55

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

Allah has promised those among you who believe and do righteous good deeds, that He will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the land, as He granted it to those before them, and that He will grant them the authority to practise their religion which He has chosen for them (i.e. Islam). And He will surely give them in exchange a safe security after their fear (provided) they (believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me. But whoever disbelieves after this, they are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah).

- (وَعَدَ اللَّهُ) (**Allah has promised**): Allah (ﷻ) promises and whatever He promises then surely it will be fulfilled. Allah (ﷻ) never breaks His promises, and the promise of Allah (ﷻ) is true so it must happen. The word (وَعَدَ) is a promise for something good, unlike (وَعِيد) which is a warning and threat. Whom did Allah (ﷻ) promise?
- (الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ) (**those among you who believe and do righteous good deeds**): those who believe and do righteous good deeds. Allah (ﷻ) didn't promise the hypocrites or disbelievers. The one who believes will show his faith with his actions. This ayah is also a motivation to be a part of those whom Allah (ﷻ) has promised. What did Allah (ﷻ) promise them? These three following matters are the desires of all people.
 1. (لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ) (**that He will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the land, as He granted it to those before them**): Allah (ﷻ) will (لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ) – He will make them in charge and disposing affairs, similar to Yusuf (عليه السلام) and the Prophet (ﷺ). A successor is someone who's establishing the deen and making it flourish. And even if the person passes away, there's always someone who's continuing the work, it continues until the Day of



Judgement. After the Prophet (ﷺ) passed away, Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) continued forth. May Allah (ﷻ) make us worthy to be successors. Ameen.

2. (وَلِيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ) (and that He will grant them the authority to practise their religion which He has chosen for them (i.e. Islam).): Allah (ﷻ) will also make their Islam to be established so they'll be able to fulfill it in the best way. They will not have any feelings of unease to be covered or to pray or to practice the deen. When a person has honor with the deen then no one will look down upon him. He's not someone who's afraid to make his light shine. Allah (ﷻ) chooses people to take care and preserve His deen.
3. (وَلِيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا) (And He will surely give them in exchange a safe security after their fear): and surely Allah (ﷻ) will exchange their fear to security. The security will only come after going through darkness and fear. A person might simply want security but Allah (ﷻ) will not only give him peace, but He will give him more than he can imagine. He will make them established in the land and carry His deen. May Allah (ﷻ) make us keys of good. Ameen.

- All of these matters are a result of a person's belief and good deeds. A person has to be truthful in wanting to give victory to Allah's deen by believing in Him and doing righteous good deeds. How will Allah (ﷻ) give this person victory? The three matters mentioned.

Surah Al Hajj 40 to 41:

الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ۗ وَلَوْلَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَّهُدَمَتْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسَاجِدُ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا ۗ وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

Those who have been expelled from their homes unjustly only because they said: "Our Lord is Allah." For had it not been that Allah checks one set of people by means of another, monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, wherein the Name of Allah is mentioned much would surely have been pulled down. Verily, Allah will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty.

الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ

Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, (they) enjoin Iqamat-as-Salat [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational Salat (prayers) (the males in mosques)], to pay the Zakat and they enjoin Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and forbid Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islam has forbidden) [i.e. they make the



Qur'an as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allah rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures).

- When a person is established in the land then he should establish the prayer, give zakat, and encourage to good and forbid evil.
- **يَعْبُدُونِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا** ((**provided**) **they (believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me.**): no matter how much authority or power a person has, he's to worship Allah (ﷻ) and not commit shirk. He's to keep himself humble before Allah (ﷻ). Someone who's blindly following others regardless of what Allah (ﷻ) says or is attaching to the duniya regardless of what Allah (ﷻ) said is shirk.
- It's a reminder from Allah (ﷻ) to not spoil the lantern with shirk.
- **(وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ)** (**But whoever disbelieves after this, they are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah).**): and whoever disbelieves referring back to those who believed and did good deeds, then he's among the fasiqeen. They have disbelieved by attributing goodness and success to themselves while misguiding others thus becomes rebellious and stubborn. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us. Ameen. O Changer of the hearts, keep our hearts firm on Your deen. Ameen.
- The people of the lantern fear their eyes and hearts will change from seeking the pleasure of Allah (ﷻ) to the pleasure of the people. They're like mountains who are great from outside but they're humble and fearful to Allah (ﷻ) inside.

Ayah 56

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and give Zakat and obey the Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) that you may receive mercy (from Allah).

- **(وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ)** (**And perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat).**): it's important to establish the prayer because that's our connection to Allah (ﷻ). The prayer is noor and the sadaqah is proof.
- **(وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ)** (**and give Zakat**): to give zakat includes both what's obligatory and voluntary.
- **(وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ)** (**and obey the Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم)**): and obey the Messenger (ﷺ) by following his Sunnah. The sunnah gives us light.



- **(لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ)** (**that you may receive mercy (from Allah)**): when a person establishes the prayer, gives zakat and follows the Prophet (ﷺ) then he will be given mercy. There will be no light without Allah's mercy. We cannot pray, give zakat or obey the Prophet (ﷺ) without Allah's mercy.

How do we apply what we learned and change for the better?

- Believe and do righteous good deeds
- Do not commit shirk and do not disbelieve

May Allah (ﷻ) make us worthy to attain His promises. Ameen.