



Radiant Bliss – Knowing the Names of Allah

Al Lateef Al Khabeer (اللطيف الخبير) – Class 6

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Al Lateef Al Khabeer – The Most Subtle The All-Aware (اللطيف الخبير)

- When people deal with others, it can be stressful, argumentative and demanding when a person doesn't know Allah (ﷻ). Today we will speak of Allah Al Lateef Al Khabeer from the point of nurturing. The Lordship of Allah (ﷻ) is something common sense and found in the fitra.
- Ar Rabb is the One Who takes us from one level to another but in a gentle and smooth way. There are transitions in life and the transition are not from side to side but climbing up from one level to another. **Surah Al Inshiqaq 19: (الَّذِينَ طَبَقًا عَنْ طَبَقٍ) (You shall certainly travel from stage to stage (in this life and in the Hereafter)).** There are those who accept the change when they know Allah (ﷻ) and there are those who can't accept it and feel panicked and discomfort when they go through change.
- For those who accept the change, not only do they have knowledge of Allah (ﷻ) but they want the akhira, so how will the transition be? With smooth and ease. Imagine a child wants to go out, but the mother stops him and says 'you're not ready to go out yet until you've changed your clothes'. If he only cries then it delays him from going out. And similarly the one wanting the akhira and paradise cannot just go without being nurtured and accepting the nurturing. The more there's resistance, the more there will be delay, subhan Allah.
- Allah (ﷻ) is Al Lateef Al Khabeer and He will make our transition smooth, but what's needed? Acceptance as a result of the knowledge and knowing there will be an upgrade coming up next.
- To transition from an unmarried to married woman is a great transition from not knowing someone to becoming the closest to each other. There are steps in between with Allah (ﷻ) taking care of placing love and mercy between them. Another transition is from being childless to having a child. This transition is brought step by step.
- Even if someone loses their husband or divorce, it's not a step down, but it's a step up when a person believes in the akhira.

Surah Yusuf 100: (وَرَفَعَ أَبَوَيْهِ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَخَرُّوا لَهُ سُجَّدًا وَقَالَ يَا أَبْتِ هَذَا تَأْوِيلُ رُؤْيَايَ مِنْ قَبْلُ قَدْ جَعَلَهَا رَبِّي حَقًّا وَقَدْ أَحْسَنَ بِي إِذْ) (And he raised his parents to the throne and they fell down before him prostrate. And he said: "O my father!



This is the interpretation of my dream aforetime! My Lord has made it come true! He was indeed good to me, when He took me out of the prison, and brought you (all here) out of the bedouin-life, after Shaitan (Satan) had sown enmity between me and my brothers. Certainly, my Lord is the Most Courteous and Kind unto whom He wills. Truly He! Only He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.)

- Al Lateef Al Khabeer fills the gaps in the processes and transition phases. In Surah Yusuf, Yusuf (عليه السلام) went from being with his father, to being in the well, to being in the house of the aziz, to being in jail, and finally being the keeper of the treasures.
- When he was first at home he had a vision of the sun, moon and stars prostrating to him. Then finally while being a keeper, his mother, father and brothers came to him and prostrated to him out of honor and not worship. Then he told his father that Allah (ﷻ) made his dream come true. When we are taken from one level to another then Allah (ﷻ) is completing our vision.
- Yusuf (عليه السلام) said how Allah (ﷻ) was good to him by taking him out of prison. Despite his brothers being bad to him, there might be people who hurt us in life but they were a reason for bringing us up, subhan Allah.

Purification of the Self (تزكية النفس)

- One type of process of going from one level to another is purification of the self (تزكية النفس) for example to go from being impatient to being patient or going from not praying to praying.
- The process includes purification and beautification. Allah (ﷻ) is gentle in purifying sicknesses of the heart.
- A simple example is putting make-up. Allah (ﷻ) knows why we're putting make-up, but how can this action make us upgraded? To remember Allah is Al Jameel – The Most Beautiful and He loves beauty. Love of praise and admiration from others is a sickness and sometimes we beautify ourselves to please the people and not Allah (ﷻ).
- An upgrade is not only major transitions but even with the little matters we do. We think of beautifying ourselves in front of people, but why do we not beautify ourselves in front of Allah (ﷻ)? And how do we do this? With taqwa.

Sinning:

- When we sin, what should we do? We should submit by confessing we make mistakes and repent to Allah (ﷻ). We think when we make a mistake then it looks like we're falling and are going down, but had it not been for this mistake then we would not be upgraded, but we need to understand this. When Adam (عليه السلام) ate from the tree, there was a feeling of guilt,



- Repent to Allah (ﷻ) with feelings

May Allah Al Lateef Al Khabeer help us apply what we learned. Ameen.