



Quranic & Prophetic Nurturing Program

Surah An Noor – Class 47

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Obedience

- The human being is made of clay so he has the potential to be molded in order to progress and go forward, unlike any other creation which is fixed as it is. For example the angels are as they are and do not progress. What causes a person to progress? Knowledge.

Meaning in the language (معنى لغة):

- The meaning of obedience is to accompany and submit (الإصحاب والانقياد). People think obedience causes a person to lose his identity or he just 'dissolves', but a person's identity will be more defined with obedience.
- Obedience is the opposite of being forced (وضده الكره). Allah (ﷻ) asked the heavens and the earth to come willingly or unwillingly. In the end they both have to come back, but they said 'we will come willingly'. **Surah Fussilat 11: (ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَهِيَ دُخَانٌ فَقَالَ لَهَا وَلِلْأَرْضِ ائْتِيَا طَوْعًا أَوْ كَرْهًا قَالَتَا : (أَتَيْنَا طَائِعِينَ) (Then He rose over (Istawa) towards the heaven when it was smoke, and said to it and to the earth: "Come both of you willingly or unwillingly." They both said: "We come willingly.").**
- Obedience causes a person to stay away from the sins (وتخلص مع اجتناب المعاصي).

Meaning in the deen (معنى اصطلاحاً):

- Obedience is to obey outwardly and be pleased inwardly to Allah's rulings, His Messenger (ﷺ) and obeying the rulers (هي الامتثال ظاهراً، والرّضا باطناً لحكم الله ورسوله).

What's the difference between obedience and worship? (الفرق بين الطاعة والعبادة)

- Obedience is greater than worship because to be obedient is to do it while being pleased.

Sayings of the righteous predecessors

- 'Umar bin Al Khattab (رضي الله عنه) said: do not accompany the wrongdoers because you will learn their wrongdoings. Separate yourself from your enemy and be careful of friends except who are trustworthy. And who's trustworthy? The one who fears Allah, he's humble when death is mentioned, and he will have humility when called to obedience. He abstains from



disobedience and seeks advice from those who fear Allah (ﷻ). These are the qualities of a good friend.

- Mu'adh ibn Jabal (رضي الله عنه) was like a nation. What does it mean to be one person but like an ummah? Teaching people goodness. And the devotees are the ones who are obedient to Allah and His Messenger (ﷻ).
- Obedience is a very rare quality these days because people think it's depictive of a weak personality, but the one who has identity and is obedient is a strength. And with obedience there's barakah and blessings.

Dua: (اللهم اقسم لنا من خشيتك ما تحول به بيننا وبين معاصيك، ومن طاعتك ما تبلغنا به جنتك، ومن اليقين ما تهون به علينا مصائب الدنيا) (O Allah, apportion to us such fear as should serve as a barrier between us and acts of disobedience; and such obedience as will take us to Your Jannah; and such as will make easy for us to bear in the calamities of this world.) – Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi, Book 5, Hadith 834

Ayah 61

لَيْسَ عَلَى الْأَعْمَى حَرْجٌ وَلَا عَلَى الْأَعْرَجِ حَرْجٌ وَلَا عَلَى الْمَرِيضِ حَرْجٌ وَلَا عَلَى أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَنْ تَأْكُلُوا مِنْ بُيُوتِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ آبَائِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ إِخْوَانِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ أَخَوَاتِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ أَعْمَامِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ عَمَّاتِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ أَخْوَالِكُمْ أَوْ بُيُوتِ خَالَاتِكُمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتُمْ مَفَاتِحَهُ أَوْ صَدِيقِكُمْ لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَأْكُلُوا جَمِيعًا أَوْ أَشْتَاتًا فَإِذَا دَخَلْتُمْ بُيُوتًا فَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَنْفُسِكُمْ تَحِيَّةً مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ مُبَارَكَةً طَيِّبَةً كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ

There is no restriction on the blind, nor any restriction on the lame, nor any restriction on the sick, nor on yourselves, if you eat from your houses, or the houses of your fathers, or the houses of your mothers, or the houses of your brothers, or the houses of your sisters, or the houses of your father's brothers, or the houses of your father's sisters, or the houses of your mother's brothers, or the houses of your mother's sisters, or (from that) whereof you hold keys, or (from the house) of a friend. No sin on you whether you eat together or apart. But when you enter the houses, greet one another with a greeting from Allah (i.e. say: (السلام عليكم) As-Salamu 'Alaikum - peace be on you) blessed and good. Thus Allah makes clear the Ayat (these Verses or your religious symbols and signs) to you that you may understand.

- Allah (ﷻ) gave detailed instructions in order to bring forth our obedience, even through food, subhan Allah. In school, obedience is taught through uniforms, assembly, and so forth. And as



Muslims, we are representing Islam. Whether we want it or not, we are put into obedience by obeying our parents and obeying those in charge.

- In the Battle of Uhud there was loss due to a lack of obedience. They assumed the battle was over, but they didn't get a signal from the Prophet (ﷺ) that the battle was over. The higher a person's position is, the more he sees and for this reason it's important to obey the one in charge.
- From Surah An Noor, it's teaching us when a person follows the rules regarding the greetings of salam, entry of the home and food then it will help a person to be obedient.
- **(لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَأْكُلُوا جَمِيعًا أَوْ أَشْتَاتًا)** (**No sin on you whether you eat together or apart.**): there's no harm to eat together or alone, but surely it's better to eat together. This was revealed because the Companions would not eat if they were alone so they would end up being hungry, subhan Allah. **Hadith:** (قَالَوا نَعَمْ " . فَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَأْكُلُونَ مُتَفَرِّقِينَ " . قَالَ " فَأَجْتَمِعُوا عَلَى طَعَامِكُمْ وَادْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ يُبَارِكْ لَكُمْ فِيهِ " .) ("O Messenger of Allah, we eat and do not feel full." He said: "Perhaps you eat separately?" They said: "Yes." He said: "Gather to eat together, and mention the Name of Allah over it, then it will be blessed for you.") – Sunan Ibn Majah Book 29, Hadith 3411

Etiquettes of Eating and Drinking

- To not eat from gold or silver vessels or platters
- Do not eat while reclining or on the stomach
- When there's food and prayer, then a person should eat first
- Wash the hands
- Say 'Bism Allah' when eating and drinking and say 'Alhamdulillah' when complete
- Eat and drink with the right hand, it is forbidden to eat and drink with the left hand
- Eat what's in front of you
- Eat from the sides of the dish and not from the top
- Eat with three fingers
- If food falls on the floor, then pick it up, clean it and eat it
- Wait until the food cools down
- Do not make bad remarks about the food
- Eat and drink while seated
- Do not blow into the food
- Do not drink from the same bottle spout
- The one who's serving drinks to others is the last to drink
- Recommended to converse and speak while eating



then there will be blessings in that home, and if salam is said before speaking then there will be barakah in the speech.

- **(كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ)** (Thus Allah makes clear the Ayat (these Verses or your religious symbols and signs) to you that you may understand): Allah (ﷻ) shows us the ayat so we may realize and act upon it. Following the rules in detail causes a person to increase in intelligence and emotional intelligence.

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

- Spread the salam
- Be obedient and follow the rules
- Eat together and if unable then it's fine to eat alone

May Allah (ﷻ) help us act on what we learned. Ameen.