



Quranic & Prophetic Nurturing Program

Surah An Noor – Class 49

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Recap of Surah An Noor

- Surah An Noor takes us through a journey and it begins with darkness and then speaks of good people and different means to protect oneself.
- A person cannot continue the journey without knowing Allah is the Light of the Heavens and the Earth. No matter how beautiful a person's lantern may be, it's Allah (ﷻ) Who's the Source of Light. Allah (ﷻ) will strike His light to whomever He wills.
- There are places to keep the lanterns and help them fuel. And there are companions to help you remain on track, but there are threats. A person might see everything good in front of him but it turns out to be a mirage. A person should do his deeds alone for Allah (ﷻ).
- We all need 'fuel' which is knowledge and then a person can see the actions of Allah (ﷻ). Allah (ﷻ) tells us to look all that's around us and the glorification that keeps this world going. We don't know the creation who's only job is to 'purify' the air. We should not forget tasbeeh so that we're not a lantern burning others.
- Different sources and talents can come together like a cloud, and Allah (ﷻ) makes them familiar with one another and one above the other, but a person needs to beware of the lightning which strikes the eyes.
- There will always be changes in life, if there's night then the day will come, and after every new start there was a darkness before it. The only way we can progress is by going through day and night.
- It's important for a person to be truthful and beware of hypocrisy. We shouldn't be a person who only speaks and claims, but doesn't act.
- The lanterns can light up but they cannot light up others if Allah (ﷻ) doesn't will.
- If a person wants success then he should establish the prayer, give zakat and obey Allah (ﷻ) and the Messenger (ﷺ).
- Allah (ﷻ) then gives special and detailed rules for those who are of higher faith.
- After all of this great education then commitment is needed, the believer is not the one to leave for something else.

Ayah 63

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا ۚ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ لِوَاذًا ۚ فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

Make not the calling of the Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) among you as your calling one of another. Allah knows those of you who slip away under shelter (of some excuse without taking the permission to leave, from the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)). And let those who oppose the Messenger's (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) commandment (i.e. his Sunnah - legal ways, orders, acts of worship, statements) (among the sects) beware, lest some Fitnah (disbelief, trials, afflictions, earthquakes, killing, overpowered by a tyrant) should befall them or a painful torment be inflicted on them.

- An advanced society is one that is not rebellious, but is obedient to Allah (ﷻ), His Messenger (ﷺ) and the authorities.
- One rebellious person can cause many problems and the worse are those who do it under the 'guise of Islam'. Islam is against all of this, and it's against those who insult rulers, authority, rules, who spread rumors, make demonstrations and cause a scene. This is not an example of a lantern, but a lowly example. And it's important to teach children to obey the rulers and those in charge, and not rebel.
- Such actions disturb a society and distract it from progression. Anything which can create problems needs to be stopped.
- **(لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا) (Make not the calling of the Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) among you as your calling one of another.):** a person needs to attain to the one above him before the one who's at his level. For example, when praying a voluntary prayer and your mother calls you then you respond to her, but if it's your brother or sister then you would respond after your prayer. In school, if a principal calls the student then he should respond, if an authority calls then one responds. To not respond to the one above shows misbehavior and is not the example of a lantern. Even when speaking to those above us, we should deal with them with more respect.
- Also a person should not call those above him as those who are similar to him. **Surah Al Anfal 24: (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ ۚ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ) (O you**

who believe! Answer Allah (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (صلى الله عليه وسلم) calls you to that which will give you life, and know that Allah comes in between a person and his heart (i.e. He prevents an evil person to decide anything). And verily to Him you shall (all) be gathered.)

- (قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ يَتَسَلَّلُونَ مِنْكُمْ لِوَاذًا) (Allah knows those of you who slip away under shelter (of some excuse without taking the permission to leave, from the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)).): Allah (ﷻ) knows who's truthful and who's sneaking around discreetly. (تسلل) is similar to a chain of beads that slips. The hypocrite wants to be in the picture without doing any work. (لِوَاذًا) is slipping away discreetly.
- (فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ) (And let those who oppose the Messenger's (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) commandment (i.e. his Sunnah - legal ways, orders, acts of worship, statements) (among the sects) beware.): whoever does contrary to the Messenger's command and the commands of those with authority, then let them beware of:
 1. (أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ) (lest some Fitnah (disbelief, trials, afflictions, earthquakes, killing, overpowered by a tyrant) should befall them): a fitna will afflict them. What is fitna? Some kind of situation that will mislead a person from the truth, astaghfar. He will be caught and trapped in a spider web. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us from all fitnas. Ameen. A fitna causes a person to indulge in a problem and forget what he's doing. Obedience is protection from fitna and disobedience leads to fitna.
 2. (أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ) (or a painful torment be inflicted on them.): or they will go through pain whether in this life or the next. When a person doesn't respect the rulers or authority at any level then there will be pain. Obedience is truly a beautiful value and character.

Ayah 64

أَلَا إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ مَا أَنْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَيَوْمَ يُرْجَعُونَ إِلَيْهِ فَيُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا عَمِلُوا ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

Certainly, to Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. Surely, He knows your condition and (He knows) the Day when they will be brought back to Him, then He will inform them of what they did. And Allah is All-Knower of everything.



- **أَلَا إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ط** (**Certainly, to Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth.**): anything we do all belongs to Allah (ﷻ) and it will return to Him. No one can appreciate our work more than Allah (ﷻ) because He knows all that we're doing and everything that goes into it. The believer is not the one who wants others to know what he's doing because he knows Allah (ﷻ) knows and will appreciate it.
- **قَدْ يَعْلَمُ مَا أَنْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ** (**Surely, He knows your condition**): Allah (ﷻ) knows what we're doing, how much we're struggling, and what level we've reached. The knowledge of Allah (ﷻ) is in the Preserved Tablet, the records of the angels, in the womb, and He knows everything on the spot.
- **(وَيَوْمَ يُرْجَعُونَ إِلَيْهِ)** (**and (He knows) the Day when they will be brought back to Him,**): we will all return to Allah (ﷻ) on the Day of Judgement.
- **فَيُنَبِّئُهُم بِمَا عَمِلُوا ط** (**then He will inform them of what they did.**): and He will **(يُنَبِّئُهُم)** – inform us of great matters. The heavens and the earth will bear witness and our tongue and body will bear witness.
- **(وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ)** (**And Allah is All-Knower of everything.**): and Allah (ﷻ) is All-Knowing of everything, He's not depending on any witnesses to know.
- With knowledge there is light and with ignorance there is darkness. How will the obedient slave return back to Allah (ﷻ)? Obedient.

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

- To become lanterns in society, there needs to be obedience
- The believer is not the one to quit but wants to progress in his faith, actions and manners

This is the end of Surah An Noor. May Allah (ﷻ) accept from all and help us act on what we learned. May He grant us light in the duniya and akhira and make us true lanterns. Ameen.