



Clouds of Thought

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Cloud of Thought – Choose your Companion

- To go on the journey to Allah (ﷻ) requires a companion and beloved one whom you love and they love you. Belief in Allah (ﷻ) The Most High and He will give you the most customized and top companion made for you. We all want someone to be on a journey with us until we reach Allah (ﷻ).
- Everyone wants to reach and progress to the top but it needs determination, truthfulness, sincerity and patience.
- We don't want to be tired, go backwards or be delayed. We want to go forward but we need to believe Allah (ﷻ) will bring all provision to us and He will bring us the best and highest.
- No matter how much determination and motivation we may have, we need someone who will help us in this long, but beautiful journey.
- It needs a heart to heart companion where you see, speak and feel is the same. A person needs a companion until they reach the top to Allah (ﷻ).
- There is no blessing after Islam than to have a beloved companion. This friend and companion will travel with you; this companion is different from a family member. With this friend you will share together all the goals and challenges. There will be no awkwardness with this companion. A person will be resurrected with this companion and he will enjoy being under the Shade of Allah (ﷻ) just as in this life they were together speaking of Allah (ﷻ).
- This companionship is not a normal one but a companionship which takes you to the top, so a person will enjoy it in this life and the next.
- A person will be with the ones he love, so choose your companions wisely. Allah (ﷻ) will create a companion customized for you if you truly want to reach Him, subhan Allah.
- If you love Allah (ﷻ) and love those who love Allah (ﷻ) then you will be neighbors in Firdaus Al 'Ala. If both of you have eyes on the highest target and goal, and this love keeps you motivated to reach Firdaus then Allah (ﷻ) will provide it.
- The Prophet (ﷺ) said if you ask for paradise then ask for Firdous Al 'Ala. **Hadith: (وَالْفِرْدَوْسُ أَعْلَى الْجَنَّةِ)**
(وَأَوْسَطُهَا وَفَوْقَ ذَلِكَ عَرْشُ الرَّحْمَنِ وَمِنْهَا تَفَجَّرُ أَنْهَارُ الْجَنَّةِ فَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمْ اللَّهَ فَسَلُّوهُ الْفِرْدَوْسَ) (Al-Firdaus is the highest of



Paradise and its most expansive, and above that is the Throne of Ar-Rahman (the Most Merciful), and from it the rivers of Paradise are made to flow forth. So when you ask Allah, ask Him for Al-Firdaus." – At Tirmidhi Book 38, Hadith 2722

- The ceiling of Firdaus is the Throne of Allah (ﷻ), it's in the middle of paradise and all rivers gush forth from Firdaus. A person wants to go to the top with the best and the best of feelings.
- The Companions are the stars and whoever loves them then they will be with them in Firdaus Al 'Ala.
- This life is not about being dry, stiff and determined like rock, but a person needs beautiful feelings and gentleness to reach the top.
- The sign of loving for the sake of Allah (ﷻ) is to always look at what's pleasing Allah (ﷻ). A person wants to use this love as a fuel to keep him going towards Allah (ﷻ).

Surah Al Anfal 63: (وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلَّفْتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ) (And He has united their (i.e. believers') hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have united their hearts, but Allah has united them. Certainly He is All-Mighty, All-Wise.)

- Allah Al Aziz Al Hakeem and He is the One Who joins between the hearts. If a person were to spend everything on this earth to join two hearts then it won't happen. Allah (ﷻ) is the One Who joins love between the hearts, and it's a two way and not one-way love. It's not a worldly love but a divine love. May Allah (ﷻ) grant us this love. Ameen.
- Allah (ﷻ) is the One Who combines and gathers the hearts. When Ibrahim (as) asked to see the dead coming back to life, the birds were there and scattered, but they were quickly brought back to life.
- Ibn 'Umar may Allah be pleased with him said he wouldn't have anything to do but to say salam to the people.
- Having a companion will make you reach your goals quickly because you share the same goals.
- Just as they love for Allah (ﷻ), they also hate for Allah (ﷻ). Love and hate for Allah (ﷻ) are not connected to desires.

Surah Al Mumtahina 4: (قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَاءُ مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدَهُ إِلَّا قَوْلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ لَأَسْتَغْفِرَنَّ لَكَ وَمَا أَمْلِكُ لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ رَبَّنَا عَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ أَنْتَبْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ) (Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibrahim (Abraham) and those with him, when they said to their people: "Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allah: we have rejected you, and there has started between us and you hostility and hatred for ever until you believe in Allah Alone" - except the saying of Ibrahim (Abraham) to



his father: "Verily, I will ask forgiveness (from Allah) for you, but I have no power to do anything for you before Allah. " Our Lord! In You (Alone) we put our trust, and to You (Alone) we turn in repentance, and to You (Alone) is (our) final Return.)

- A person should choose now, 'who will accompany you to the Day of Judgement?' The Prophet (ﷺ) had many companions, but he had one special companion which was Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him). He was clear in who he loved the most. He even told him if I were to take a companion whose love would go to the blood and veins, it would be Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him). He would be his Khalil, but the Prophet (ﷺ) is Khalil of Allah (ﷻ).
- And a person should be away from those who will take them away from Allah (ﷻ) so the measure for choosing a companion is who will bring you closer to Allah (ﷻ).

Surah Hud 113: (وَلَا تَرْكَنُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا فَتَمَسَّكُمُ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُم مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ) (And incline not toward those who do wrong, lest the Fire should touch you, and you have no protectors other than Allah, nor you would then be helped.)

- Don't incline to a wrongdoer or those who associate with Allah (ﷻ) or disbelieve in Him.
- The companionship of believers and obedient ones is a worship. So love the obedient ones and they will help you reach the top. A person will be with the one whom he loves on the Day of Judgement.

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

- Be truthful in wanting to reach Allah (ﷻ) and He will bring a companion for you
- Ask Allah (ﷻ) to have a true companion

May Allah (ﷻ) grant us His love, the love of those who love Him and love of deeds which bring us closer to His love. Ameen.