



Clouds of Thought

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Cloud of Thought – It's not about you loving Allah, but Him loving you

- The way to Allah (ﷻ) has a foundation and it's not with feet but with heart. We all need Allah's love and this begins with our heart. (لا اله الا الله) means to attach to Allah (ﷻ) out of love and magnification.
- Love is to love Allah (ﷻ), love those whom Allah (ﷻ) loves and love of deeds which bring us closer to His love.
- This life needs love and this life cannot be established without love. It's important to make our priority that we are loved by Allah (ﷻ).
- When Allah (ﷻ) loves a slave, then the slave will love Him more, and then Allah's love for him will increase as well, and this becomes ongoing.

Surah Al Maeda 54: (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٌ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٌ عَلَى) (O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never fear of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower.)

- The one who turns away from Allah's deen then He will bring a people whom He loves and they love Him. Notice Allah's love is preceded before theirs and this shows it's not a matter of us loving Allah (ﷻ) but Allah (ﷻ) loving us. The qualities of such people are humble to the believers and firm to the disbelievers, they struggle for His sake and do not fear the blame of the blamers. This is Allah's favor upon them. May Allah (ﷻ) love us, may we love those whom love Him and love of deeds which bring us closer to His love. Ameen.
- Here's a question for all of us: 'does Allah love you?', subhan Allah. The love of Allah (ﷻ) is so great, are we suitable or worthy of Allah's love?
- Allah is The Most Great, The Most Honorable, The King, for what does He love us? Subhan Allah. Never assume Allah's love is connected to His givings to you. His love is greater than what He gives from the duniya. Allah (ﷻ) gives the duniya to whom He loves and doesn't love but gives



the deen to whom He loves. If He makes you to worship Him, seek knowledge and do good deeds then this is an indication of Allah's love for you.

- When Allah (ﷻ) loves a person then He will fill his heart with His love and this is a great blessing.

Hadith: (قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى قَالَ: "مَنْ عَادَ لِي وَلِيًّا، فَقَدْ آذَنْتَهُ بِالْحَرْبِ، وَمَا تَقَرَّبَ إِلَيَّ عَبْدِي بِشَيْءٍ أَحَبَّ إِلَيَّ مِمَّا افْتَرَضْتُ عَلَيْهِ، وَمَا يَزَالُ عَبْدِي يَتَقَرَّبُ إِلَيَّ بِالنَّوَافِلِ حَتَّى أَحِبَّهُ فَإِذَا أَحْبَبْتَهُ كُنْتُ سَمْعَهُ الَّذِي يَسْمَعُ بِهِ، وَبَصَرَهُ الَّذِي يَبْصُرُ بِهِ، وَيَدَهُ الَّتِي يَبْطِشُ بِهَا، وَرِجْلَهُ الَّتِي يَمْشِي بِهَا، وَإِنْ سَأَلَنِي، أُعْطِيْتَهُ، وَلَنْ اسْتَعَاذَنِي، لَأُعِيْنَهُ" (Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah, the Exalted, has said: 'I will declare war against him who treats with hostility a pious worshipper of Mine. And the most beloved thing with which My slave comes nearer to Me, is what I have enjoined upon him; and My slave keeps on coming closer to Me through performing Nawafil (voluntary prayers or doing extra deeds besides what is obligatory) until I love him, (so much so that) I become his hearing with which he hears, and his sight with which he sees, and his hand with which he strikes, and his leg with which he walks; and if he asks Me something, I will surely give him, and if he seeks My Protection (refuge), I will surely protect him".) – Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari, Book 1, Hadith 386

- When we love anyone, our night and day will go around this person, and when a person loves Allah (ﷻ), then his night and day revolve around Allah (ﷻ). And when Allah (ﷻ) loves a person then it will occupy his heart.
- When Allah (ﷻ) loves a person then He will busy all his limbs to serve Him. And when Allah (ﷻ) loves a person then He will stop all negativity and whispers from his heart, so there's no space for any worries or sorrow, subhan Allah.
- When Allah (ﷻ) loves a person then he will feel as if he's standing between the Two Hands of the One Whom he loves.
- This love will grow by looking and observing Allah's Favors. The person will feel he is surrounded by Allah's love and he will be sensitive to it.
- **How can we make this love firm?** Follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ): **Surah Al Imran 31:** (قُلْ: (قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ (Say (O Muhammad (ﷺ) to mankind): "If you (really) love Allah then follow me (i.e. accept Islamic Monotheism, follow the Qur'an and the Sunnah), Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Off-Forgiving, Most Merciful.")
- **How will this love grow?** By being broken before Allah (ﷻ) and in need of His love. But if a person feels satisfied and thinks he doesn't need to take care of it, then this love will decrease.
- If Allah (ﷻ) loves us then we will live for Him, He will occupy our limbs by serving Him and He will occupy our minds by thinking of Him, subhan Allah. May Allah (ﷻ) place us in the best position and place and not replace us. Ameen.



- And if Allah (ﷻ) loves us then He will put acceptance in the hearts of the people.
- We cannot love Allah (ﷻ) if He doesn't love us. And when we do love Him, then He rewards us with more love and this is paradise.
- We all want to be loved by Allah (ﷻ) so we should go forward and be truthful.

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

- Be truthful and go to Allah (ﷻ) with heart
- Follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ)

May Allah (ﷻ) love us, may we love those whom He loves and may we love the deeds which bring us closer to His love. Ameen.