



Chapter (59) sūrat I-ḥashr (The Gathering)

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MORNING SUPPLICATIONS

We need to say the morning supplications to be connected to Allah swt, for protection, to be guarded and to be saved. We need security from so many things. We need ‘salaam’ and ‘iman’ to feel secure before a situation occurs so that we don’t panic and we are not panicking that something might happen. Having ‘peace’ and ‘faith’ are like entering Paradise. The believer gets this through believing in Allah swt. When a believer believes Allah is As Salaam, that Allah swt will save you, that Allah swt will give you the security, then you will not panic when a situation arises.

PROTECTION, SAFETY & SECURITY

Sometimes people go through situations panicking and feeling insecure and anxious. Al’am means to feel secure from anything that might happen in the future because you are saved. For whatever we need in our lives, whether it is for something big or a fine detail, you will get everything and even more than what you expected when you know Allah swt. When something happens in our life we feel the need for something, but it should not be that only when something happens we ask Allah swt. When you believe in the Names of Allah swt you will get complete protection and safety so you feel secure always – like there is a lock.

NAMES OF ALLAH

We all want security for everything that we enjoy in our lives, security for my eyes, for my ears, for my heart, for my faith, my livelihood, our sleep, our relationships etc. and this is when you believe in the Names of Allah swt.

In Surat al Hashr you will find many Names of Allah swt which will gradually enrich you; gradually they will fill the gaps and organise what you are going through. The journey to Allah swt is in three steps:

1. Islam – actions of the tongue and the limbs
2. Faith – you believe
3. Al I’hsaan – you only see Allah swt actions in everything

This is the religion and this is the journey to Islam. When people first come to Islam they first focus on the Pillars of Islam so they feel ‘salaam’. Next the focus is on the faith so as to continue enjoying your journey, enjoying the prayer, enjoying fasting etc. because everything comes with the faith. The faith will keep you secure and guarded. When you feel secure than you can progress, you can do the ihsaan.

IHSAAN (EXCELLENCE)

Ihsaan is the ultimate goal. Ihsaan is when you are free from the ‘self’, free from yourself and free from the ‘self’ of others. You are not looking at what people did and you are not looking at what ‘I did’ or ‘I want to do this’. You are only looking at Allah swt actions. Your focus is Allah swt actions.

But you cannot have ‘ihsaan’ if you do not have the security, and you will not have the security if you do not have the peace. If you are not a peaceful person than how can you progress, how can you have ‘ihsaan’. A person with ihsaan is a generator of good deeds. They are not looking at the actions of the people.

Chapter (18) sūrat I-kahf (The Cave)

18:6 Then perhaps you would kill yourself through grief over them, [O Muhammad], if they do not believe in this message, [and] out of sorrow.

18:7 Indeed, We have made that which is on the earth adornment for it that We may test them [as to] which of them is best in deed.

Chapter (67) sūrat l-mulk (Dominion)

67:2 [He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving -

How will I do ihsan? With Islam and with iman.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE

With your relationships with people, at the minimum they need to be saved from you, from yourself. You are not harming them so that they are saved from your tongue and saved from your limbs (actions). You do not make people afraid of you and you do the best for them, then you are doing ihsan with the people.

That is the level of the deen we need to reach and the journey with these three points of Islam, faith and ihsaan. In Surat al Hashr you are told about Allah swt at the end, as if you really see Him. If I am not clear about my outer actions or my feelings and my faith then how can I enjoy doing the ihsaan. This is the journey of Surat al Hashr.

THE GIVER OF SECURITY

الْمُؤْمِنُ

When there is no faith or no security you will feel fear which is useless. When you have faith you will feel secure and your heart will enjoy only fearing Allah swt, then nobody can make you to crack; no one can demolish you; you will not harm yourself and no one will harm you. Only qashiyat (fear) of Allah will crack you, fear of Allah swt will make you humble like the mountain.

THE FAITH

The Mumin is Muslim from the faith, from the belief. The journey of Surat al Hashr is about the faith, about the iman. Ayah no. 2 mentions the word 'faith'.

59:2 It is He who expelled the ones who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture from their homes at the first gathering. You did not think they would leave, and they thought that their fortresses would protect them from Allah ; but [the decree of] Allah came upon them from where they had not expected, and He cast terror into their hearts [so] they destroyed their houses by their [own] hands and the hands of the **believers**. So take warning, O people of vision.

بِأَيْدِيهِمْ وَأَيْدِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

and the hands of the believers.

The Yuhud destroyed their own homes by their hands and by the hands of the 'muminoon'. This is to show us that the security is only from the izzat of Allah, the security is only from Allah Al Aziz Al Hakim, and the security is only with the faith. Allah swt is making the Yuhud use their own hands to demolish their own homes.

THE ANSAR

The Ansar had the faith and Allah swt is supporting the Ansar.

59:9 And [also for] those who were settled in al-Madinah and [adopted] the **faith** before them. They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are

in privation. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful.

وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّءُوا الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ

Allah swt mentions the place and the faith – the faith needs the space and a place to incubate, to generate and be taken care of – this is Madinah. In

Makkah they were struggling and the struggle shows their truthfulness. But you need a place to guard the faith in order to do the ihsan otherwise you will always be struggling.

PREFER OTHERS OVER YOURSELF

When you have a place for the faith, a place to practice the faith, then you will prefer the others over yourself so everyone feels secure because whatever you love for yourself you love for others. You can easily practice this, how easy is this life, it is not that others are fearing that you can harm them, but you are giving the people the safety and the security because you prefer others over yourself. And you love the people.

The faith generates the best of the people because you have a place for the faith and room for the faith. You are the supporter of the faith that has the place and the land, and you are living in security because you don't have anything against anyone. You are not harming anyone, and you go above and beyond this because you prefer the others over yourself. You are then the successful one.

The faith is also mentioned in the next ayah.

THE PEOPLE WHO COME AFTER

59:10 And [there is a share for] those who came after them, saying, "Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in **faith** and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."

The people who came after didn't see the people who came before them. Allah swt mentions the du'a after mentioning:

- the Muhajireen who struggled to practice their Islam
- the Ansar who had even more faith because they already had a place to help and accommodate others
- the people who came after who then appreciated the faith so much more

This keeps generation after generation secure. It is not just that when we are in the here and now that we support each other but also there is security for the people who come after us. The people who came after didn't see the struggles of those before them. The result is that the faith of those who came before shows in the faith of those who come after.

Nabi swt said to the companions that he was longing to see his friends. The companions said but we are your friends. The Prophet replied 'No, you are my companions but I am longing to see my friends, those who came after me, they didn't see me but they love me'.

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Among the strongest in love for me in my nation are some people who will come after me. One of them would wish to see me, even in place of his family and his wealth."

Source: Şaḥīḥ Muslim 2832

We didn't see everything that happened before our time but it shows because we have the faith, we didn't see Nabi saws, we didn't see the Qur'an being revealed. We are longing to meet Nabi saws. We are making du'a for the sahabah and everyone who came before us because of the faith. The faith is not just making the people who are with you secure because you prefer them over yourself, but the faith makes the people who come after you to have the safety and the security.

Their du'a uses the Names of Allah swt.

"Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."

FORGIVENESS

"Our Lord, forgive us

The forgiveness keeps us secure because the sins can make you insecure. The best reforming is when Allah swt forgives me without going through the trials to realise my mistakes. May Allah swt forgive us all.

THE FEAR

The fear we have is because of the sins. But when you ask for the forgiveness Allah swt will take care of you. One source of security is to always ask for the forgiveness because you are free of the bad consequences of what your hands earned, and what you tongue said. Nabi saws was always asking Allah swt for the forgiveness and was continuously repenting to Allah swt.

A believer always asks for the forgiveness and this is a way of reforming yourself. And the reforming gives you the security.

and our brothers who preceded us in faith

They also ask for forgiveness for those who preceded them in faith. The faith makes everyone secure. The du'a will reach all the people who have the faith so everyone is secure.

We don't know the first person to have the faith; we don't know those who preceded us in faith which has more privilege. We are asking Allah swt to forgive those who believed in the faith before us. This shows feelings beyond yourself as you appreciate those before you who had the faith. This is beyond what you see and what you feel. Anyone who preceded me in faith, may Allah swt forgive them.

THE SECURITY

and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed.



If there is 'ghill' in the heart this can only be removed in Jannah. You are giving security to yourself, security to others and to those before you. This is the reforming as you are not going through any pain to be reformed. You have no fear and no pain.

Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."

This is the journey of the believers and Surat al Hashr is the journey of security when we make du'a for each other and the faith, when we believe in Allah swt.

After this du'a there is much hashr about the munafiqeen and shaitan. The munafiqeen are trying to make others feel secure by making false promises. They say 'believe me' to make you feel secure by their speech. This is like shaitan who will make you believe in his promises and then leave you. How can someone far from Allah swt give you the security. There is no faith, only talk.

59:11 Have you not considered those who practice hypocrisy, saying to their brothers who have disbelieved among the People of the Scripture, "If you are expelled, we will surely leave

with you, and we will not obey, in regard to you, anyone - ever; and if you are fought, we will surely aid you." But Allah testifies that they are liars.

59:12 If they are expelled, they will not leave with them, and if they are fought, they will not aid them. And [even] if they should aid them, they will surely turn their backs; then [thereafter] they will not be aided.

59:13 You [believers] are more fearful within their breasts than Allah. That is because they are a people who do not understand.

59:14 They will not fight you all except within fortified cities or from behind walls. Their violence among themselves is severe. You think they are together, but their hearts are diverse. That is because they are a people who do not reason.

Why do you need to know about the munafiqeen in Surat al Hashr?

THE HYPOCRITES

You need to know about the munafiqeen because then you see everything through a 'glasshouse' which you gives you more security as you understand that you must not believe in people like this, you only believe in the security from Allah swt. Even if you reach to the best and you understand the concept of the faith you still need to feel that the security is only with Allah swt.

The munafiqeen and shaitan will always try to give you the security. The security is when you believe in Allah swt and when you try to make security for each other. This keeps you secure and your relationships secure, security is not just by talking but by really making du'a to Allah swt.

59:14 "If you are expelled, we will surely leave with you, and we will not obey, in regard to you, anyone - ever; and if you are fought, we will surely aid you." But Allah testifies that they are liars.

This how the Munafiqeen give security to themselves. The hypocrite shows you different faces and the disbeliever doesn't believe them. We need the faith to not be deceived by the munafiqeen. The munafiq and the kuffar deceive each other. The munafiq uses words, and the kaffir has no faith to hold onto so believes the hypocrite. We need to make du'a for each other and support each other even if we don't see each other.

The combination of the hypocrite and the disbeliever will deceptive. The kuffar will follow and will believe the munafiq – this is a fake security.

THE HYPOCRITES ARE LIKE SHAITAN

59:16 [The hypocrites are] like the example of Satan when he says to man, "Disbelieve." But when he disbelieves, he says, "Indeed, I am disassociated from you. Indeed, I fear Allah, Lord of the worlds."

اَكْفُرُ

"Disbelieve". Belief is the opposite of disbelief. The munafiq is saying to believe in them and disbelieve in Allah swt. We will have security by our actions – with the faith. But trying to make someone believe in you is making them to disbelieve in Allah swt.

Only Allah swt can give you the confirmation – this will give you the belief, this will give you the security and the safety with the people around you. This will give you a life of safety and security with the faith – this is the best.

DISABLE ALL THE MEANS AND THE TRUST IN ANYONE EXCEPT ALLAH SWT

Anyone can tell you that you are safe. Ibrahim AS was thrown into the fire but he didn't even believe Jibril AS because of his faith in Allah swt.

Chapter (3) sūrat āl 'im'rān (The Family of Imrān) 3:173 "Sufficient for us is Allah, and [He is] the best Disposer of affairs."

Imagine Allah swt made Ibrahim AS enjoy being in the fire – Allah Al Mumin. A mumin will disable all the means then Allah swt will make the means do what is contrary to what is happening, Allah swt will disable the rules, disable the logic – this is what makes you to believe in Allah swt. Allah swt made the fire cool so for sure you will only trust Allah.

Only Allah Al Mumin will give you the security when you disable the trust in anyone else or anybody else. The challenge is when you go through the experiences with people causing everything in your life to be upside down, so that you don't trust anyone but only trust yourself – this is a deception. It not that you loose all trust completely but you trust only Allah swt, and you trust only the One who deserves to be trusted.

YOU ONLY BELIEVE IN ALLAH SWT

59:10 He is Allah than Whom there is La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He) the King, the Holy, the One Free from all defects, the Giver of security, the Watcher over His creatures, the All-Mighty, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glory be to Allah! (High is He) above all that they associate as partners with Him.

It is only Allah swt whom you believe in. When things in your life don't go as you wanted you need to feel happy and joyous because Allah Al Mumin wants you to feel secure and to have the security only from Him, because Allah swt wants you to only believe in Him. When things don't work out as you had hoped, when the opposite happens to what you had thought would happen, Allah swt wants you to only believe in Him.

Thinking about why something happened the way it did will only deceive you, thinking about what people say will deceive you, shaitan will deceive you – this is a big deception. The deception is when you trust someone because of what they tell you rather than trusting Allah swt. When you believe in Allah swt, Allah swt will make things happen to show you that you cannot trust this person so that you only trust Allah swt.

YOU ONLY TRUST ALLAH SWT

Only trusting Allah swt is one of the highest levels of faith. When you trust the people they will betray you. When Allah swt disables all the means, when Allah swt makes the means contrary to what you expected or makes the means to be the opposite to the normal rules of nature (the fire being cool,) this is a glad tiding because Allah swt wants you to really believe in Him. You don't look at the actions of the people, you don't look at your actions, you only see Allah actions.

HASHR IN LIFE IS GOOD

Hashr in our life is so that you only believe in Allah swt, so that you get the faith. The Name of Allah swt came after a journey.

59:22 He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity,

- Knower of the unseen and the witnessed.
- He is the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

59:23 He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity,

- the Sovereign, Al Malik – Allah swt does whatever He wants
- the Pure, Al Qadoos – you are saved
- Peace, As Salaam

- **the Perfection, Al Mu'min** – this is the end and the start because you are not afraid of anybody and you are not afraid from anything, only Khashiyat of Allah (Fear of Allah swt) is what motivates you. True security when you know Allah swt is Al Mu'min

SECURITY IS ONLY WITH ALLAH SWT

With Allah swt is the true security. Hashr in life is also good so that you only believe in Allah swt. The munafiqeen are really afraid from the believers more than they fear Allah swt. They are cowardly and fear the believers. Therefore, the munafiqeen are insecure, they try to give others a fake security so that people trust them but they are also afraid of the people – afraid of the believers, they are not afraid of the disbeliever's. This is the insecurity of the munafiqeen. They deceive the disbeliever and they fear the believers.

59:17 So the outcome for both of them is that they will be in the Fire, abiding eternally therein. And that is the recompense of the wrong-doers.

The fake security makes the people to believe in the munafiq or makes the people to believe in themselves. They themselves don't have the security of the people because of the faith of the believers. The faith is terrifying to the hypocrites. When the believer doesn't trust the munafiqeen this is a big threat to them.

ONLY FEAR ALLAH SWT WHEN DEALING WITH THE PEOPLE

Shaitan is afraid from Allah swt. Shaitan said to Allah swt that he would not obey Him. Shaitan is clear but the hypocrites are worse, very are complicated as they try to give us security and deceive us but they are threatened when the people believe in Allah swt. They have no knowledge so their actions are very complicated.

You need to only fear Allah swt when dealing with the people, everything is mu'min from Allah swt. Shaitan fears when there are no feelings of fear. The mountains look strong, but remember what does the kalam of Allah do to the mountains? Khashiyat Allah is fearing Allah swt with knowledge.

THE MOUNTAIN

Al Mumin

- makes us safe and secure with each other
- safe and secure with the people before us
- security comes with the faith, confirmation and trusting only Allah swt
- trusting each other only because you trust Allah swt

Only a true believer will make you to trust Allah swt. We need to always look at the example of mountain which Allah swt gives us.

59:21 If We had sent down this Qur'an upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbled and coming apart from fear of Allah. And these examples We present to the people that perhaps they will give thought.

When you start to not trust yourself, to have KhashiyatAllah then for sure you will believe more in Allah swt.



The Name of Allah 'Al Mu'min' is only in Surat al Hashr.



- you trust and feel secure because you believe in Allah swt, everything makes sense and you have the enjoyment of knowing Allah swt.
- Allah swt gives the confirmation in three things:

i. When Allah swt makes you to witness the ayat and disables all the means. This is the highest level of belief.



HE CONFIRMS THE TRUTH ABOUT HIMSELF BY HIS ONENESS AND PERFECT ATTRIBUTES. AS ALLAH SAYS: "ALLAH BEARS WITNESS THAT LA ILAHA ILLA HUWA (NONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE WORSHIPPED BUT HE), AND THE ANGELS, AND THOSE HAVING KNOWLEDGE (ALSO GIVE THIS WITNESS); (HE ALWAYS) MAINTAINS HIS CREATION IN JUSTICE." [SURAH AAL IMRAN: 18] HE TESTIFIES HIMSELF BY HIS ONENESS AND THIS IS THE GREATEST TESTIMONY. AS HE SAYS: "SAY, "WHAT THING IS GREATEST IN TESTIMONY?" [SURAH AL AN'AM: 19]

ii. Anyone who talks about Allah swt, Allah will support them.

The Messengers and Prophets talking about Allah swt is confirmation so He grants them the support and the miracles. Then the people will listen to the Messengers and the Prophets and trust them and believe in Allah swt and believe in His word.

iii. Promises of Allah swt

We want the promises from Allah swt, and with the taqwa Allah swt will make a way for you. After hardship there is always ease. The promises are so that we believe in Allah swt.



When you have the security you will feel safe, you will not be afraid, and you will not panic. In every situation you will have the security and there will be no oppression. Allah swt does not oppress His slaves

Every situation gives me more security and makes me to have more belief in Allah swt. Allah swt can remove the soul before you feel the fire – so you will not feel anything.

PEOPLE OPPRESS PEOPLE

Allah Al Mu'min will not oppress the people. Allah swt give you a secure life in the dunya, no one can keep anything safe for you except Allah swt. Allah swt will not betray you, for sure He will give to you. To feel humble to Allah swt you say:

'Ya Allah, I have no means, I cannot trust myself, I cannot trust anything'.

'I only believe in You, I only trust You to give me a good life and a secure life'.

For sure never does Allah swt not fulfil His promise's, He will give you a secure life.

FOLLOW THE RELIGION OF ALLAH SWT

Following the religion will give you the security in the dunya and in the akhirah, especially on the Day of Judgement.

المعرفة والاثبات
KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIRMATION

5- أنه الذي يؤمن عباده يوم الفزع الأكبر من مخاوف يوم القيامة ومن عذاب النار، قال الله تعالى عن عباده المؤمنين:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ سَبَقَتْ لَهُمْ مِنَّا الْحَسَنَةُ أُولَٰئِكَ عَنَّا مُبْعَدُونَ ﴿١١﴾ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ حَسِيسَهَا وَهُمْ فِي مَا أُشْتَهَتْ أَنفُسُهُمْ خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٢﴾ لَا يَحْزَنُهُمُ الْفَزَعُ الْأَكْبَرُ وَتَتَلَقَّاهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ هُنَا يَوْمَ كُمُ الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ ﴿١٣﴾﴾

[الأنبياء: 101-103].

HE IS THE ONE WHO GRANTS SECURITY TO HIS SLAVES ON THE DAY OF GREAT SHOCK. HE SECURES THEM FROM ITS HORRORS AND FROM THE TORMENT OF THE FIRE. ALLAH SAYS ABOUT HIS BELIEVING SLAVES:

VERILY, THOSE FOR WHOM THE GOOD HAS PRECEDED FROM US, THEY WILL BE REMOVED FAR THEREFROM (HELL); THEY SHALL NOT HEAR THE SLIGHTEST SOUND OF IT (HELL), WHILE THEY ABIDE IN THAT WHICH THEIR OWNSELVES DESIRE. THE GREATEST TERROR (ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION) WILL NOT GRIEVE THEM, AND THE ANGELS WILL MEET THEM (WITH THE GREETING): "THIS IS YOUR DAY WHICH YOU WERE PROMISED." [SURAH AL ANBIYA 101-103]

You will not panic or be sad. You are secure from sadness as someone in fear is sad. The Day of Judgement will not make you sad.

Allah swt give you security in Paradise and at the time of death. Imagine the best security is when you leave this life, this when you look at Allah swt turbiyah. The believing slaves do not fear what will happen and are not sad because they are leaving.

You will have a glad tiding when trusting the promise of Allah swt.

The one who makes you to believe in

Allah is the best companion. The one who makes you to not trust yourself but to trust Allah swt is the best companion. This is the malaika. May Allah swt forgive us, may Allah swt have mercy on us.

We need to believe in Allah swt, we need to make du'a that Allah swt will keep you secure. And we need to appreciate the blessings of Allah swt by being grateful to Allah swt. And you need to give the people the security, do not make people to be afraid of you or make them sad. Always give people the feeling of security and make it easy for them. This is the Mu'min.