

Words of the Quran

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Lessons about knowledge from the story Adam AS:

- Alla sent down clear knowledge for us. Knowledge through the Quran is ordered from creation, to recompense. These are clear warnings that remind us or make us ask questions.
- Allah is the one who gives us Knowledge when we need it. We cannot have all the information, we have to trust Allah SWT and His Process of how He guides us.
- We should be humble about the knowledge we are given, nor should we be hasty about it.

The Names, Attributes and Actions of Allah SWT in Surah Baqarah

Surah Baqarah has the most number of Names of Allah SWT mentioned because this surah is about the curriculum. Ar Rabb is mentioned more than 500 times, and in Surah Aaraf, which has 204 ayaat and yet mentions it 65 times. Ar Rabb was done last week.

In this surah, it is the angels using the name Al Aleem. Allah SWT replied to them "I know that which you do not know." And then He taught Adam AS the names of everything. Angels were created before Adam AS and yet Adam had more knowledge than them. But their reaction was not of jealousy or fighting, but instead, the angels replied: "Glory be to You."

Iblees did not even clarify, and this shows his attitude. For sure, there were things he didn't understand but he didn't want to show it. This teaches us that we should clarify information and this is a sign of purity.

We shouldn't be afraid to displease anyone, instead, we should try to be honest. If we keep our issues inside, then it builds up and comes out in a big way. This is something that Iblees had hidden inside him and see how it came out.

If someone knows more than we do, it is because Allah SWT teaches what He Wills to whomsoever He Wills, so we should not be jealous. Remember how Adam AS was given more knowledge than Adam AS.

Aleem comes from ilm, to realize the matter truthfully. It will mark the separation between truth and falsehood. Ilm is of different kinds:

Ilm ad Dunni - Divine knowledge, that is inspired - from Allah SWT

Uloom al Haqeeqi - Worldly knowledge, this is math, science etc.

Uloom ash Shari'yyah - Religious Knowledge: hadith, tafseer, sunnah, Quran etc

Allah Al Aleem's Knowledge is so complete and precedes all action.

Al Aleem also comes in combination with Al Hakeem, most in number in Surah Nisa, Tawbah etc. The theme of Nisa is justice and mercy for the weak, as well as the laws on inheritance.

Al Hakeem is from hakam, which means to stop something for reforming. You hold it until it's completely ready for it, it ready for the exact right fit of it. Allah is The All-Knower, and He will place things in the right time and place because He is The Most Wise. We use the name of Allah Al Hakeem when we find it hard to understand or accept something, then we react by saying that Allah SWT is Al Aleem Al Hakeem.

Again in Surah Baqarah, Al Hakeem comes together more with Al Azeez - Azeez Al Hakeem.

The next name that we see is At Tawwab, and then At Tawwab Ar Raheem. In Surah Baqarah, At Tawwab Ar Raheem is mentioned 8 times, starting from ayaat 37 and 54 and then onwards.

Tawwab comes from taba, which means Allah SWT inspired Adam AS to seek repentance. Allah SWT always gives more than what we ask for. Taba means there is an inspiration to repent, and then it means to leave the sin with good form, not by force and that Allah SWT accepts the repentance.

Homework:

1. Find the surah with the Name of Allah Al Aleem the most number of times.
2. Find the ayaat where Al Aleem Al Hakeem is mentioned.
3. Find the surah where Al Azeez al Hakeem is mentioned the most.
4. Find the surah which has Tawwab the most.
5. Find the ayaat where Tawwab Ar Raheem is mentioned the most.