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JOURNEY OF LOVE THE MOST BELOVED DAYS TO ALLAH

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INTRODUCTION

DO NOT COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS IN
THESE DAYS

TAKBEERAT – PROCLAIMING THE GREATNESS
OF ALLAH

الله أكبر الله أكبر الله أكبر لا إله إلا الله

الله أكبر الله أكبر والله الحمد

*Allaahu akbar, Allaahu akbar, Allahu akbar , Laa
ilaaha ill-Allaah*

Allaahu akbar, Allaahu akbar, wa Lillaah il-hamd

Allah is Most Great , Allah is Most Great, Allah is
Most Great , There is no god but Allah

Allah is Most Great Allah is Most Great and to Allah is all praise

- Now we are in the most beloved days to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) and any deeds we do are more beloved to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). It is not about us or what we want to do, but the focus is only Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**).
- Sometimes people try to compete with one another by asking, “are you fasting? How much did you recite?”, though no one needs to ask. The worship needs to be pure and exclusive; it is private between us and The All-Knower. So this removes any comparison or competition.
- And in these beloved days, it is to remove trying to prove ourselves or what we do. We are actually in competition with our desires and not with others.

We are all different and to reach Allah (**سبحانه**) depends on what He opens for us.

- Hajj with Allah (**سبحانه** **وتعالى**) is not about our outside, but our inside, and this makes us focus on our heart because He sees our hearts and we are all heading to Him.
- These days are all about the love of Allah (**سبحانه** **وتعالى**). If we see anyone doing more than us, then we should not be jealous of them, but love them, and we will be with them. And if we see anyone as less, then we should not underestimate them because we do not know what each is doing.
- These ten days are days to free ourselves from the chains we place on ourselves. We do not need to say “they are more or less than me”.

- If we look at our worships, we need to remember Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is greater. If we look at our sins, we need to remember Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is greater. If we look at the worships or sins others, then we need to remember Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is greater. He is greater than our worship because He accepts our worships. He is greater than our sins because He forgives our sins. And if anyone is doing good or bad, it is not for us to judge because Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) knows and He is greater.
- Our journey to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is a journey of heart. We do not want our experience, knowledge or assumptions to surround us because our mind will just be in “calculation mode”.
- Any good deeds we are do are most beloved to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), whether to give water or take

care of our children, we should all take it as a good deed.

○ And anything that comes our way is a good deed, and good deeds are not only outer, but good deeds include our devotions and feelings of love, hope and fear. Everything inspires and moves our heart towards Him. Anything we see moves us to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). May Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) help us to do our best in these days. Ameen.

THE JOURNEY OF LOVE

Previously, we talked about the conditions of (لا إله إلا الله) and today we will look deeper into the first condition – the condition of knowledge.

CONDITIONS OF (لا إله إلا الله)

1. KNOWLEDGE WHICH BANISHES IGNORANCE

SURAH TA HA 114

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

And say: "My Lord! Increase me in knowledge."

SUPPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL KNOWLEDGE

عَنْ أُمِّ سَلَمَةَ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . كَانَ يَقُولُ إِذَا صَلَّى الصُّبْحَ حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ " اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا، وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا، وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا " .

'Allahumma inni as'aluka 'ilman nafi'an, wa rizqan tayyiban, wa 'amalan mutaqabbalan

(O Allah, I ask You for beneficial knowledge, goodly provision and acceptable deeds).''¹

- Someone who knows is not equal to someone who does not. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commanded the Prophet (ﷺ) to ask Him to increase him in knowledge. We may ask for increment in wealth and provision, but we may not ask to increase in knowledge. Though when we have knowledge then we will have everything; it will come in the blink of an eye. And the evidence is Surah An Naml when Suleiman (عليه السلام) said, “who will bring the throne of Balqees?”. The ifreet said, “I will bring it until you return to your seat”, but the one with knowledge said, “I will bring it to you in the blink of an eye.” And it is said he had knowledge of the

¹ Sunan Ibn Majah 925

Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and knew which Name to invoke Him.

- So with knowledge, we can quickly make dua, unlike when we do not know.

THE GREATEST KNOWLEDGE IS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ALLAH

- And the top and best knowledge is to know (لا إله إلا الله), the best knowledge is to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because by this knowledge, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will bring the best feelings, the best utterances and the best actions, thus our manners will be greater. We will attain a lot by knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Knowledge is not just about information. Knowledge is to know everything with evidence

and it is set in our heart. So when we have this knowledge, we will not be shaky; we will be confident.

- And of all the knowledge, the best knowledge is about Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). When we know His Most Beautiful Names and Attributes then we can easily know everything else. If we know Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) then everything else will be easy, and when we know Him, we will have the best qualifications. The qualifications are not by brain, but when our heart knows our Creator and this will make us glow from inside out.
- We thank Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) for opening His Names for us and to not stop learning about Him. Change is not about making a schedule in order to change, or to make an outer makeover. Change begins inside when we know Who is Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى) and the blessings of knowing Him have great impact.

- Paradise is in my heart, and this paradise is the knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The journey of love is a journey of major transformation which begins with the station of “Knowledge which banishes ignorance”.
- How can we love and change if we do not know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? If we do not know Him, then it may only be a temporary change, but it does not last. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) increase us in knowledge.
- Knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is unlimited, and every time He will teach us His Names in different ways. Every time He will inspire us with His Names in different ways; every time there is a different taste.

SURAH ASH SHURA 11

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.

◉ At the end of Surah Ibrahim, what is the message?

SURAH IBRAHIM 52

هَذَا بَلَاغٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَلِيُنذَرُوا بِهِ وَلِيَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا هُوَ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَلِيَذَّكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

This [Qur'an] is notification for the people that they may be warned thereby and that they may know that He is but one God and that those of understanding will be reminded.

◉ Surah Ibrahim is about the blessing of the religion. And not just any blessing, but to set up the foundation about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and that is to know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is One Ilaah. The One

Whom we attach to is One; He is One God and we do everything for Him.

- This means we cannot be a role model of good or continue our way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) if we do not have a foundation, and this foundation is knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the greatest knowledge and just listening about it is elevation. We should never underestimate this knowledge because this is the start of it. If we start right then we can reach love. But if the start is wrong without knowledge then we cannot reach the stations of sincerity and love.

ANYONE WHO DIES KNOWING THERE IS NO ONE WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH WILL ENTER PARADISE

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَنْ مَاتَ وَهُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ " .

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said. He who died knowing (fully well) that there is no god but Allah entered Paradise.²

- Whoever dies while having knowledge there is no one worthy of worship except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will enter paradise. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us among them. Ameen.
- (لا إِلَهَ): is negation. It is not enough to believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) without denying the

² Sahih Muslim 26

imperfection of anything else. We cannot attach to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) if we attach to others.

- Hajj removes our desires and removes being attached to anyone else. When we know that everyone is poor and in need, then we will enjoy the richness of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). When we know that everyone is disabled, then we will enjoy the ability of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**).
- Attachment to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is not just by doing things, but it is by believing that no one can reward or punish, no one can give us life or cause death except Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**).
- We want to attach to someone who will look after us. Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is The Most Subtle, The Most Gentle Lord and Companion. He knows when we are ready and He will open for us. He knows if we

are not ready, so He will wait for us. He will never force Himself on us nor make us feel uncomfortable. Emotionally, He is handling us better than anyone else. He will be with us as we are, He will accept us as we are, and He will open for us without knowing.

SURAH AR RA'AD 28

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ

Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism), and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah: verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest .

- When a slave of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) says (ash hadu an la ilah), Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) tells the angels, My slave witness there is no one worthy of worship except Me, and I have forgiven them all.

- No one can witness without knowing, and to acquire knowledge is a great worship. Of all the worships, Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) brings angels specific for the study circles, and they they will encircle up to the heavens.
- And the level of the people of knowledge is higher than the level of the worshipper. People easily underestimate the study circles, but to be in the path of knowledge is an honor.
- There may be many worshippers, but not many are patient, eager, dedicated or appreciative of knowledge. We are grateful to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) for opening the doors of knowledge for us. And when we learn, we are in gardens of paradise. And seeking knowledge is a “fast track” to paradise.

RESULT OF KNOWING (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ)

- When we know about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), what will happen? SEEK FORGIVENESS.

SURAH MOHAMMED 19

فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَاللَّهُ
يَعْلَمُ مَتَقَلِّبِكُمْ وَمَثْوَاكُمْ

So know, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], that there is no deity except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin and for the believing men and believing women. And Allah knows of your movement and your resting place.

- The moment we are only attached to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), our action will be to seek forgiveness for ourselves and the believers because we are imperfect and they are imperfect, so we will not be impressed with ourselves.

- People think asking forgiveness is only for sinners. But the more we know about Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), the more it makes us humble, and not proud, jealous or pointing at the sins of others.
- The first station of the journey of love is the station of knowledge about Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). To know Him is different from not knowing Him. He will teach us Who He is and what will come out from us? Seeking forgiveness.

WHO IS ALLAH?

ALLAH

- He is The Most Beloved One and there is no one like Him.

AR RABB (THE NURTURER, THE REFORMER)

- He is Ar Rabb, The Nurturer, The One Who will look after us and upgrade us, He knows what we need to fix. Who is your Rabb? Our Rabb is Allah (**سبحانه**) **وتعالى**), and we are pleased with Him as our Nurturer, Islam as our religion, and Mohammed (ﷺ) as our prophet.

AR RAHMAN AR RAHEEM (THE MOST MERCIFUL, THE ESPECIALLY MERCIFUL)

- The Rabb we need to attach to is The Most Merciful. There is no mercy like His, so we should not hope for the mercy of others. He is the One Who places feelings in others, so we attach to Ar Rahman Ar Raheem.

AL HAYY (THE EVER-LIVING)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Hayy, The Ever-Living Who never dies. He will give us a perfect and beautiful life. Everyone dies, everyone sleeps, everyone is imperfect except Allah The Ever-Living. So we should place our trust in the One Who never dies.

AL QAYOOM (THE SELF-SUSTAINING MASTER)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Self-Sufficient Master and He will look after us in the best way. He will look after our home, children, faith and everything important in our life.

SUPPLICATION TO NOT RELY ON OURSELVES

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ أَصْلِحْ لِيْ شَأْنِيْ كُلَّهُ ، وَلَا تَكِلْنِيْ إِلَى
نَفْسِيْ طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ

O Ever Living, O Self-Subsisting and Supporter of all, by Your mercy I seek assistance, rectify for me all of

my affairs and do not leave me to myself, even for the blink of an eye.³

- We will only attach to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) and His Mercy. We will never be confident of ourselves.

AL 'ALIY, AL 'ALAA, AL MUTA'AAL (THE HIGH, THE MOST HIGH, THE EVER-HIGH)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al 'Aliy, Al 'Ala, Al Mut'all. He is above the seven heavens; His standard is the highest and the standard of everyone else is low. And when we attach to Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), then He will bring up our standard. But if we attach to ourselves or others, then we will be brought down. But when we attach to Him then we should be in a state of prostration at all times – glory be to my Lord, The Most High.

³ Sahih Aj Jami'e 5820, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan

AL KAREEM AL AKRAM (THE GENEROUS, THE MOST GENERGOUS)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Kareem, Al Akram, He is The Most Honorable and Most Generous. If we want Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to be generous with us then we should believe in Him. And by His generosity, He will teach us by the pen. If we want to be honored, then we should have taqwa and attach to Him.

AL WADOOD (THE MOST LOVING)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Wadood, The Most Loving Lord. When we do good, He will love us and even if we sin and repent to Him, He will love us. So we should not wait for anyone to love us. We should not attach to the love of anyone. When we truly love Him and He loves us, then He will make others to love us, though we should attach to Him.

AL 'AZIZ (THE ALL-MIGHTY)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al 'Aziz, The All-Mighty, The Irresistible. Sometimes we have a plan, but the

might of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) defeats any plan. Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is The All-Mighty and if anything happens or does not happen, it is all by His might. So we always want to go in line with the might of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), so we will be honored. We never want to go against the might of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), otherwise we will be broken.

AL GHAFOOR AL GHAFAR AL GHAFIR (THE MOST FORGIVING, THE ALL-FORGIVING, THE FORGIVING)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Ghafoor, Al Ghafir, Al Ghafaar, He is The All-Forgiving Who forgives the slaves. Whether we commit small sins or a mountain of sins, He will forgive us if we ask for His forgiveness.
- He is the One we should always ask for His forgiveness, even if we worship Him. And when we do complete anything in our life or achieve victory,

we need to ask for forgiveness. So we should ask for forgiveness in all stations of our life.

AL QADIR AL QADEER AL MUQTADIR (THE ABLE, THE MOST ABLE, THE EVER-ABLE)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Qadeer, Al Qadir Al Muqtadir, He is The Most Powerful and His power is seen in the decree of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). For any decree that takes place, we should not say, “why did this happen?”, we should accept it because it is perfect and it is from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to do all things.

AL 'AFUW (THE ALL-PARDONING)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al 'Afuw, He is The Most Pardoning and this will make us very happy because He overlooks our mistakes. He will overlook all our shortcomings and imperfections. Our worship is never perfect and by His pardoning,

He will pardon us. This makes us relaxed, pardoning and easy going.

AL WAHID AL AHAD (THE ONE, THE ONE AND ONLY ONE)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is The One and only One unique master. He will gather our heart because we do not need to see more than one.
- The Name of Allah Al Ahad makes us pure, and the Name of Allah Al Wahid makes us gathered, so He will create a distinct, unique and customized way for us each time.

QAREEB (THE MOST NEAR)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Qareeb, we love closeness and He is the closest to us, and because He is close to us, He will take care of us and honor us. Even if someone wants to be far away from Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), He is still near to them by His knowledge and guidance.

AL MUJEEB (THE ALL-RESPONDING)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Mujeeb and He responds to us constantly, whether we make dua, or remember Him or even if we do not say anything, but our limbs want it, Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) will respond to us. And His response is not like the response of anyone. We always want to respond to Him and the Prophet (**ﷺ**).

AL MALIK, AL MAALIK, AL MALEEK (THE KING, THE OWNER, THE OMNIPOTENT KING)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Malik, Al Maalik, Al Maleek, He is The King and no one is the real owner except Him.

AS SAMAD (THE MOST SOLID)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is As Samad, The Most Solid and Firm. He always provides, sustains and never weakens or pauses. He is constant, and the praise or dispraise of anyone does not stop Him. He can

handle the requests and complaints of all the creation.

- We do not want to turn to anyone else because anyone else can lose their temper. But Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can bear us, our sensitivities and our weakness. And this makes us attached to Allah As Samad.

AL HAMEED AL MAJEED (THE MOST PRAISEWORTHY, THE MOST MAJESTIC)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Hameed Al Majeed, The Most Praiseworthy, The Most Majestic.

SURAH HUD 73

قَالُوا أَتَعْجَبِينَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ رَحِمَتُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ
إِنَّهُ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

They said: "Do you wonder at the Decree of Allah? The Mercy of Allah and His Blessings be on you, O the family [of Ibrahim (Abraham)]. Surely, He (Allah) is All-Praiseworthy, All-Glorious."

- He will give us distinct blessings for ourselves and our household. Every decree and command of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Praiseworthy. And when we believe He is The Most Praiseworthy, then He will praise us and He will make us live a praiseworthy condition where we always say, “alhamdulillah”.
- He is Al Majeed, The Most Majestic, and all majesty and honor belong to Him Whom. He is the One we need to magnify, and when we exalt Allah Al Majeed, He will grant us that highness and nobility in our manners and qualities.

AL GHANIY (THE MOST RICH)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Ghaniy and no one is rich except Him. We need Him to enrich us in the best way, and we need Him so that we always attach to His richness. And when we do this, then we will not look at the hands or pockets of anyone.

AL HAKEEM AL HAAKIM (THE MOST WISE, THE RULER)

○ Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Hakeem, Al Hakim, He is The Most Wise and He is The Ruler. Everything He does and judges is in its right time and place, so we should accept and believe. Sometimes we think, “why did this all happen?”, but our judgment is not encompassing. So we should not judge anyone or the decree. We ask Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) Al Hakeem to judge the best for us and to grant us wisdom.

AL ‘ADHEEM (THE MOST MAGNIFIED)

○ Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al ‘Adheem, The Most Great. We may have many “greats” in our life, or look at ourselves or others as great, but we need to remember to only magnify Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). While we bow in the prayer, we magnify Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) say, “glory be to my Rabb, The Most Magnified”.

- Also we have to remember there is no good deed greater than Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) and no sin greater than Him, so we should not magnify something else besides Him.

AL QAWIY AL MATEEN (THE MOST POWERFUL, THE MOST STRONG)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Qawiy, He is The Most Strong and nothing can stop in front of His strength. And when we attach to The Most Strong, it makes us a strong believer and strong worshipper. We should not think we can attain our strength from our knowledge or actions, only Allah Al Qawiy gives us strength to survive in this life and to reach paradise.
- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Mateen, He is The Most Strong and there is no gap or discontinuity in His power. If we want constant provision, constant

strength, constant blessings and constant love then we should believe in Allah Al Mateen.

AS SAMI'E AL BASEER (THE ALL-HEARING, THE ALL-SEEING)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is As Sami'e Al Baseer, and no one hear us or see us like Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

SURAH ASH SHURA 11

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

There is nothing like Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer.

- When we know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) sees and hears us, then we want Him to see and hear good thoughts from us, to see good feelings in our heart and good actions. And if we are hiding anything in our heart or mind, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The All-Seer, All-Hearer; we cannot hide from Him.

AL QAAHIR AL QAHAAR (THE SUBDUER, THE IRRESISTIBLE)

○ Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Qahir Al Qahaar, He is The Irresistible. We may have something in our mind, but He will bring something contrary to what we think. He is Irresistible and can fix us and reform us in a way we cannot resist. So if we have any wiswas, only Allah Al Qahaar can overcome it.

AL WAHAAB (THE BESTOWER)

○ Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Wahaab, He is The Bestower Who grants us gifts. He bestows upon wisdom, knowledge, good spouses, righteous children and guidance. May Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) grant us gifts and make us someone who gives gifts to others.

AL MUTAKABBIR (THE SUPREME)

○ Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Muttakabir, He is above all faults, imperfection and oppression. We should

never be proud or arrogant because only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Supreme.

AL MU'MIN (THE GRANTOR OF SECURITY)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Mu'min, He is The One Who confirms Himself to the people that He is One. He is The One Who makes the people believers and grants us security in this life and the next. We will be in security when we believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not someone else.

AL BARR (THE MOST VAST IN GOODNESS)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Barr, He is The Most Vast and Truthful in His giving. He does not give us little; He gives us much. And when He opens for us, it is because He wants to open for us. And this teaches us to be vast in our giving and feelings. It is not about doing something so that we can have something in return. The abraar are vast in their

hearts. They do good with vastness, generosity and truthfulness.

AL WALI AL MOWLA (THE LOVING COMPANION, THE GUARDIAN)

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Wali Al Mowla and in the journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), there are opportunities and challenges. He never leaves us; He protects us from falling into trials and guides us to all good. And this is when we are with Allah Al Wali Al Mowla. We can only have this companionship when we believe in Him. He will take care of our purification and He will look after us.

SUPPLICATION FOR TAQWA

اللهم آت نفسي تقواها، وزكها أنت خير من زكاها، أنت وليها ومولاها

O Allah! Grant me the sense of piety and purify my soul as You are the Best to purify it. You are its Guardian and its Protecting Friend.⁴

AL JABBAAR (THE COMPELLER, THE MENDER)

○ Allah Al Jabbaar will fix broken hearts and bones. He knows if we need a word, person, book or advice to console us. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) fixes us, He will elevate us so that no one breaks us again. We can have a wound and if anyone “touches” it, it can hurt us again, but Allah Al Jabaar mends all wounds.

AR RAOUF (THE MOST COMPASSIONATE)

○ Allah Ar Raaouf will take us from station to station, and from one good deed to another without pain.

○ It will be a painless life, painless nurturing and painless blessings.

⁴ Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 17, Hadith 1479

AT TAWWAB (THE INITIATOR AND ACCEPTOR OF REPENTANCE)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is At Tawwaab and if we go far away, He brings us back to Him. He returns to us so that we may return to Him, subhan Allah.
- Sometimes we are far, but He will make us go through some kind of experience so that we come back to Him. And when we return, He will be happy that we returned, though He is the One Who returned to us and inspired us to return to Him.
- The more Names of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) we know, the more we will understand the nurturing and this life. It will be quicker because then we will know where to go. And the more we learn about the Names of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), the more we want to be granted from all the goodness of His Names.

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- *And in these beloved days, it is to remove trying to prove ourselves or what we do. We are actually in competition with our desires and not with others. We are all different and to reach Allah (سبحانه) depends on what He opens for us.*
- *If we look at our worships, we need to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is greater. If we look at our sins, we need to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is greater. If we look at the worships or sins others, then we need to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is greater. He is greater than our worship because He accepts our worships. He is greater than our sins because He forgives our sins. And if anyone is doing good or bad, it is not for us to judge because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows and He is greater.*

○ And the top and best knowledge is to know (**لا إله إلا الله**), the best knowledge is to know Who is Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) because by this knowledge, Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) will bring the best feelings, the best utterances and the best actions, thus our manners will be greater. We will attain a lot by knowing Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**).

○ Paradise is in my heart, and this paradise is the knowledge about Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). The journey of love is a journey of major transformation which begins with the station of “Knowledge which banishes ignorance”.

○ We want to attach to someone who will look after us. Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is The Most Subtle, The Most Gentle Lord and Companion. He knows when we are ready and He will open for us. He knows if we

are not ready, so He will wait for us. He will never force Himself on us nor make us feel uncomfortable. Emotionally, He is handling us better than anyone else. He will be with us as we are, He will accept us as we are, and He will open for us without knowing.

- There may be many worshippers, but not many are patient, eager, dedicated or appreciative of knowledge. We are grateful to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for opening the doors of knowledge for us. And when we learn, we are in gardens of paradise. And seeking knowledge is a “fast track” to paradise.
- The moment we are only attached to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), our action will be to seek forgiveness for ourselves and the believers because we are imperfect and they are imperfect, so we will not be impressed with ourselves.

- People think asking forgiveness is only for sinners. But the more we know about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more it makes us humble, and not proud, jealous or pointing at the sins of others.
- The first station of the journey of love is the station of knowledge about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). To know Him is different from not knowing Him. He will teach us Who He is and what will come out from us? Seeking forgiveness.
- The more Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) we know, the more we will understand the nurturing and this life. It will be quicker because then we will know where to go. And the more we learn about the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the more we want to be granted from all the goodness of His Names.

MAY ALLAH FORGIVE US AND THE BELIEVERS. MAY ALLAH MAKE US BELIEVE IN HIM ALONE WITH NO ASSOCIATION. AMEEN.

الله أكبر الله أكبر لا إله إلا الله

الله أكبر الله أكبر والله الحمد

Allaahu akbar, Allaahu akbar, Allahu akbar , Laa ilaaha ill-Allaah

Allaahu akbar, Allaahu akbar, wa Lillaah il-hamd

Allah is Most Great , Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great , There is no god but Allah

Allah is Most Great Allah is Most Great and to Allah is all praise

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