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JOURNEY OF LOVE

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JOURNEY OF LOVE THE MOST BELOVED DAYS TO ALLAH

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INTRODUCTION

LOVE OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER (ﷺ)

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

- We are now in the end of the year and we want to start the new year by exalting and magnifying Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), and not ourselves or anything else. Most of the time at the end of the year, people look at their problems, or what needs to be done, but it is not the time for “I, you, we, he/she, they” or what problems or worries we have. We want to be freed, relieved, and to return as a newborn. We need to empty anything that can cause so much disturbance in our life.
- And the main thing that can cause disturbance is our desires or the desires of others, and surely there is a shaitan and his plots on the side.
- It is important to free ourselves from our desires, and we to end it is with feeling there is no one worthy of worship except Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**).

- There are no days that are more beloved to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) than these days. The final exam is to focus totally on Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and any good deeds we do will be loved by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- There are many people worshipping Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but everyone has a way to reach Him. The journey with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not by feet or how perfect we are from the outside, the journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is to be tender hearted, to be kind and still smile.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves us, He cares for us and He is perfect. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will accept us as we are, and He will increase us.
- At the end of a school term, everyone is tense to get a full mark. Each puts in long hours, but does

not want others to know how much they're studying because if they knew, and we get a bad grade, then it looks really bad on us, subhan Allah.

○ So we can be quick to focus on our deeds, that we forget the love of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), we forget the feelings. No one will enter paradise except by their deeds. Someone may be performing so many worships, but their heart does not feel the love of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). And someone maybe doing little, but their heart loves Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) and they are foremost.

○ It can be very discouraging when we look at ourselves and find ourselves sinful, or we look at others and find ourselves so bad, or we see ourselves as so good and see others as failures, subhan Allah.

- We want to leave this life loving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). People will not remember how much we did, but they will remember the feelings.
- When we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then we will love all of those on the way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). In the hajj, everyone is going together to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- If we love someone, we will be with them. We love the Prophet (ﷺ), so we will be with him. So we do not need to think, "I need to do like him in order to be with him."

YOU WILL BE WITH THOSE YOU LOVE

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، قَالَ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَتَى السَّاعَةُ قَالَ " وَمَا أَعَدَدْتَ لِلْسَّاعَةِ " . قَالَ حُبَّ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ قَالَ " فَإِنَّكَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ " . قَالَ أَنَسٌ فَمَا

فَرِحْنَا بَعْدَ الْإِسْلَامِ فَرَحًا أَشَدَّ مِنْ قَوْلِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " فَإِنَّكَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحَبَبْتَ " . قَالَ أَنَسٌ فَأَنَا أَحِبُّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَأَبَا بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ فَأَرْجُو أَنْ أَكُونَ مَعَهُمْ وَإِنْ لَمْ أَعْمَلْ بِأَعْمَالِهِمْ .

Anas b. Malik reported that a person came to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) and said to Allah's Messenger: When would be the Last Hour? Thereupon he (the Prophet (ﷺ)) said: What preparation have you made for the Last Hour? He said: The love of Allah and of His Messenger (is my only preparation). Thereupon he (the Prophet (ﷺ)) said: You would be along with one whom you love. Anas said: Nothing pleased us more after accepting Islam than the words of Allah's Messenger: You would be along with one whom you love. And Anas said. I love Allah and His Messenger and Abu Bakr and Umar, and I hope that I would be along with them although I have not acted like them.¹

¹ Sahih Muslim 2639

- We love Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) and his truthfulness, but we cannot do the same he did, though we will be with him due to our love for him. We love ‘Umar bin Al Khattab (رضي الله عنه) and his courage, but we cannot do the deeds he did, though we will be with him due to our love for him. We love ‘Uthman bin ‘Affan (رضي الله عنه) and his shyness that even the angels were shy from him, subhan Allah. We cannot do the deeds he did, but we will be with him due to our love for him. We love ‘Ali bin Abi Talib (رضي الله عنه) and his endurance, but we cannot do the deeds he did, though we will be with him due to our love for him.
- We love Ibrahim (عليه السلام), though we cannot be like him, but we will be with him due to our love for him. We love Nuh (عليه السلام), Musa (عليه السلام), Eisa

(عليه السلام), we cannot do the deeds they did, but we will be with them. We love the angels, so they will be with us. We love everyone here, so we will be with them. We want to be with our family in paradise, so we should love them.

SUPPLICATION TO ATTAIN THE LOVE OF ALLAH

اللهم إني أسألك حبك، وحب من يحبك، والعمل الذي يبلغني
حبك

O Allah! I ask You for Your Love, the love of those who love You, and deeds which will cause me to attain Your Love.²

◦ The way to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is love and all that He opens for us. When we do anything in the religion, we should do it out of love.

² At Tirmidhi Book 17, Hadith 1490

- The ten days of Dhul Hijjah changes our calculations because we want to return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with love, we want our final words to be (لا إله إلا الله) which means we love Allah (سبحانه) so only He is worthy of worship. Anyone who says it sincerely and knows it, then they will enter paradise.
- Musa (عليه السلام) asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to teach him words by which he can remember Him. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told him to say (لا إله إلا الله). And Musa (عليه السلام) said, “everyone says this”. Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told him, “did you not know if you place all that is in the heavens and the earth in one pan of the Scale and (لا إله إلا الله) on the other, then (لا إله إلا الله) will outweigh everything.”

TAKBEERAT – PROCLAIMING THE GREATNESS OF ALLAH

وَعَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: " قَالَ مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: يَا رَبِّ عَلِّمْنِي شَيْئًا أَذْكُرُكَ بِهِ وَأَدْعُوكَ بِهِ فَقَالَ: يَا مُوسَى قُلْ: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ فَقَالَ: يَا رَبِّ كُلُّ عِبَادِكَ يَقُولُ هَذَا إِنَّمَا أَيْدٍ شَيْئًا تَخْصُنِي بِهِ قَالَ: يَا مُوسَى لَوْ أَنَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعَ وَعَامِرَهُنَّ غَيْرِي وَالْأَرْضِينَ السَّبْعَ وَضِعْنَ فِي كِفَّةٍ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ فِي كِفَّةٍ مَالَتْ بِهِنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ."

Abu Sa'id al-Khudri reported Allah's Messenger as saying that Moses asked his Lord to teach him something with which to make mention of Him or to supplicate Him, and was told to say, "There is no worthy of worship but Allah." He replied to his Lord that all His servants said this, but he wanted something particularly for himself, and He said, "Moses, were the seven heavens and their inhabitants apart from me and the seven earths put in one side of a balance and 'There is no one worthy or worship but Allah in the other, 'There is no

one worthy of worship but Allah would outweigh them."³

- Nothing can be heavier than (لا إله إلا الله), so what about any deeds or sins we commit? The journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is a journey of attachment out of love and magnification.
- The ten Days of Dhul Hijjah are beautiful because any deed we do will be loved by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). It is important to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and the moment we know about Him, we ask for forgiveness, for ourselves and the believers.
- No one can be gentler and easier with us than Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). No one can love us more than Him. He never forces His perfection or shows us

³ Mishkat al-Masabih 2309

more than we can bear though He is so great and perfect. Unlike people whom we can feel uncomfortable. Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al Wali Al Mowla and He will be our friend and companion all the time.

- When we come close to Him, He comes close to us, but we have to initiate that move, not Him because someone so perfect to initiate is so overwhelming. Though the moment we go to Him, He will come running to us.
- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is so great and beautiful in His love. He is so great in His nurturing. He surrounds us with feelings, so we do not feel any gap or awkwardness with Him.
- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) will stop anyone from understanding us; He is the only one Who knows

about us and He knows what we do; we do not know.

- The best way to worship Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) in these days is to love Him, and this is what He appreciates.
- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) appreciates the believers, and if they turn away, He will bring another people whom He loves and they love Him.
- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) loves that we love Him, so we should not think it is with our worships that we prepare to meet Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). We want to prepare loving Him and the Messenger (ﷺ).
- Our sacrifice is not what will reach Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), but the taqwa in our heart, the feelings in our heart. We may say, “I sacrifice my time for my husband and children”, but when we love Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), we will not see it as sacrifice. If we

only look at our “sacrifice”, if we only see our deeds, then where is the love?

- As a result, we should look at the love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not our good deeds. The love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Messenger (ﷺ) is the highlight in this life. We will not look, argue, take revenge, request, demand or ask for anything. We will just love and this is the state of a newborn, this is the start of a new page.

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- Now is the time to only make Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) great and not something else, and then we will truly love because this is tawheed – this is (**لا إله إلا الله**).
- We respect Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), His commands, decrees and everyone, and at the same time we love. The hajj is a time and season to behave the best with Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**). Even if we go along with rituals, we do not need to say, “why is it taking to long, why did they give us this?”. It is all decrees to remove our desires. There is no point in arguing with others, rather we should show goodness. And if we are good then this is good for us.

SURAH AL ISRAA 7

إِنْ أَحْسَنْتُمْ أَحْسَنْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَإِنْ أَسَأْتُمْ فَلَهَا ۚ

[And said], "If you do good, you do good for yourselves; and if you do evil, [you do it] to yourselves."

- The first ten Days of Dhul Hijjah are beautiful days, and even more is the journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), a journey of love.

SUPPLICATION TO ATTAIN THE LOVE OF ALLAH

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THE JOURNEY OF LOVE

CONDITIONS OF (لا إله إلا الله)

1. KNOWLEDGE WHICH BANISHES IGNORANCE

- We cannot see Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**), but we know Him through His Most Beautiful Names, Attributes and Actions. He has many actions, but we will not know His actions without knowing His Names first. Now we will continue with other Names of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**).

THE GREATEST KNOWLEDGE IS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ALLAH

WHO IS ALLAH?

AL HALEEM (THE MOST FORBEARING)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) can easily hasten things for us, but He is so forbearing and accommodating. He

will never rush us, but we are the one rushing Him by saying, “why did You not give me?”, astaghfar Allah.

- The human is hasty to judge and react, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) never rushes us because He overlooks us many times. He never makes us feel we did wrong, though with people, they can easily point out our mistakes.

AL QUDOOS (THE MOST HOLY, THE BLESSED)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Quddoos, The Most Holy, The Most Blessed. He is pure, with no faults or imperfections, and this makes us feel bad when we commit sins in front of Him. We do not want to think bad of Him or His decrees because He is Al Quddoos.
- He makes us feel that we need to purify ourselves for Him.

AL KHAALIQ (THE CREATOR)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Khaaliq, Al Baari', Al Mussawir, He is The Creator Who creates the creation, as well as feelings, objects, jobs and situations. No one can create anything except Him. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) create things for us. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) creates anything, there is no example before it.

AL BAARI' (THE PURIFIER OF THE CREATION)

- Allah Al Baari' and He creates something distinct, pure, and free of imperfection, and each creation goes with its kind; humans with humans, fish with fish, birds with birds, and so forth.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Baari to make the muttaqeen, mutawakileen and muhsineen distinct. He purifies us to make us better.

AL MUSSAWIR (THE FASHIONER OF FORMS)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Mussawir and He places images to things. He gives us the right picture and He can make us in the best form. He can picture faith and taqwa for us, though they are intangible.
- It is not by placing images that we will have feelings for something. So to have feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and His Messenger (ﷺ) is not by placing images. Allah Al Mussawir will place us in a situation so that we know Who He is, we see His Most Beautiful Names and Actions.

AS SALAM (THE MOST PEACEFUL)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is As Salam and everything is peaceful from Him. His reward, His love and His pleasure are all peaceful, even His punishment is peaceful. There is no imperfection or oppression from Him.

- Life is peaceful with Him and He will make us live in peace. We will even go through situations and decrees peacefully, with no scratches or wounds.
- Only He can grant us a peaceful entry, peaceful end, peaceful resurrection and to enter paradise in peace.
- May Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) make us peaceful people, Muslims, whom others are safe from our hands and tongue.

ASH SHAKIR ASH SHAKOOR (THE APPRECIATIVE, THE ALL-APPRECIATIVE)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Ash Shakir Ash Shakoor Who appreciates us, so we should not wait for praise or thanks from people.
- When He appreciates us, He gives us feelings, He gives us love, He is pleased with us, and He will make us perform good deeds. We do not know how Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) will appreciate us.

- We should also appreciate Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) and the people around us and their kindness. We should appreciate their smile, their kind words and gestures. We do not want for something to leave us until we appreciate it, nor should we wait for big things until we are thankful.

AL 'ALEEM (THE ALL-KNOWER)

- Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**) is Al 'Aleem, we do not know everything, but He appreciates it when we seek knowledge.
- We do not need to predict the unseen, but believe in the knowledge of Allah (**سبحانه وتعالى**).
- He knows all secrets and hidden mysteries. He knows what is good for us and what is not. He knows our future and He will show us the knowledge we need at the right time.

AL HAAFIDH AL HAFEEDH (THE PROTECTOR, THE PRESERVER)

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Haafidh Al Hafeedh Who protects us both inside and out. He not only protects our body, but our mind and feelings as well. He protects our children and wealth if we believe in Him.
- He never forgets anything, so He will protect it and He will look after it in the best way.

AL AWAL AL AKHIR ADH DHAHIR AL BATIN (THE FIRST, THE LAST, THE APPARENT, THE HIDDEN)

- If we want any change in our life and we do not know where to begin, we should know that Allah is Al Awwal, He is First and He comes before anyone, before any idea or experience.
- He is Al Akhir, The Last, so He will give us the result of everything. We should not stress ourselves with results.
- He is Adh Dhahir, He is so visible and apparent, though we do not see Him.

- He is Al Batin, He is hidden and discreet, yet so close to us.
- He surrounds us by time and place, so that we are balanced and truthful. We can be all over the place, but we need Allah Al Awwal Al Akhir, Adh Dhaher, Al Batin, to keep us balanced and protected. He surrounds us so that we can be of the best standard and be from the truthful ones.

SUPPLICATION TO RELIEVE ALL DEBTS

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
 وَسَلَّمَ يَأْمُرُنَا إِذَا أَخَذَ أَحَدُنَا مَضْجَعَهُ أَنْ يَقُولَ " اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ
 السَّمَوَاتِ وَرَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ وَرَبَّنَا وَرَبَّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَفَالِقَ الْحَبِّ وَالنَّوَى
 وَمُنزِلَ التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ ذِي شَرٍّ أَنْتَ
 آخِذٌ بِنَاصِيَتِهِ أَنْتَ الْأَوَّلُ فَلَيْسَ قَبْلَكَ شَيْءٌ وَأَنْتَ الْآخِرُ فَلَيْسَ بَعْدَكَ
 شَيْءٌ وَالظَّاهِرُ فَلَيْسَ فَوْقَكَ شَيْءٌ وَالْبَاطِنُ فَلَيْسَ دُونَكَ شَيْءٌ اقْضِ
 عَنِّي الدَّيْنَ وَأَغْنِنِي مِنَ الْفَقْرِ "

Abu Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) said: “The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to order that when one of us went to sleep, he should say: ‘O Allah, Lord of the heavens and Lord of the earths, and our Lord, and the Lord of everything, splitter of the seed-grain and date-stone, and Revealer of the Tawrah and the Injil and the Qur’an. I seek refuge in You from the evil of every evil that You are holding by the forelock. You are the First, there is nothing before You, You are the Last, there is nothing after You, and The Apparent, there is nothing above You, and You are The Hidden, there is nothing below You. Relieve me of my debt, and enrich me from poverty.’⁵

DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

○ *There are many people worshipping Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى), but everyone has a way to reach Him. The*

⁵ Sahih Muslim 2713

journey with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is not by feet or how perfect we are from the outside, the journey to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is to be tender hearted, to be kind and still smile.

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MAY ALLAH MAKE US LOVE HIM AND THE MESSENGER (ﷺ).

AMEEN.

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