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The train of Ramadan: from heedless to sincerity.

The answered supplication in Ramadan

(Sincerity in supplications).

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Importance of Duaa:

1. Duaa is an inspiration gift that our Lord has given us, a way for His believers to communicate to him directly to express our Fear, need, hope, and ~~as~~ we turn to Him only because we know that: He alone can lift our sufferings and solve our problems, as we ~~are~~ feel relieved after describing our difficulties to our Creator

~~we~~ feel empowered after having communicated

with the All-mighty

and we sense His mercy all around us after talking to the Most Merciful.

In every difficulty our first action is Duaa as it is our last. We ask Allah (S.W.T) to

show us the way to handle the trials of life, we seek His Help to make that way ^{easy}.

for us and also we seek His Support in making our efforts successful.

We need to know that Duaa is the heart of worship (i.e) A person engaged in Duaa:-

- 1) affirms his belief in tawheed (monotheism) i.e. Unity of Allah, i.e. affirms his belief that the only Power is the power of Allah and because of this reality, he is calling the Only Power (Allah) to help him to solve his problems.
- 2) Affirms his own powerlessness, as he can't

do any thing except by the Will of Allah.

∴ Duaa is the practice of the belief of the Unity of God's worship. A person seriously and sincerely engaged in Dua understands exactly the relationship between himself and the Lord and affirms it through his actions.

Duaa is the most important tool of the believer which can change fate while no action ever can.

Accordingly, a believer must have his clear concept regarding Duaa which is "If God grants his servant a chance of making Duaa, He will not deprive him of answer.

The Duaa is: Our key to our spiritual happiness, offers us a certainty of hope for our future and it helps us to unburden our souls of the deepest of pain feeling. only Our Creator know.

∴ According to the terminology of Shari'ah

(Islamic Law): AL Du'a is a request from

4 a servant to his Lord. Supplication dictates that:

there must be a supplicant (the servant) and a

highest Answerer (Allah), All praise and glory to Him.

In his supplication, man begs for things he sees

as good for him, judged by his limited knowledge

imperfect human power and imbalanced criteria.

But Allah who alone possesses Power and Knowledge

sees that the thing, his servant begs for is in reality

good or evil for him so it is up to Allah, the Only

One who knows the truth, it is up to Him to

answer the Du'a, if it will bring good, and not to

answer it and replace it by reward in the Day of Judgement

And in Surat 17 AL ISRA. V. 11, Allah said:

"And man invokes Allah for evil as he invokes Allah for good,

and man is ever hasty"

Fate of our Duaa

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

"No muslim makes a supplication in which there is no sin or severing of the tie of kinship except that: Allah gives him by that one of three things :-

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1. He gave him what he asked immediately
- or 2. He (Allah) saved for him by that Duaa (supplication) some reward which he will get on the Day of Resurrection.
- or 3. He (Allah) saves him from a calamity which is equivalent to the supplication he made.

The Companions said: we will then make more supplication, so prophet Mohamed said:
"And Allah also will give you more."

∴ Conclusion: Duaa has a benefit in all conditions

Supplication as mentioned in the Sunna of Prophet Mohamed (S. A. W)

Prophet Mohamed (S. A. W) said:

1. Allah is angry at whosoever does not ask of Him.

2. Allah loves those who are earnest and persistent in their supplications.

3. Supplication is the weapon of the believer, the pillar of the religion and the light of the heavens and earth.

4. ["]Verily, Supplication is worship["]

5. Supplication is the essence of worship.

6. The prophet was asked by some of his companions

"Is Allah near so we invoke him or is he far so

we call him? So Allah revealed this verse 2:186.

"Allah is near, He can hear the supplicant

anytime, anywhere and respond if the supplicant

invokes Allah with sincere heart and avoid interdictions of supplication

Supplication (Duāā) and Fate:-

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

1. "Nothing but supplication averts the decree."
2. "Caution will be of no benefit against Divine Decree."

but Dua benefits all things, whether they come down or not. I therefore advise you to make Dua O Servants of Allah."

These informative hadeeth teaching us that:

① No matter how cautious a person is, he cannot escape what Allah had decreed for him.

② The willful actions of man like supplication is part of his fate which is decreed by Allah who knows that man will do it. It is the knowledge of Allah which cover all the events that take place in the universe. Allah comprehends everything in His knowledge.

3) In order to realize how Dua can repel Divine Decree

you must believe in :

1. The knowledge of Allah

and that 2. fulfilment of any goal is dependant on

the means necessary to produce it. And both

are decreed. e.g. if I want to have a baby, I must marry.

and since 3. Dua is one of the means for fulfilling our goals.

∴ So 4. Duaa is part of one's Decree.

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This is the reality related to supplication.

A reality which will encourage every believer

to follow our prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) who

was calling upon His Lord. at every moment i.e

when he wakes up, wash up, sleep, travel, eat

or drink. There is no moment in the life of

prophet Mohamed when he didn't remember His Lord

and seek His help and support, there is no wonder that all his supplications were answered including the one he has saved for the Day of Judgement which is: interceding on behalf of his followers.

and let us learn this Hadeeth of prophet

Mohamed (S.A.W) which proves the mentioned facts:

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said to Ibn Abbas:

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"Young man, I shall teach you some words (of advice): Be mindful to Allah, and Allah will protect you. Be mindful of Allah, and you will find Him in front of you. If you ask, ask only Allah - and if you seek help, seek help only from Allah. And know that if all nations were to gather together to benefit you, they would benefit you only with something that Allah has already prescribed for you. The pens have been lifted and the pages are dry.

Conclusion: As true believers, you need to do Dua' to Allah all the time as He is the only One to be asked for help. 2- Dua' is part of your Decree which Allah has already prescribed for you.

As Allah said in Surat 27 An-Naml - V.62.

Sincerity
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"Is not He who responds to the distressed one, when he calls on Him, and who removes the evil and makes you inheritors of the earth, generations after generations? Is there any (god) with Allah? Little is that you remember.
Also Allah said in Surat 72 AL-Jinn - V.18

"And the mosques are for Allah (Alone),
so invoke not anyone along with Allah."

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Also Allah said in Surat 41 Ghaafir V.14

So
"So call you (O Mohamed and the believers) upon (or invoke) Allah making your worship pure for Him Alone.

Regarding sincerity in supplication (Du'a)

to Allah, we need to know:-

(1) So long as you are a believer in the unity of Allah, so your supplication will be only to Him and your supplication will be continuous, i.e. at times of prosperity and at times of adversity because you believe that you need His Help every second

Ways for answered supplications

I - to be sincere in your Duaa' i.e.:-

To cry your heart out, asking Allah with full sincerity and full trust, for all the things which you are missing in your life, to ask Him to remove your grief and to bless you with what you always want, and to ask Allah to save you from the Hell and to make the paradise your final destination

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The secret of the Duaa' to be answered depends on: the true belief that only Allah can solve the problems and make the hopes real, the true trust that He will answer your Duaa', the true hope that: supplication to Allah is the only way to avert the destiny

The more you have the above realities clear in your mind and heart, the more you will feel close to Allah in your Duaa'. The more your Duaa' will be accepted.

of your life.

Sincerity
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2) ∴ These who associate partners with Allah such as idols, tombs, the dead people in tombs e.g the grave-worshippers do nowadays by refuge with the dead.

Allah does not answer their supplication because

Supplication has to be only to the One Lord i.e Allah.

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3) The believer who fears Allah and perform his duties to Allah at times of prosperity (obeying His commands) ^{fearing} i.e having Allah all the time, then Allah will consider

his obedience and answers his supplication at time of adversity as Allah said in Hadith Qudsi: "My servant continues to come nearer to Me through voluntary deeds until I Love him and when I love him, I become his ears with which he hears, I become his sight with which he sees and I become his hands with which he strikes, I become his legs with which he strides. If

he asks Me, I shall surely grant his request, If he seeks my refuge - I shall protect him.

Prophet Mohamed said: "Get to know Allah

(adhere to his commands) in prosperity and Allah will know you (help you) in adversity.

4) Those who supplicate Allah seeking mediation or intercession through dead persons saying "We ask you (Allah) by so and so or by their glory" However, Allah never answers their supplication because it is a form of innovation which is invalid and prohibited by Allah, as Allah does not allow us to use intercessors to supplicate him. On the contrary, He has commanded us to call Him directly with no other mediators.

Allah said in Surat (40) Ghaffir V. 14.

So call you O Mohamed and the believers upon
"Allah, making your worship pure for him."

5) Be aware of these polytheistic supplications that are widespread in the current times.

Ways for answered supplications,

2. To have full trust that Allah will answer your supplication

Prophet Mohamed said,

"Supplicate to Allah with full confidence that He will answer you"

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This full trust in Allah is based on your belief that "He is the Only Power" and that "Allah has the ^{ability} Power to do everything He wants."

3. To be patient:-

There are some muslims who stop supplicating to Allah, when they feel that "it is too long time and still their supplications are not answered."

In reality we need always to remember that It is the knowledge and wisdom of Allah to plan for every thing in this life. So the believers will always keep on doing Duaa to Allah in patience and with full confidence that: the Most Merciful

the All-Knowing is planning the best for us and

will answer our supplication in the best time for us.

Prophet Mohamed said "Verily, Allah loves those who are ^{supplication} persistent in[↑]."

Prophet Mohamed said: The invocation of anyone of

16 you is responded to by Allah (SWT), if he does

not show impatience by saying: "I invoked Allah

(SWT) but my request has not been granted".

4. To obey Allah's commands and obligations

upon you, and to avoid doing what He had

forbidden. as Allah said in Surat 10. Yunus V. 91

91 "Now (you believe) while you refused to believe

before and you were one of the evil doers".

5. To ^{use} lawful food, drink and clothing i.e

to earn Halal (Lawful) money. Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W)

said: "Make your food (Lawful) then your Du'a

will be answered".

6. To have full concentration while you make

Du'a i.e to avoid being heedless, as

prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

"Supplicate Allah and bear in mind that He will surely answer you, and be aware that Allah never answers the supplication of someone who is heedless."

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7. To enjoin what is right and to forbid evil (what is wrong).

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

"You should enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, otherwise He (Allah) will descend punishment upon you, and then you will ask Him, but your supplication will never be answered."

Let everyone of us, revise this rule and check himself regarding its reality.

8. To be always humble to Allah and to show you need to His Help and your desire to His bounty.

1- To supplicate at times, when Duaa is more likely accepted,

Month of Ramadan constitutes the time of bringing oneself into perfect harmony with Allah's Way, as ^{during} Allah Ramadan you experience an overwhelming state of obedience to Allah i.e. abandoning your food, drink and conjugal relations in obedience to Allah, and closing all the ways of

18 "Shaitan to your spirit. Through this straight faithful behaviour, you relate your spirit to a state of utmost sincerity in unity with Allah's Will, Accordingly, there will be no limit for the grace, that Allah may bestow upon you i.e. answering all your supplications.

∴ This is the Month of Ramadan. but we need to know that Lailatul Qadr is the best night for answering the Dua (Look for it in

the last 10 nights of Ramadan. It's Dua is "O Allah, You are pardoning and you love to pardon so pardon us".

② After the obligatory prayer

Prophet Mohamed said about the
which Duaa is most likely to be answered:?

In the depth of the last part of the night
and after the obligatory prayers.

③ In the last Part of the Night

Prophet Mohamed said: Our Lord descends every

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night to the lowest heaven, when the last
third of the night remains and He says "Is
there anyone to invoke Me so that I may respond
to his invocations? Is there anyone to ask Me for
something so that I may grant him his request?
is there anyone to ask for forgiveness so that I
may forgive him?"

④ Between Athan and Iqama

Prophet Mohamed (S. A. W) said: The invocations

is not rejected between Athan and Iqama
so do invoke "

5. On Jum'ah

According to prophet Mohamed (S.A.W), there is an hour of jum'ah (in which Du'a' is accepted).

So let us try to spend the day in remembrance of Allah and involving Him.

6. In Prayer After at-Tashahud:

²⁰ Abdulla - Ibn Masoud narrated: I was offering prayer while the prophet, Abu Bakr and Umar were together. After I sat for the last Tashahud, the prophet said: ask you will be given, ask you will be given.

7. When prostrating

Prophet Mohamed said "The closest a person gets to his Lord is during sujud (prostration). Therefore, increase Du'a."

∴ One must try to involve Allah in every prostration.

• On the Day of Arafat

Prophet Mohamed said:

The best supplication is the supplication on the day of Arafat.

• The One who is suffering injustice

Prophet Mohamed said:

Beware of the supplication of the unjustly treated, because there is no shelter or veil between it and Allah S.W.T.

• The Traveller:

Three supplications will not be rejected:

- 1- the one who is fasting.
- 2- The oppressed
- and 3- the traveller.

• During the rain:

Prophet Mohamed said:

Two supplications will not be rejected, supplication after the Adhan (call for prayer) and at the time of rain.

Manners of supplication (Dua)

1. It should start with : Bismillah , Praise is to Allah and Peace and blessings be upon the messenger of Allah.
2. It should be performed secretly and with sincere heart
3. It should be with humility and express your need of Allah.
4. It should be repeated three times.
5. Invoke Allah by His Names and Attributes.
6. Supplicate Allah (SWT) by mentioning the righteous deeds you have done.
7. Admit your sins during the supplication.
8. Face the Qiblah during your supplication
9. Do not be aggressive when you are supplicating Allah. Such as asking Him to make you a prophet.
10. when making supplication for others, start with yourself then include others. Revise surat (Al-Fatiha) V. 28.
11. Remember to include your parents in your supplication

At the end, we have to know that 'Supplication (Du'a) is from the most beneficial types of healing - it is the enemy of affliction and illness - repressing them, treating them and preventing their occurrence. Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: "While the tribulation is descending, the supplication meets it and they remain struggling with one another, until the Day of Judgement."

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So let us have this medicine which Allah the Most Merciful blessed us with, let us have it all the time as a fundamental bond with the Lord.

Let us always live our lives with the full trust that so long I am following the commands of Allah, living Islam as a way of life - and having the Du'a as a continuous bond with my Lord, I have full trust that I will live my life in the best shape in sha Allah.

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