

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
The spiritual clinic (5)

Allah's mercy (2) (stories from the Quran)

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The Mercy of Allah can solve the great disasters
(Proofs from the Quran.)

Today, insha Allah we continue to learn about Allah's mercy, and we will learn about:

1. Allah's mercy in Hadiths of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W)
2. Allah's mercy is the source of all worldly blessings (asky)
3. Allah's mercy at times of hardship and trials in the lives of Prophets (Proofs from the Quran).

First: Allah's Mercy in Hadiths of Prophet (S.A.W)

① Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

"When Allah created His creation, He wrote in a book which He keeps with Him above the Throne: 'My mercy oversteps My anger'."

② Prophet Mohamed said: When Allah

created the heavens and the earth, He also created one hundred mercies. Each one of them filled the space between the heavens and the earth. He placed one mercy on earth. It is through this, that mother is compassionate to her baby, and so are wild beasts

and birds. On the Day of judgement, Allah complements them with this one mercy."

This is an inspiration description by the Prophet, one which makes it easy for the human mind to visualise the extent of Allah's mercy.

We need only to reflect on how mothers are so kind-hearted to their youngsters and the sympathy

and kindness, It is also the mercy of Allah which is the ^{source} ~~source~~ of Allah mentioned in Surah Al Room (30) V. (21). Let's always remember ^{the mercy bet} ~~the~~ We should also remember how birds and the spouse

or
affection and mercy bet the husbands

2 animals sometimes manifest their mercy to one another in amazing ways. Now let us consider that all this mercy, is the result of a single part out of one hundred parts of Allah's mercy.

We can, thus, appreciate the extent of Allah's mercy, but we can't realize its extent as this is beyond our imagination.

All praise to You - Our Lord, The Most Merciful:

Allah's mercy at times of hardship:-

When a Muslim truly appreciates the significance of Allah's commitment to being merciful to His servants, he experiences a profound sense of reassurance, which remains with him even when he goes through periods of hardship and severe trials that are enough to turn people away from their Lord. A believer is certain that at every moment and in every situation and condition,

Allah's mercy is present and sure to be bestowed.

He knows that: his Lord does not put him to the test because He has abandoned him or denied him His mercy.

- Allah does not deny His mercy to anyone who sincerely hopes to receive it. It is human being who deny themselves Allah's mercy, when they disbelieve in Him and reject His mercy.

A believer reassurance that Allah's mercy is close at hand, fills his heart with strength, hope and comfort. He knows that he is in good, caring hands and he enjoys the comfort of Allah's mercy as long as he does not go far astray.

2. When a believer recognises this fact, his sense of modesty in front of Allah is enhanced. Indeed, it makes a believer very shy in dealing with Allah, the Most Merciful.

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* 3. A true recognition by a believer of Allah's mercy is bound to leave a very strong influence on his moral values and manners. He knows that he has to cultivate within himself the same manners and values as Allah

And let's us learn about Allah's mercy in this story of the man who worshipped Allah for 500 years.

Islamic
story

(Allah's mercy) (500 years of worship)

Angel Jibrail (alayhis salam) told Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) the following incidence about a man in the past who worshipped Allah continuously for 500 years. He was granted a shelter on top of a mountain, that was surrounded by salty water. However, Allah caused a stream of sweet water to flow through the mountain for that individual. The man would drink from this water and use it to make ablution (wudu). Allah taala also raised a pomegranate tree from which the man would eat one fruit every day.

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One day, the person supplicated to Allah that "O Allah, bring my death while I am in a state of prostration." Allah accepted this dua of him. Whenever Jibrail came down to Earth, he forced this man prostrating to Allah. Jibrail said that: on the Day of Judgement, Allah will tell the angels to take this person to Paradise.

through His Mercy. However, this man will insist that he should enter the Paradise, through the good deeds that he had performed.

Then Allah will tell the angels to compare his good deeds with the blessings that were given to him in the world. It will be seen that: 500 years of worship does not even equal to gift of eye sight

that was given to him by Allah. The angels will

be asked to take him to the Hell fire. Then the man

will plead, "O Allah, Enter me the Paradise through your mercy". At that point, the following discussion

will take place between Allah and that man.

• Allah: O my servant, who created you?

The worshipper: O Allah, you have created me.

• Allah: Were you created from your good deeds or because of My mercy?

• The worshipper: Because of your mercy.

• Allah: Who granted you the ability to worship for 500 years?

The worshipper: The Allmighty, You have granted me that ability.

• Allah: Who placed you on the mountain surrounded by the Ocean? who caused a stream of water (sweet) to flow between the salty water? who caused a pomegranate tree to grow for you? who granted you death while in a state of prostration?

7 The worshipper: Oh, Allah, the Sustainer of the worlds, You granted me all of these.

• Then Allah will say: All these have happened due to My mercy and you will enter Paradise only through My mercy.

The lessons:

As we mentioned last week about the mercy of Allah "Who created us, fashioned us in best shape, made all the univers to serve us, made the man the master on the Earth. Grant us health, wealth, children, guidance and security.

All these blessings are out of His mercy.

• These realities were clarified in this story: water, food, shelter, guidance, answering the duaa, all are out of Allah's mercy, which we need to appreciate and

thank Allah for it so that He will keep it to us.

Also there is no room for any one to say "I haven't feel Allah's mercy", as

• Thanking Allah for the blessings must be in the

form of : believing and Practicing the belief in His

Oneness and this leads to total submission

to Him and to full obedience to Him only.

• Entering the Paradise which is the Greatest gift is only out of Allah's mercy.

• None of our good deeds even to worship for 500

years can be equal to any of Allah's blessing,

this is a reality which all muslims must realize

so that we all can appreciate - live and enjoy

the mercy of the Most Merciful. Feeling Allah's

mercy and appreciating it, is in reality the greatest mercy

having eye
sight - ears
hearing - legs
walking and so
on, are all
forms of
Allah's mercy

Allah's mercy at times of trials and hardship.

We will insha Allah learn about Allah's mercy which, Prophet Ibrahim found it when he was thrown in the fire, Josef found it in the well where his brothers threw him and later in prison, Jonah found it in the whale's belly, under three covers of darkness, Moses found it in the river, when he was a helpless infant, as also in Paraoth's palace when Pharaoh sought to kill him. The Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W) and his Companion, Abubakar found it in the cave of Mount Thaur, where they hid from their pursuers.

Let's learn in details about some of these stories so that we always have the hope in Allah's mercy:

1- Prophet Jacob and the loss of his 2 beloved sons:-

This is a story in the Quran, clarifying that we need to place all hope in Allah's Power and Mercy, and to trust completely to His Wisdom, feeling

His existence and His endless Compassion.

We will recite from Surat Yusuf (Joseph) 12 (V: 86-87)

86: He said: "I only complain of my grief and sorrow to Allah, and I know from Allah that which you know not,

87: "O my sons! Go you and enquire about Yusuf (Joseph) and his brother, and never give up hope of Allah's Mercy. Certainly no one despairs of Allah's Mercy, except the people who disbelieve. These are the words of (Jacob), the old father

who was tested by the loss of his beloved son (Yusuf) for many years and then he was again tested by the

loss of Yusuf's younger brother .i.e his youngest son.

∴ This Prophet was tested by loss of his 2 beloved sons,

but out of his real belief in Allah's Power and

Mercy, he never despaired of Allah's grace, ability

and kindness. In fact, adversity always enhances

the faith and trust of the believers in Allah's

Power and Mercy. And because of that trust in His

Lord, Jacob clarified to his sons: that he will

will never make any complaint to anyone except

Hid lad, the only Power and Will in life. This decision was based on the clear belief in the Unity of Allah.

Then Jacob instructed his sons to go back and seek information about their two younger brothers.

That is the attitude of a person whose heart is

keenly aware of the truth of Godhead. and the

11 reason for this decision is that: believers ^{are} ~~must~~ always

be in touch with Allah, enjoying His Mercy, unshaken by distress or hardship, even though

the circumstances may be exceedingly tough. Indeed

a believer finds in his faith and bond with his

Lord a blessing that gives him reassurance, even

in the most difficult moments

And to be sure of the reality of the belief in

Allah's mercy, we need to know that Prophet Jacob

out of Allah's grace and mercy, found his 2 sons

and they all lived together after these long

years, which carried a lot of pain, distress and grief.

But It is always, the final source of happiness and pleasure for those who always keep the hope and trust in Allah's mercy.

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The second story of Allah's mercy at the time of distress is the story of Prophet Ibrahim when his people throw him in the fire. We will learn about it, In Surat

Allah Said in Surat AL ANBIYA (21)

From V. (51) to V. (69)

This is the story of Prophet Ibrahim, who was still a young man when Allah bestowed on him the gift of knowing what is right. Hence he objected to the worship of idols and destroyed them, when the chance presented itself so, the unbelievers cried (burn him) i.e. destroy him totally and severely.

But life is not run by words of people, Nay and

shukr
(1) or less
or all
or all

never, it is run by the Will of the Most Merciful, who is always protecting and supporting His righteous servants. Accordingly, a different word, however was also said, this was the supreme word that can never be countered: Fire be cool to Abraham and a source of inner peace to him. How is this possible

Q: How is this possible? a question, which has an answer from a ^{rules} of the Quran:

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① Surat (36) V(82).

(36) → (82) → "When He wills a thing to be, He only says to it "Be" and it is"

② Surat (35) V(2)

(35) → ② "Whatever of mercy, Allah may grant to mankind, non can withhold it"

Transforming the fire so as to give Ibrahim coolness and inner peace is only one example of Allah's infinite ability to show mercy to whoever from His servants.

Again and again, let every one of us remember and realize that (A) The miracle of Allah's mercy can't be subjected to human standards, as this mercy can

① change the nature of the objects (the fire to lose its nature and instead of being source of hotness and destruction, it becomes a source of goodness and peace.

14 ② This mercy always leads to results which are very effective and exceptional.

also (B) as we need to remember the words of Prophet Ibrahim, when he was thrown in the fire,

Surat 3 (175): "Sufficient for me is Allah and he is the best disposer of Affairs"

This is the sincere belief in the unity of Allah, the fundamental rule which lightens the spirits and opens its ways for the Mercy, grace and all the blessings of Our Lord.

It is the duty of everyone of us to remember about events in our lives, when we were touched by Allah's mercy at the time of hardship and difficulties.

It is the great mercy of Allah to make us to remember these events and to feel and realize that we were saved by Allah's mercy.

A feeling which makes the spirit to feel that

InshaAllah, there is always a solution

every problem and this solution is up to

Allah, the Most Merciful. It is ^{must be} always our feeling

that we are showered with Allah mercy all the time

② Also that we are full of hope, trust and expectation

that as Allah saved us from other difficulties in

the past, it will be always His mercy to

save us from our difficulties today, tomorrow

and in every time and place.

① Allah Our Lord, we have all the hope, trust and assurance that Your mercy is close in hand and every hardship will be ease inshaAllah.

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