

Points to Ponder

Excerpts from 25th Juz

Distribution of Wealth

Ayah 27: And if Allah were to enlarge the provision for His slaves, they would surely rebel in the earth, but He sends down by measure as He wills. Verily! He is in respect of His slaves, the Well-Aware, the All-Seer (of things that benefit them).

In Tabrani there is a narration of a Hadeeth Qudsi wherein Allah Ta'alaah says:

إن من عبادي المؤمنين لمن لا يصلحه إلا الغنى ولو افتقر لأفسده ذلك، وإن من عبادي المؤمنين لمن لا يصلحه إلا الصحة ولو أسقمته لأفسده ذلك، وإن من عبادي المؤمنين لمن لا يصلحه إلا السقم ولو أصححته لأفسده ذلك، وإني أدبر لعبادي بعلمي بقلوبهم إني عليم خبير

From amongst My servants there are those for whom wealth is appropriate, had they been granted poverty it would have ruin them. There are others for whom good health has been decided as best for them, since illness would have wrecked them. Then there are some for whom illness is most conducive, if they were blessed with good health it would have spoilt them..... I decide for my slaves according to My knowledge of their hearts, I am the Most Knowledgeable, All-Aware.

ARE YOU FINDING A SHORTFALL IN YOUR EARNINGS?

Read the following Ayah seventy times in the morning after performing the Sunnah of Fajr. If you have to continue , do so after the fardh of Fajr:

اللَّهُ لَطِيفٌ بِعِبَادِهِ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ ﴿١٩﴾

Ayah 19, Surah 42

Allah is Subtle with His servants; He gives provisions to whom He wills. And He is the Powerful, the Exalted in Might.

Ayah 38 :***And those who have responded to their Master and established prayer and whose affair is [determined by] consultation among themselves, and from what We have provided them, they spend.***

The above are some of the great attributes of the Sahabah mentioned in the Quran.

Those who respond to their Master, in reference to Abu Bakr R.A. specifically and generally to all the rest of the Sahabah. The story of Abu Dahdah R.A.

Abu Dahda (may Allah have mercy on him) was one of those people who found an opportunity to respond to Allah and HIS Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam and win what is greater than the heavens and the earth.

There was a companion of the Rasulallah (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) who planted his garden next to the property of an orphan. The orphan claimed that a specific palm tree was on his property and therefore belonged to him.

The companion rejected the claim,

So the orphan went to the Rasulallah (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) to complain.

The Messenger of Allah (sallAllahu alayhi wasallam) measured the two gardens and found that the palm tree did indeed belong to the companion.

The orphan began crying.

Seeing this, the Prophet (sallAllahu alayhi wasallam) asked the companion, “Would you give him the palm tree and for you is a palm tree in Jannah?”

However, the Sahabi did not agree.

But someone else saw the opportunity – Abu Dahdah (radiAllahu anhu).

He went to the Rasulallah (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) and asked, “Ya RasulAllah, if I buy the tree from him and give it to the orphan shall I have that tree in Jannah?”

The Messenger of Allah (sallAllahu alayhi wasallam) replied, “Yes.”

Abu Dahdah (radi Allahu anhu) had chased after the companion and asked,

“Would you sell that tree to me for my entire garden?” (Abu Dahda had a garden of 600 trees)

The companion answered, "Take it, for there is no good in a tree that was complained to the Prophet about."

Immediately, Abu Dahda (radi Allahu anhu) went home and found his wife and children playing in the garden. "Leave the garden!" shouted Abu Dahda.

"We've sold it to Allah! We've sold it to Allah!"

Some of his children had dates in their hand and he snatched the dates from them and threw them back into the garden. "We've sold it to Allah!"

Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam remarked: "How many shady palm trees does Abu Dahdah now have in Paradise?"

SURAH AZ-ZUKHRUF

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُّقْرِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

*Ayah 13/14: That you may settle yourselves upon their backs and then remember the favor of your Lord when you have settled upon them and say. **"Exalted is He who has subjected this to us, and we could not have [otherwise] subdued it.***

And lo! unto our Lord we surely are returning.

These verses should be recited whenever we mount our cars , vehicles or modes of transport. Because it *is* Only Allah who has made them subservient to us.

In addition do the following: Read :

- Bismillah followed by Surah Al kaafiroon (QUL YAA AYYUAHL KAAFIROON...)
- BISMILLAH again followed by Surah An Nasr. (ITHAA JAA' A NASRULLAHI WAL..)

- BISMILLAH followed by Surah IKHLASS (QUL HUWALLAHU AHAD..)
- Bismillah again followed by Surah Al-Falaq (QUL A'UTHU BIRABBIL FALAQ..)
- Bismillah followed by Surah An-Naas (QUL A'UTHU BIRABBINNAAS..)
- Bismillah finally again.

عن جُبَيْرِ بْنِ مُطْعِمٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ : قَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ : (أَتُحِبُّ يَا جُبَيْرُ إِذَا خَرَجْتَ سَفْرًا أَنْ تَكُونَ مِنْ أَمْثَلِ أَصْحَابِكَ هَيْئَةً ، وَأَكْثَرِهِمْ زَادًا ؟) فَقُلْتُ : نَعَمْ بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي ، قَالَ : (اقْرَأْ هَذِهِ السُّورَةَ الْخَمْسَ : (قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ) ، وَ (إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ) ، وَ (قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ) ، وَ (قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ) ، وَ (قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ) ، وَافْتَتِحْ كُلَّ سُورَةٍ بِبِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ، وَاخْتِمِ قِرَاءَتَكَ بِبِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ قَالَ جُبَيْرٌ : وَكُنْتُ غَنِيًّا ، كَثِيرَ الْمَالِ ، فَكُنْتُ أَخْرُجُ مَعَ مَنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ أَخْرَجَ مَعَهُمْ فِي سَفَرٍ فَأَكُونُ مِنْ أَبْذِهِمْ هَيْئَةً ، وَأَقْلَهُمْ زَادًا ، فَمَا زِلْتُ مِنْذُ عَلَّمَنِيهِنَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَقَرَأْتُ بِهِنَّ : أَكُونُ مِنْ أَحْسَنِهِمْ هَيْئَةً ، وَأَكْثَرِهِمْ زَادًا ، حَتَّى أَرْجِعَ مِنْ سَفَرِي ذَلِكَ

[Narrated by Jubayr ibn Mutim R.A. recorded by Abu Ya'laa in his Musnad]

Jubayr bin Mut'im R.A. narrates that Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam once said to me whenever you undertake a journey, would you not like to be the most well off (in terms of wealth and provision) and best in appearance (i.e you are overcome with fatigue and exhaustion) compared to the rest of our fellow travellers?

Jubayr R.A said "of course do tell me, may my parents be sacrificed for you." Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam then said "read the following 5 Surahs beginning each surah with

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ and after completing the 5 surahs, read

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ again. the Surahs are ، (قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ) ، وَ (إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ) ،

وَ (قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ) ، وَ (قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ) ، وَ (قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ)

Previously, despite being wealthy, whenever I undertook a journey, I would always run short of provisions and my appearance would be the most unkempt. However, since Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam taught me to recite these Surahs, I now am the best of them in terms of appearance as well as provisions.