

Points to Ponder

Excerpts from Surah Tawbah & Yunus

Ayah 108: A mosque founded on righteousness from the first day is more worthy for you to stand in. Within it are men who love to purify themselves; and Allah loves those who purify themselves

In this verse Allah Subahanahu wa Ta'alaah praises some of the Sahabah, (some scholars say it was particularly the people of Quba) who had two characteristics in them : They repented excessively and they were very particular about cleansing themselves.

The aspect of “*cleansing themselves*” is literal and spiritual. However, one worthy point of mention is they were extremely cautious about *Istinjaa'* meaning cleaning oneself after passing urine or stool. And they would use both water as well as lumps of absorbing sand for this purpose.

Now, an important aspect of *Istinjaa* which is very often neglected is *Istibraa'*.

Istibraa is to attempt to keep the urethra free from drops of urine. It is *wajib* for men to do *istibra*, that is, not to leave any drops in the urethra, by walking, coughing, **(No tap dancing!!! lol.)** They must not perform *wudu'* unless they are satisfied that there are no drops of urine left. One drop oozing out will both nullify their *wudu'* and soil the under garment.

Also another sunnah we learn is to sprinkle clean water on the under garments to eradicate the chance of doubts occurring.

Ayah 129: **Got Problems?????????? Learn this ayah, read it.**

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ

رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ (١٢٩)

Hasbiyallahu laa ilaaha illaa Huwa alayhi tawakaltu wa huwa rabbul arshil Adheem.

Translation:

Allah is sufficient for me. There is none worthy worship but Him. I have placed my trust in Him; He is Lord of the Majestic Throne

Allah will remove any difficulty from a person who recites the above 7 times daily. [Ibn Katheer]

Claim to be a follower of Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam???

*Verily, there has come unto you a Messenger (Muhammad SAW) from amongst yourselves (i.e. whom you know well). **It grieves him that you should receive any injury or difficulty. He (Muhammad SAW) is anxious over you (to be rightly guided, to repent to Allah,***

Then we've got to be concerned , sympathetic, well wishing towards others. Our Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam showed us that to be religious did not mean that we have to show hard heartedness no affection, no sympathy. There is an Arabic verse of poetry which says:

ولا بد من شكوى إلى ذي قرابةٍ ... يواسيكَ أو يُسْلِيكَ أو يتوجّع

when you wish to share your problems, then do so with a person who is magnanimous , he would help you get out of the problem or comfort you or at the very least he'd also be distressed by your predicament.

Suran Yunus

Allah talks about Moosa A.S. after being fed up with Firoun (pharaoh) He prayed to Allah thus : "*Our Lord, indeed You have given Pharaoh and his establishment splendour and wealth in the worldly life, our Lord, that they may*

lead [men] astray from Your way. Our Lord, obliterate their wealth and harden their hearts so that they will not believe until they see the painful punishment."

In reply Allah Ta'ala says : ***"Verily, the dua of you both is accepted. So you both keep to the Straight Way (i.e. keep on doing good deeds and preaching Allah's Message with patience), and follow not the path of those who know not"***

Only Moosa a.s. made dua, but acceptance by Allah is for BOTH??

That's because Moosa A.S. made dua and Haroon A.S. said "AMEEN".

Therefore the next time you hear a dua, say Ameen. Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam is reported to have said:

لا يجتمع ملاً فيدعو بعضهم ويؤمن سائرهم ، إلا أجابهم الله

Whenever a group gets together one of them make Dua and the rest say Ameen, Allah will definitely accept (their Dua) [Majma' Zawaaid]

Miracle of the Quran

Ayah 92: So today We will save you in body that you may be to those who succeed you a sign. And indeed, many among the people, of Our signs, are heedless

The mummification of the corpse and remains of pharaoh is a Quranic prophesy. Long before any one thought about or endeavoured to discover it , Allah Ta'ala revealed it in the Quran. but unfortunately.....

And indeed, many among the people, of Our signs, are heedless