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The spiritual clinic(22)

The answered supplications (11)

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The answered supplications of Prophet Ayoub(2)

"On Allah, we rely" Be a Late Way to have peace of mind
"The belief in Divine Decree"

- Last week, we learned about the story of Prophet Job (Ayoub) who was the patient always returning to Allah for support.

We learn his answered supplications regarding the distress which he lived for years and years and caused him to lose all his wealth, health and family. But Allah, The Most Merciful answered his supplications and gave him healthy body again, also a family and more.

We discussed about the lessons from these supplications and that story of Patience.

We learned from the Quran that: Life is a test, where every one will be tried by hardships and trials to prove his (her) real belief and obedience to Allah, i.e. ~~on~~ on

The Day of Judgement, everyone will be accountable for his deeds in the test of the worldly life. Final destination of everyone will be up to his (her) good deeds.

We learned also that no disaster strikes upon the earth or among yourselves except that it is in a register, before We bring it into being - indeed that for Allah, is easy " Surat (57:22)

This is the basic for the belief in the Divine Decree and Predistination (belief in AL-Qadhaa Wal-Qadar" which is one of the Pillars of Faith in Islam and no one's faith is complete without it.

Today insha, Allah, we will learn an overview of the topic of "belief in Allah's Decree", because insha Allah over the next coming classes we will learn about the "distress" in the Quran - and the ways to

that we are commanded by Allah to use so that we will know the ways to be out of the distress and how we can be content with all Allah's Decree until Allah makes for us an outlet from every distress

First: Definition of al-qada-wa'l qadar in Islamic

terminology

• Al Qada : Allah's will

• Al Qadar : means Allah's decree of all things from

3 eternity and His knowledge that they will come to pass

at the times that are known to Him in the specific

manner that He has decreed and willed. They will

happen the way, they are meant to and the way they are

created.

There is no difference in meaning between al-qada and

al-qadar and that each of them points to the meaning
of the other

the status of belief in al-qadar in Islam:

Belief in al-qadar is one of the six pillars of Faith

which were mentioned in the words of the prophet (S.A.W)

when Jibreel (Peace be upon him) asked him about Faith

(eeman). He said eeman is to belief in Allah, His

angels, His books, His messengers, the last Day and to believe in Divine will and decree (al-qadar) both good and bad.

4 In Surat (45) : V (49) - Allah said

" Verily, We have created all things with Qadr (Divine Preordainments of all things before"

i.e Their creation was written in the book of Decrees [the Preserved Tablet].

Also in Surat (33) - V 38 - Allah said

" And the command of Allah is a decree determined"

Aspects of belief in al-qadar:-

The belief in al-qadar is not valid unless you believe in four aspects of al-qadar which are:-

1- Knowledge :

This is the belief that the knowledge of Allah encompasses all things and not a single atom in the heavens or on earth falls outside of His knowledge

Allah knew, all of His creation before He created them.

He knew what they would do by means of His
ancient and eternal knowledge. There is a great deal
of evidence that points to this fact. e.g. Allah said
in Surat 1- al-Hashr (59:22)

2- al-Talaq (65:12)

3- al-An'am (6:59) 4- Ta-ha 20 (110).

∴ Allah knows every thing (past - present and future).

2- Writing

This is the belief that Allah has written

the Decrees concerning all created beings in

AL-Lawh - al-Mahfooz (the Preserved tablet).

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Allah said in Surat AL-Haqq 16 - V (70)

Did you not know that Allah knows all what
in heaven and earth? Verily, all put down in a
record. Indeed, that is very easy of Allah"

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said:

1 The first thing ^{that} Allah created is the pen (al-qalam),

He said to it: Write - It said: What shall I write?

He said: Write what will take place until the Day of Judgement. Whatever is to strike a human being will never miss him, and whatever is to miss him will never strike him."

3- Will

This is the belief that everything that happens in this universe happens by the will of Allah. Whatever Allah wills happens and whatever He does not will does not happen. Nothing exists outside of His will.

The evidence for that is in the Quran:

Surat AL Imran 40:-

" Thus Allah does what He wills "

And in Surat AL Imran V(26), Allah said

" Allah says " Say, O Muhammed, O Allah! Possessor of the Kingdom, You give the kingdom to whom You will and take the kingdom from whom you will, You honour whom You will, and You humiliate whom you will. In your hand is the good. Verily You are able to do all things "

Let's learn more about the will of Allah from the Quran:

- Surat 18: 1(23-24) "And never say of anything I shall do and so tomorrow except if Allah wills"
- Surat (2) - 1(213) "Allah guides whom He wills to straight path"

7 • Surat (2) - 1(220): "And if Allah has wished, He could have put into difficulties".

• Surat (2) - 1(247): "Allah grants His kingdom to whom He wills."

• Surat (2) - 1(261): "Allah gives manifold increase to whom He wills"

(^) • Surat (2) - 1(269): "Allah grants wisdom to whom He wills".

• Surat (3) - 1(6): "He it is who shapes you in the wombs as He wills."

• Surat (3) - 1(13): "And Allah supports with His Victory whom He wills"

• Surat (3) - 1(37): "Verily Allah provides sustenance to whom He wills, without limit."

• Surat (3) - 1(40): "Thus Allah does what He wills."

• Surat 3 - 1(74): "He selects for His mercy, whom He wills"

• Surat 4 - 1(49) "Allah sanctifies whom He wills"

• Surat 4 - 1(133) "If He wills, He can take you away!"

• Surat 5 - (40) "Allah sends astray whom He wills and He guides on the Straight Path whom He wills."

• Surat 81 (29) "And you can't will unless that Allah wills"

4. Creation :

This is the belief that Allah is the Creator of all things, including people's actions. There is no single atom, static or in motion but that Allah has created it as Allah says in the Quran in ^{Surat} ALZumar 39: 62

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Surat Gha Fir 40: 62

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: Allah has made every
doer and what he does :'

The meaning is that : Just as Allah is the One Who created people - He has also created that by means of which they act, namely their abilities and will, then they do various actions of obedience and sin, by the abilities and will which Allah has created.

∴ The rule :

∴ Belief in al-qadar is the real test of the extent of a person's belief in Allah. It is the true test of how much a person really knows about his Lord

and what results from his knowledge of certain and sincere
faith in Allah and His attributes of majesty and
perfection. So no one can have true and certain faith
except the one who knows Allah by His beautiful
names and sublime attributes, submitting to His
q commands with piece of mind and trusting in
his Lord.

The Evil is not attributed to Allah

(Beliefs) We believe that evil should not be attributed to Allah
as Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) said: "And evil is
not attributed to You."

Regarding Evil in Allah's Decree as mentioned by Prophet
Mohamed (S.A.W): And Protect us from the evil of what
You decreed". This is not pure evil. It is rather
evil in one case and good in another.

Thus corruption in the land resulting from poverty,
fear, diseases and drought, that corruption is

evil, but it is good in another respect. Allah, the Exalted said "Corruption has appeared on the Land and sea for what men's hands have earned. Allah has ordained this for men, so that they may taste some of what they have done in order that they may turn back (from evil) (30:41).

At the end, we must remember this hadith of Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W):

"If the Divine Decree is mentioned, then keep quiet"

We are permitted to seek knowledge about al-Qadar, but no one is allowed to give his opinion in this issue, as certainly, the wisdom of Allah in

al-Qadar cannot be questioned as Allah said (21:23) He cannot be questioned as to what He does, while they will be questioned

① Allah, Our Lord, indeed we believe in al-Qadar both "Good and Bad" and we don't question the knowledge and wisdom of the All-Knowers

In conclusion :-

The only proper attitude for a believer is to submit to Allah. It is far better to believe in Allah's hand, placing one's trust completely in Him as He will in any case do what He pleases.

This rule is such that mankind have no control over anything that belongs to them. They and all that they own, belong to Allah and He chooses for them whatever He pleases according to His Wisdom and Knowledge.

Each and every individual is only a tiny part of the universe which follows the over all law of Allah which Allah has set for it.

The Creator of the universe who controls it, determines their affairs and assigns to them their roles in the drama stipulating all their actions on the universe stage.

they can't choose the role they play, because they do not know the full extent of the drama, which Allah had written 50,000 years before the creation of the heavens and the earth.

None can choose any action because this may not fit with the overall role assigned to them by Allah.

Man did neither write the play, nor do they own the stage. They are just actors who earn their wages for their actions.

This is the reality of the worldly life: deceiving enjoyment, a test, adversity and prosperity, hardship and ease, days - months and years,

But there is an end, which is in reality, the start of the real life.

A story : Be a lake - (the pain of life is pure salt)

The old master instructed the unhappy young man to put a handful of salt in a glass of water and then to drink it. "How does it taste?" the Master asked. "Awful."

The Master, then asked the young man to take another handful of salt and put it in the lake. The two walked in silence to the nearby Lake and when the young man swirled his handful of salt into the lake, the old man said, "Now drink from the Lake."

As the water dripped down the young man's chin, the Master asked, "How does it taste?" "Good!" remarked the young man. "Do you taste the salt?" asked the Master. "No," said the young man. The Master sat beside this troubled young man, took his hands and said "The pain of life is pure salt, no more or less. The amount of pain in life remains the same, exactly the same. But the amount we taste the 'pain' depends on the container we put it into."

So, when you are in pain - the only thing you can do is to enlarge your sense of things - stop being a glass - instead be a lake."

Be a lake - try to dissolve your handful of pain
in the great mercy of Allah which is the water
of the lake.

Diluting our problems ^(salt) can be very easy when we try to minimize its effect by, through dissolving in the great bounty of Allah (water of the lock)

Being overwhelmed by your "pain" through making it to occupy your narrow spirit will only harm you but it will be still "pain", but the true believer in

Allah's Decree which is all good, will delete his "pain" in his wide thankful spirit so it will not cause him any harm ever, he will forget about it and become the winner of the reward of Patience.

which is unlimited. Prove that you are a true believer $\rightarrow$ Bo a Lack.

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