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In The Name Of Allaah The Most Merciful, The Bestower Of Mercy

وَجَهِدُواْ فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ مُهُوَ اَجْتَبَكُمُ وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي اللِّينِ مِن حَرَجٌ قِلَّةَ أَبِيكُمُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِن قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا إِبْرَهِيمَ هُوَ سَمَّنَكُمُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِن قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا لِيكُونُ الرَّسُولُ شَهِيدًا عَلَيْكُمْ وَتَكُونُواْ شُهَداءً عَلَى النَّاسِ فَأَقِيمُواْ الصَّلَوة وَءَاتُواْ الزَّكُوة وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ هُوَ مَوْلِكُمْ فَنِعَمَ الْمَوْلِي وَبَعْمَ النَّصِيرُ لَنَيْكُمْ وَبَعْمَ النَّصِيرُ لَنَيْكُمْ بِاللَّهِ هُوَ مَوْلِكُمْ فَيْعَمَ الْمَوْلِي وَبَعْمَ النَّصِيرُ لَنَيْكُمْ فَيْعَمَ النَّهِيرُ لَيْكُمْ

And strive hard in Allaah's cause as you ought to strive. He has chosen you, and has not laid upon you in deen any hardship: it is the millat of your father Ibrahim. It is He Who has named you Muslims both before and in this, that the Messenger may be a witness over you and you be witnesses over mankind! So perform salaat, give zakaat and hold fast to Allaah. He is your mawla, what an excellent mawla and what an excellent helper!

Honourifics

Notable utterances at the mention of *Allaah* *, His $rasool \, ^{\diamond}$, the angels, the $sahaaba \, ^{\wedge}$, or other righteous Muslims are condensed in Arabic calligraphy as follows:

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Phrase	Mentioned with
	Transliteration & Meaning
45	Allaah's Name
	Subhanahu wa tala: He is exalted above weakness and indignity.
紫	Muhammad and other prophets
	Salla 'Llahu 'alayhi wa sallam: May Allaah's peace and praise be on him.
العليقلا	Prophets and angels
	'Alayh is-Salam: Peace be on him.
	A male sahaabi.
	Ra∂iya 'Llahu 'anhu: May Allaah be pleased with him.
	A female sahaabiya.
-•	Ra∂iya 'Llahu 'anha: May Allaah be pleased with her.
losso.	Two sahaaba.
	Ra∂iya 'Llahu 'anhuma: May Allaah be pleased with them.
شاخة خ	More than two sahaaba.
o age	Ra∂iya 'Llahu 'anhum: May Allaah be pleased with him.
ight)	A past scholar or righteous Muslim.
	Rahimahu 'Llah: May Allaah have mercy on him.

^{*}Allaah - It is the Arabic proper name for God, the Creator and Sustainer of everything that exists. Also spelled as Allah. This term does not have any plural or gender!

[♦]Rasool - Messenger.

[^] Sahaaba - The companions of prophet Muhammad ∰. The term refers to anyone who saw him while in the state of eeman and who lived and died as a Muslim. Singular is sahaabi for male and sahaabiya for female [134].

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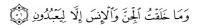
LL praise is due to Allaah %, we praise Him and seek His aid and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evils of our souls and the evils of our actions. Whomsoever Allaah guides there is none to misguide and and whomsoever Allaah misguides there is none to guide. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah, alone, without any partners and I bear witness that Muhammad % is His $|ab\partial|^{\triangleright}$ and rasool.

To proceed:

Allaah ﷺ, Who created everything that we see or cannot see, subjected His creations for our comfort and well-being. But we on the other hand were created to serve Him.

[▷]'Abd - This word carries the meaning of servant, worshipper or slave.

Allaah 🗯 says:



This is no easy task - not least because we don't live in a vacuum. We need to worship Allaah ** while living our lives as normal people with diverse qualities, living as communities while facing many challenges and foes. One foe about whom we are specifically warned about is *Iblees* ** and his allies, the **baitaans**.

Allaah \mathfrak{A} created us with *fitra* φ , which enables us to recognise Allaah, worship him, rise above base desires, seek higher meaning and seek wholesome things. However, there is one quality, probably more than any other, that makes us slip and fail to learn from history is forgetfulness. Iblees took advantage of forgetfulness to make our forefather, the first man, Adam \mathfrak{A} to slip. He whispered to him to eat from the tree of eternity in *jannah* \circ . Allaah informed us about this:

O Children of Adam! Let not shaitaan deceive you, as he got your parents out of Paradise, stripping them of their raiment, to show them their private parts. Verily, he and his tribe see you from where you cannot see them. Verily, We made the shaitaans friends of those who believe not.

Nevertheless, Allaah se forgave Adam but expelled him and his wife, Hawa se, along with their arch-enemy, Iblees. Thus begun a relentless pursuit of good and evil in this world which will continue till the end of time.

Life in this world is a struggle both materially and spiritually. Those who are successful Allaah is will reward them with eternal jannah and those who are deceived will only receive that which is written for them in this life and punishment in *aakhira*. Shaitaans desire to turn us away from Allaah. However, they are incapable of doing the least harm to the true believers in Allaah, the all forgiving and merciful.

In this life, however, Allaah's mercy encompass all regardless. Rasulullah # said:

There are one hundred (parts of) mercy of Allaah. He has sent down out of these one part of mercy upon the jinn and human beings and the insects. It is because of this that they

^{*}Jinn - The jinns are a special creation of Allaah very much like human beings, except that their origin is from fire. They can assume any form, have amazing powers and are normally invisible to the human eye. Since they have free-will, there are believing jinns and non-believing jinns.

[&]quot;Iblees - He is the jinn who refused to bow down to Adam # as commanded by Allaah #, an avowed enemy of man. The root word of this name, balasa, means 'he despaired'.

Shaitaan - Satan. Allies of Iblees from men and jinns who cause mischief on earth.

 $[\]varphi$ Fitra - The innate nature that Allaah created in all human being.

^oJannah - Paradise - see page 93 for details.

^{*}Aakhira - Hereafter: the period after people have been brought back to life on the Day of Judgement.

love one another, show kindness to one another and even the beast treats its young one with affection. And Allaah has reserved ninety-nine parts of mercy with which He would treat His servants on the Day of Resurrection [8].

Allaah wants us to be successful in this life and next, He did not create us to be in *jahan-nam*. For this He blessed us with divine knowledge to succeed and thus commands the believers:

O you who believe! Enter perfectly into Islaam and follow not the footsteps of shaitaan. Verily, he is to you an open enemy.

"...and follow not the footsteps of shaitaan" means that the shaitaan calls you to disobedience and transgression, and urges you to leave the teachings of Islaam completely. So it is essential for a Muslim to adopt Islaam completely, hold fast to the rope of Allaah, avoid sectarianism and formation of groups [115].

Those who lived according to this, they became the people of truth, honour and uprightness. Sahaaba #, were the lowest of the people but when they entered the ∂een $^{\wedge}$ completely, they became the finest people walking on the face of the earth. It refined their character, rectified their world and they heard of the pleasure of Allaah over them in this very world.

Take 'Umar , for instance, he was the fortieth person to embrace Islaam. He used to tend the sheep for his aunties but wasn't really good at it. Once she told him, "What would you be in life?" When rasulullah begun to spread his message, he was enraged by this strange new religion so much so that he went to kill him. Yet with Islaam this 'Umar became a star, who had the glad tidings of jannah before he left this world, *Ameer-ul-mu'mineen be about whom Muslims are justly proud. Ibn Shihaab reports:

'Umar went out to Syria and Abu 'Ubaydah ibn al-Jarraah was with us. They came to a ford while 'Umar was on his camel. He dismounted his camel, took off his leather socks, placed them on his shoulder and took the reins of his camel and began to go down the ford.

Abu 'Ubaydah said, "O Ameer-ul-mu'mineen! You are doing this! You take off your leather socks, put them on your shoulder, take your camel's reins and go down the ford! I wouldn't want the people of this land to see you in such a state!"

'Umar said, "If only someone else had said this O Abu 'Ubaydah. You have made a lesson for the *ummah* * of Muhammad #! We were the lowliest of people but Allaah gave us might and glory through Islaam. If we seek glory through other than what Allaah gave us glory through, He will abase us (again) [14]." ...

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[⋄]Jahannam - Hell or Hellfire.

[^]Deen - Religion or way of life.

Ameer-ul-mu'mineen - Leader of believers.

^{*}Ummah - A community, nation.

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