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Dua #2: The Dua of Nuh AS

- Nuh AS is an emblem of patience. He was calling his people to Allah for 950 or 1000 years
- Allah SWT explains in the Quran:

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَلَبِثَ فِيهِمْ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ إِلَّا خَمْسِينَ عَامًا فَأَخَذَهُمُ الطُّوفَانُ وَهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ

We (once) sent Noah to his people, and he tarried among them a thousand years less fifty: but the Deluge overwhelmed them while they (persisted in) sin (29:14)

- Some say that the word **عَامًا** refers to years of difficulty and the word **سَنَةٍ** refers to years of ease, so Nuh AS called people to Allah for 1000 years.
- Others say that both words have the same meaning, so Nuh AS called people to Allah for 950 years.
- Only a few people had even answered his call. But, the thing that Nuh AS wanted most was for him and his family to be saved from the flood.
- Allah instructed Nuh AS to build a ship by which him, his family, and whoever believed in Allah would be saved from the flood.
- The people ridiculed and mocked him, but he persisted in his task.
 - The only assurance he had from Allah was that him and his family would be saved.

- As the flood waters began to rise, his son did not want to board the ship with him.
 - Nuh AS assumed that his son would be with him and follow his example, but his son did not believe, and he sought refuge in the mountain, believing that he would be saved there.
- Nuh AS begged his son to ride with him on the ship, but he refused and his son perished along with the disbelievers.
- After Nuh AS was saved from the flood, rather than celebrating and rejoicing, he felt confused and upset because of his son's situation.
 - Not everything children do is the byproduct of their parents' actions.
 - Nuh AS was a prophet and he did everything he could to guide his son, yet he still chose a different path.
 - When every child is in their mother's womb, it is decreed whether or not they are going to Jannah or Jahannam and that decision must happen.
 - Parents need to try their best, but ultimately, Allah is the One who guides their children.
- Nuh AS called out to Allah, confused about his son being perished when Allah promised him that his family would be saved.
- Allah told Nuh AS that he was not truly from his family. When his son chose disbelief, he chose not to be from his family.
- At this time, Nuh AS made a dua:

رَبِّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَسْأَلَكَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِهِ
عِلْمٌ وَإِلَّا تَغْفِرْ لِي وَتَرْحَمْنِي أَكُنُ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

O My Lord, I seek refuge with You, from asking You about what I have no knowledge of. Unless You forgive me, and have mercy on me, I will be one of the losers (11:47)

- Nuh AS regretted using the tone that he used when speaking with Allah
- His tone was that of a person who is in a state of confusion, not doubt.

- His tone was similar to the tone of Umar RA towards the Prophet SAW during the treaty of Hudaibiyyah. When the Muslims realized that they were not going to perform Umrah in Makkah, they became upset because the Prophet SAW told them that he had a dream that they were performing tawaf around the Kaabah, and his dreams always come true because they are a form of revelation. Umar RA went to the Prophet SAW and expressed his concern in his moment of confusion and upset. The Prophet SAW said, “Did I tell you that we were going to perform Umrah this year?” Umar RA felt deep remorse for using the tone that he had used with the Prophet SAW and continued to regret it later on throughout his life.
- Nuh AS did not doubt the decree of Allah.
 - Belief in the Qadar (divine predestination) of Allah is a pillar of the faith
 - We need to believe in its good and its bad.
 - It is easy to accept Qadar when it contains things that we love.
 - When the Qadar contains things that are challenging for us, it becomes much more difficult for us to accept.
- When the Prophet SAW received any troubling news, he would say SubhanAllah.
 - One of the female companions was grieving the loss of her child one day. The Prophet SAW approached her and said, “If you try to be patient through your adversity, Allah will help you.” In her grief and anger, she cursed the Prophet SAW and said, “What happened to me did not happen to you,” not knowing who he was and that he had survived all of his children except Fatima RA. Due to his emotional intelligence, the Prophet SAW walked away, knowing that she was not in a position to be spoken to. Later, she was told that the person who tried comforting her was actually the Prophet SAW and she became filled with so much remorse. She rushed to the home of the Prophet SAW and apologized.

- The Prophet SAW said: The real patience is at the first stroke of adversity.
 - When we are first given troubling news, that is when we need to show patience.
- Nuh AS sought refuge from ever questioning something that he has no knowledge of.
- The only thing Nuh AS did was express to Allah that he had some confusion about what happened to his son, but for him, that was enough to seek Allah's forgiveness.
- We should have a faith in Allah that is so certain that we do not question out of doubt.
- We should only question in order to seek clarification.
 - Even the angels did that.
- But, we do not express doubt and we have complete certainty in His promise.