

RAMADAN

IMMERSION



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Waheed

Introduction

- The Quran has to communicate with the human and we must communicate with the Quran
- The Quran is the news of people who came before us and news of what will happen in the future. It also teaches us what we are supposed to be doing now. It is the rope to Allah. It is the remembrance of the Most Wise. It is the right path. Not the desires nor the languages of the people could change or confuse it. Scholars are never done dissecting the beauty of the Quran. It never gets old no matter how many times you hear it. The beauty of the Quran never ends.
- The Quran is supposed to have an impact and effect you.

Usayd Ibn Hudayr's statement

- Aisha said that Usayd Ibn Hudhayr was from the best of the people and he used to say: If I was to be as I am in any one of these 3 states (when I die), then I would be from the people of Jannah and I would have no doubt about it: when I read the Quran and listen to it, when I listen to the sermon of the Prophet ﷺ, and when I witness a funeral prayer. I have never witnessed a funeral prayer except that I talk to myself about what happened to him and what is going to happen to him.
- These 3 times are when Usayd felt that his iman was at the highest point, so he would go to Jannah right away if he were to die in that state.

Sign of A Believer

- Allah mentioned that one of the signs of a believer is that they must be impacted by the Quran.
- The Quran is a cure for us.

وَنُنزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

We reveal the Qur'ān, which is a cure and mercy for the believers (Al-Israa: 82)

- It is a cure for someone who is struggling. If you build the courage to read the Quran, it will change you.
- The Quran is a spiritual cure
 - The Prophet said the hearts get rusted just as iron does by water. The companions said what is the cure for it? The Prophet said the recitation of the Quran and the remembrance of death
- The Quran also provides an emotional cure. When we are going through difficulty, the Quran should be our primary care and then we can seek other means of a cure as secondary care.
 - If we are feeling depressed or stressed, we should read Surah Yusuf. It alleviates our struggles by telling us about people who were much more pious than us and went through many more difficulties than us.
- The Quran is also a physical cure
 - When a leader of a tribe was bitten by a venomous creature, one of the companions recited Surah Fatiha as a cure and it cured him.
- A quality of a believer is that their hearts are softened and they shake from the Quran.
- The companions asked the Prophet for revelation multiple times. When they asked the third time, Allah revealed the ayah in Surah Al-Hadid:

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

Is it not time for those who believe to surrender their hearts to the remembrance of God?

- Ibn Abbas RA narrated that the Prophet SAW said: The skin of a person does not tremble from the fear of Allah except that Allah has forbidden him from entering the fire.
- Thabit Al-Bunany said: Indeed, I know when my dua is accepted. The people said: how do you know that? He said: When my skin trembles, my heart shakes and my eyes flow with tears. That is when my dua is accepted.
- The Prophet SAW said:

اغتنموا الدعاء عند الرقة، فإنها رحمة

Remember to make dua when you become soft because that is when your dua will be accepted

- It is not always the speech that makes us soft, sometimes it is just being present that can make us cry
- The Prophet SAW said: The fastest dua that is accepted is when you make dua for someone who is not present
- If people knew the love that Allah has for us, we would be ashamed
- If you cannot cry then at least fake it
 - Allah knows what is in our hearts, but He loves the imitation of piety. One day it will become real.
- Uthman ibn Affan said: if our hearts were clean, we would never get tired of the words of Allah and I hate for a day to go by in my life when I do not look inside the mushaf.
- Ibn Masud: Anyone that wants Allah and His prophet to love him, look inside the Quran.
- The non-Muslims would make noise when the Quran was heard so that others would be distracted from hearing it. The Muslims would stay quiet out of respect for the Quran.
- The Prophet SAW enjoyed when others recited the Quran and he listened
- The people who wake up at night and pray enjoy their prayer at night far more than those who enjoy their amusement at night.

Ahl As-Suffah

- When they cried, the Prophet SAW cried and when they were about to stop crying, they would cry even more because he was crying.
- One sahabi was crying in front of the Prophet and Jibreel came down and asked the Prophet SAW who the man was. The Prophet SAW told him who it was and Jibreel told the Prophet SAW that the oceans of the world, with all of the lakes and the seas, cannot extinguish the fire of one person in Hell, but one tear is sufficient to put out oceans of fire.
- It was mentioned in a poem: never has the sun rose or set except that Your love was in the air of my breath and I never sat with people and spoke with them except that You were always part of that conversation

وَاللَّهِ مَا طَلَعَتْ شَمْسٌ وَلَا غَرَبَتْ
إِلَّا وَحُبُّكَ مَقْرُونٌ بِأَنْفَاسِي
وَلَا جَلَسْتُ إِلَى قَوْمٍ أَحَدْتُهُمْ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتَ حَدِيثِي بَيْنَ جُلَاسِي

Abdullah ibn Rawaha

- Abdullah ibn Rawaha talks about the Quran in a poem: we have a prophet of Allah who recites the Quran to us. We saw guidance after being blind. Our hearts are convinced that whatever was revealed is going to happen. The mushrikeen were restless the nights before Badr and the muslims were restless because they were standing up at night for tahajjud.

وَفِينَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ يَتْلُو كِتَابَهُ
إِذَا انْشَقَّ مَعْرُوفٌ مِنَ الصُّبْحِ سَاطِعٌ
أَرَانَا الْهُدَى بَعْدَ الْعَمَى فَقَلُوبُنَا
بِهِ مَوْقِنَاتٌ أَنْ مَا قَالَ وَاقِعٌ
يَبِيتُ يُجَافِي جَنْبَهُ عَن فِرَاشِهِ
إِذَا اسْتَثْقَلَتْ بِالْكَافِرِينَ الْمَضَاجِعُ

- Abdullah ibn Rawaha was sent for the battle of Muta along with Zaid ibn Haritha who were leaders of the army. When he was leaving to Muta, people came to him and said, "May Allah be with you and may you come back safely." He started crying and said, "I am not crying because I am going to miss you. I am crying because I know my next destination is akhirah and I don't know what is going to happen to me." And he remembered this ayah in surah Maryam again. Then he said a dua in a poem: I am asking Allah for forgiveness and for a spear to hit me in my stomach or a spear by someone who I did not see coming and everything is taken out of my body and my life and organs are given for Allah. And I want to be the person that when they walk by my grave, they say what a successful warrior that fought for Allah and gave his life for Islam.

لَكِنِّي أَسْأَلُ الرَّحْمَنَ مَغْفِرَةً
وَضَرْبَةَ ذَاتِ فَرْغٍ تَقْذِفُ الزَّبَدَا
أَوْ طَعْنَةَ بِيَدِي حَرَّانَ مُجَهَّزَةً
بِحَرْبَةٍ تُنْفِذُ الْأَحْشَاءَ وَالْكَبِدَا
حَتَّى يُقَالَ إِذَا مَرُّوا عَلَيَّ جَدَّثِي
أَرْشَدَهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ غَازٍ وَقَدْ رَشَدَا

- The most fearful people are the most successful in akhirah.
 - In Surah Inshiqaq, Allah speaks about those who will receive their book in their left hand on the Day Of Judgment.
 - These people are described as always being relaxed and never fearing Allah or the Day of Judgment.