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الْمَلِكُ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلَّهِ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٥٦﴾

All] sovereignty that Day is for Allah ; He will judge between them. So they who believed and did righteous deeds will be in the Gardens of Pleasure.

The dominion belongs to Allah, and this will be very clear on the Day of Judgement. In dunya there are so many rulers, but on the Day of Judgement, there will be only Allah. He will judge between people with justice, and separate between them. In life we can't see this clearly. But on the Day of Judgement, we will clearly see that the dominion belongs to Allah.

وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْدُودَاتٍ

And remember Allah during the appointed Days.

Surah Al Baqarah 2:203

And they who disbelieved and denied Our signs - for those there will be a humiliating punishment.

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا فَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ

مُهَيَّبٌ ﴿٥٧﴾

From the two groups of people, the successful ones, the believers, those who had faith and did righteous good deeds, will have different delights in Jannah, which no one can imagine. The other group are those who belied and covered the truth, and denied the ayaat of Allah, which guide to the truth. They are the disbelievers, and their crime is that of كفر التكذيب, disbelief by denial. They cover the truth by denying it. The believer will go forward and take all the guidance. Those who denied, will have humiliating punishment. They were arrogant in life, rejecting the truth. The punishment will go to their hearts, burning everything.

And those who emigrated for the cause of Allah and then were killed or died - Allah will surely provide for them a good provision. And indeed, it is Allah who is the best of providers.

وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ قُتِلُوا أَوْ مَاتُوا لَيَرْزُقَنَّهُمُ اللَّهُ رِزْقًا حَسَنًا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَهُوَ خَيْرُ

الرَّزَاقِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

When you submit to Allah He will guide you to best of deeds. Your goal is only one, Allah. Together with Hajj and jihad, Hijrah is another difficult act. Hijrah is to go from a country of disbelief to a country of belief, as protection for your faith. You don't have any excuse not to make Hijrah, if you are in such a situation. Hijrah will remain until the Day of Judgement. Jihad is to protect the deen. There is also Hijrah, a struggle, to leave your desires and comforts, only for sake of Allah. Hajj is struggle, so Allah gave the example of other struggles, jihad and Hijrah.

Accepting Islam expiates all the sins, as do Hijrah, and Hajj. All are struggles. Don't take the option of going from a believing country to a disbelieving one. This is harmful for deen. Hijrah also gives victory to islam. This will also make the Muslim countries strong, helping build societies, because they will invest their money and expertise.

Those who did Hijrah, but before they got there they died, then surely Allah will provide them with a good provision, in their graves and on the Day of Judgement. So the one who is alive, for sure Allah will provide for him. This is assurance that if you do anything for the sake of Allah, He will surely give you some thing better Whether they died in their beds, or in battle, Allah will provide for them a good provision.

Allah is the Best Provider. When the believers left Makkah and went to Madinah for the sake of their deen,

they were given so much wealth, much more than in Makkah. At that time when they made Hijrah, they left everything, were not able to carry anything with them. Nowadays if someone makes Hijrah, he can take all his wealth with him, transferring it easily.

He will surely cause them to enter an entrance with which they will be pleased, and indeed, Allah is Knowing and Forbearing.

لِيُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ مُدْخَلًا يَرْضَوْنَهُ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَلِيمٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٩﴾

They will enter so many other countries, Allah opened so many doors for them. They will also get the provision of the akhiah. All these opportunities which Allah gave them pleased them. Hajj teaches you to leave all your comforts for the sake of Allah. You are a slave, going from one place to another. Hajj is like Hijrah, teaching you jihad and Hijrah. You leave the dunya, the sins, the disobedience.

Hijrah is to go from what Allah hates to what Allah loves, from desire to His pleasure. We have to always do jihad and Hijrah for heart. This is your striving towards Allah. As regards to jihad, Allah gave the assurance of victory. The fight is not forever. For Hijrah, there is the promise of more provision. The situation is better in both cases.

That [is so]. And whoever responds [to injustice] with the equivalent of that with which he was harmed and then is tyrannized - Allah will surely aid him. Indeed, Allah is Pardoning and Forgiving.

ذَلِكَ وَمَنْ عَاقَبَ بِمِثْلِ مَا عُوِقَبَ بِهِ، ثُمَّ بُغِيَ عَلَيْهِ لِيَنْصُرَنَّهُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُوفٌ غَفُورٌ ﴿٦٠﴾

Anyone who is treated unfairly can get his revenge by doing the same as was done to him, but any more than that is transgression, and is haram. For instance, you retaliate and get your revenge, so now you're equal with that person who treated you unfairly, but then you backbite. You settled your matter, but then you reacted more, so you become the oppressor and the other person the oppressed. The victory is closer to the oppressed than the oppressor. For example, A hits B, and B hits A back, so now they are both equal. If B now hits A more, he is unjust. The best option is to pardon.

When you become the مظلوم don't think you can now be ظالم. There are always boundaries. If you are oppressed, the best thing to do is to forgive. It is difficult to take the exact revenge and rights.

That is because Allah causes the night to enter the day and causes the day to enter the night and because Allah is Hearing and Seeing.

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يُوَلِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُوَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٦١﴾

We must always strive for pleasure of Allah, and defeat the shaitan. So we sleep at Muzdalifah, stone the devil, slaughter an animal, all because Allah commanded us to, without arguing. Submit to the decree, and always believe in the wisdom of Allah.

These ayaat tell us about Allah, the One who sets all the rules of jihad and hijrah, and the rituals of Hajj. All these rules and legislations are the best. Instead of arguing about the decree, just submit to it, because it is from Allah.

Allah is the One who makes the day enter the night, and the night into the day. When the day enters the night, it becomes night, and when the night enters the day, it's daytime. One increases where the other decreases, in a beautiful manner, in complete harmony. This is life, while one dies, and the other is born. All is in complete balance. Because of these actions of Allah, all these changes, all goodness comes.

Allah is the One who hears everything, all the sounds, languages, names, supplications. Allah is the One who sees everything, even a small black ant on black stone, in the darkens of night, even it's veins, and the blood running through them. Allah sees and hears what you do and say, from one secret to another, one situation to another, by day and night. Be cautious of your actions and utterances, even of the movements of your heart. Sometimes, changes trigger reactions and words and arguments displeasing to Allah. People get used to a certain routine and situation, and when it changes, they argue and dispute. But remember that all the decrees are beautiful and perfect. Allah hears and sees you. You must submit to Him.

People come to bring out what is in your heart, they are used by Allah to expose your weaknesses and sicknesses. Allah tests whether you appreciate that He invited you to Hajj. The best way is to forgive and pardon. This is easy when your goal is to go towards Allah.

Days and nights are opposite. People are also different from each other, often like day and night, contrasting each other. But the day and night interact in harmony, so we must also benefit from every situation. Look how beautifully they merge together, this is how we must be too.

That is because Allah is the Truth, and that which they call upon other than Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the Most High, the Grand.

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنْتَ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ هُوَ
الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٦٢﴾

The One who set all these rules is the Truth. All His decrees are the truth, not a coincidence. Whoever comes to you is decreed, and everything that Allah brings in front of you is the truth. Don't think why someone comes to you and behaves badly with you. Upgrade your thinking. We behave badly because we always think negative about people.

In Hajj, remember that Allah is testing you with people. You want to be in life with a pure heart. Allah is الحق, the Truth, and no one can remove the truth. Allah is Truthful in Himself, in His promises, His decrees. Worshipping Allah is the truth. When you realize this, then you will not have any objections or arguments, will it ask for your rights, or blame anyone for anything that happens to you. This is the belief. This gives peace and tranquility of the heart. Anyone else that is invoked to change any situation is falsehood.

In the journey towards Allah, there are so many things happening. Call only الحق for help, not anyone fake. Anyone else is falsehood. Allah is العلي, the Most High, and الكبير, the Most Great. So you connect only with Allah, invoke only Him, because He is Higher than anyone else. Don't connect with anyone in a lower position. Don't waste your time, go to the Most High. Everyone else is fake, and can't do anything, even if it seems to you that they can help you. No one can even smile at you if Allah doesn't want it. This gives purity of heart. Allah is Greater than anyone, so ask Him for whatever you need. He is Higher and Greater than anyone else in your life.

Do you not see that Allah has sent down rain from the sky and the earth becomes green? Indeed, Allah is Subtle and Acquainted.

الْمُتَرَاتِبُ اللَّهُ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَتُصْبِحُ الْأَرْضُ
مُخْضِرَةً إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَطِيفٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٦٣﴾

Allah wants you to see with your heart, to believe.

Allah is the One who sends water from sky. This rain falls on the the barren and dead land, causing it to change, become green again. This gives you so much hope. When the dead heart is exposed to the ayaat of Allah, the Divine signs, there is hope that it will be alive again. There is always hope. So don't despair.

The guidance is like rain. No one can interfere with the rain, and no one can interfere with the guidance. High are in the hands of Allah. If people could decide, they would be discouraged and say that this land is dead, so don't waste any water on it, save water for a better land. But Allah knows where the rain is needed, and which land will benefit. Allah is اللطيف, the Most Gentle, and الخبير, the All Aware. Allah knows the mysteries of all matters, Allah knows which heart appears to be dead, but can be brought back to life.

Allah is so Gentle, He brings the guidance like the rain, so gently. People don't know the result, so they are not

Ibn 'Abbas رضي الله عنه narrated :

كُنْتُ خَلْفَ النَّبِيِّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - يَوْمًا، فَقَالَ
{ يَا غُلَامُ! احْفَظِ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظَكَ، احْفَظِ اللَّهَ تَجِدَهُ تُجَاهَكَ، وَإِذَا
سَأَلْتَ فَاسْأَلِ اللَّهَ، وَإِذَا اسْتَعَنْتَ فَاسْتَعِنْ بِاللَّهِ }
رَوَاهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ، وَقَالَ: حَسَنٌ صَحِيحٌ

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One day I was riding behind the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, when he said : O lad, be mindful of Allah and He will protect you. Be mindful of Allah and you shall find Him with you. When you ask (for anything), ask it from Allah, and if you seek help, seek help from Allah.

gentle and patient. So don't despair of the mercy of Allah. Allah will bring the goodness in a way we can't imagine. So don't give up, not even with yourself. Keep hoping. Don't despair that you are struggling so much, but still don't see any change.

To Him belongs what is in the heavens and what is on the earth. And indeed, Allah is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy.

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ
الْحَمِيدُ ٦٤

Allah will do what He wills and wants. He is All-Aware of consequence, and deals with His creation with gentleness. Everything in the universe belongs to Allah, they are all His creations and slaves. Allah disposes the affairs of everything in the heavens and the earth, by His ruling and wisdom; He is the One who commands and legislates. He is the King. We are all slaves of Allah. Sometimes, unexpected things happen, because Allah wants them to happen, and however much you try to change it, it will happen if Allah wants it to.

Allah is surely the Most Rich, for Him is the absolute richness. Whether you worship Allah or not, it doesn't benefit or harm Him, He is the Most Rich. Anyone who is rich in this life needs what they have. But Allah doesn't need anything. The more we have, the more we need. But Allah doesn't need what the creation needs. All the creation needs Allah, His protection and reform. But Allah doesn't need anything, everything belongs to Him. His richness is praiseworthy.

Look around you, everything belongs to Him. We can never praise Him enough, or in a way that suits His Majesty. We cannot reach His perfection, but Allah accepts our imperfect praise. This is Allah, whom we will meet one day.

Do you not see that Allah has subjected to you whatever is on the earth and the ships which run through the sea by His command? And He restrains the sky from falling upon the earth, unless by His permission. Indeed Allah, to the people, is Kind and Merciful.

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَالْفُلُوكَ تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِأَمْرِهِ
وَيُمْسِكُ السَّمَاءَ أَنْ تَقَعَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالنَّاسِ
لَرَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ٦٥

When Allah addresses us and says ► أَلَمْ تَرَ , it is so gentle. This is to draw out attention to something that we need to open eyes and heart to, and see the blessings and vastness of Allah. Allah subjected everything for you. The heavens and the earth, the sun and moon and seas, all serve the human being. This gives you an attachment with Allah. So you must obey everything He instructs, this upgrades life. No arguments, just accept and obey. If Allah hadn't subjected the ships to sail, there would be none around. It is a major means of transportation. Everything is for you.

On the Day of Judgement, everything will perish, because all these things are to benefit only in this life. Think of the mobile phone, and the computer. If Allah didn't want it, you couldn't have used these things. When the ship sails it is by the command of Allah, taking you from one place to another. All man-made things work because Allah commands them to. We are only slaves of Allah. This makes us feel so humble.

Allah holds the heavens from falling upon you. This is something we take for granted, but Allah is the One holding it. The ship sails by His command. By His command, the phone works. Allah is more caring than anyone, He doesn't want evil for anyone, He wants to make things easy for us. The more Allah gave us, the more gratitude we should show, and the more we should increase in good deeds. Allah makes life easy without any struggle from you. Allah only wants what is good for you.

And He is the one who gave you life; then He causes you to die and then will [again] give you life. Indeed, mankind is ungrateful.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَحْيَاكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ
لَكَفُورٌ ٦٦

Allah is the One who gave us life, created us from nothingness, then causes death. Your life and death is under the care of Allah. Then Allah will resurrect you, for accounting and recompense. Your two

lives have death in the middle.

The human being without belief and guidance is ungrateful to the blessings of Allah, and deny His ability and power. Allah gives so much goodness, and the human being brings so much evil.

For every religion We have appointed rites which they perform. So, [O Muhammad], let the disbelievers not contend with you over the matter but invite them to your Lord. Indeed, you are upon straight guidance.

لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَنْسَكًا هُمْ نَاسِكُوهُ فَلَا يُنْزِعُ عَنْكَ فِي الْأَمْرِ
وَأَدْعُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ إِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٦٧﴾

There are prescribed rituals of worship for every nation. Allah doesn't benefit if millions go to Hajj, or if no one goes. It is one of the signs of the Day of Judgement, that no one will visit the Ka'abah, and it will then be demolished. But all this does not affect Allah. If you do, it's beneficial for you. You need discipline in life, which you get from these rituals. They also give a sense of unity. Every religion had different ways of discipline and submission.

Allah instructs the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم not to have lengthy arguments with them, and continue to call people to Allah, whether they accept or reject. We have to all follow same things, sometimes objections will make you disobey, so continue on the way to Allah.

And if they dispute with you, then say : Allah is most knowing of what you do.

وَإِنْ جَادَلُوكَ فَقُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

Do not dispute, just obey Allah. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم is your leader. Allah is All-Knower of our actions. Allah makes us go from one decree to another. People are only means. Anyone who is deviated will debate and argue. Just go on your way. When you feel the servitude to Allah, you will not argue.