

منزلة المحبة The State of Love

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Love of Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala

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Ibn ElQayem said that this stage is the spirit for all the stages, and it is the spirit of the believe and the deeds. It is the light and happiness for the heart and the power to move forward. Therefore, I am starting with this stage because it will help us move in the stages. Also, it is the only stage that is actionable, and you can reach. I will spend some time, until I reach the love. When we reach the love of Allah, the rest of the stages will be easy. This is our key to happiness in this life and the hereafter and the guard in this life as Allah said:

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[Al- Bukhari].

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قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى إِذَا أَحَبَّ عَبْدًا نَادَى جَبْرِيْلَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَبَّ فُلَانًا فَأَجِبْهُ فَيَجِبُهُ جَبْرِيْلُ، ثُمَّ يَنْادِي جَبْرِيْلُ فِي السَّمَاءِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَبَّ فُلَانًا فَأَجِبُوهُ، فَيَجِبُهُ أَهْلُ السَّمَاءِ وَيُوضَعُ لَهُ الْقَبُولُ فِي أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ " .

Narrated Abu Huraira:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "If Allah loves a person, He calls Gabriel, saying, 'Allah loves so and so, O Gabriel love him' So Gabriel would love him and then would make an announcement in the Heavens: 'Allah has loved so and-so therefore you should love him also.' So all the dwellers of the Heavens would love him, and then he is granted the pleasure of the people on the earth." (Bukhari)

Abu Darda reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "**David would supplicate, saying: O Allah, I ask you for your love and the love of those who love you and the deeds that will bring me your love. O Allah, make your love more beloved to me than myself and my family and even cold water.**"

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhi 3490

عَنْ أَبِي الدَّرْدَاءِ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ مِنْ دُعَاءِ دَاوُدَ يَقُولُ **اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ وَالْعَمَلَ الَّذِي يُبَلِّغُنِي حُبَّكَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حُبَّكَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ نَفْسِي وَأَهْلِي وَمِنْ الْمَاءِ الْبَارِدِ**

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Ibn al-Qaiyim mentioned ten causes that result in Allah's love for His slave and the slave's love for his Lord.

[These ten are:]

1. **First, reciting the Qur'an while pondering over its meanings and what is meant by it:**

Reciting the Holy Qur'an with deep contemplation in its meanings and its purposes; this is like thinking deeply in the book that the servant memorizes and expounds on it to understand the purpose of its author. Allah Almighty says:

{Do they not then think deeply in the Qur'an, or are their hearts locked up (from understanding it)?} [Muhammad 47:24]

أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَى قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا {محمد: 24}

Transliteration: Afala yatadabbaroona alqurana am AAala quloobin
aqfaluha

We should know that the purpose of reading is to contemplate; if this could not be gained without repeating the verse, the person should repeat it as the Prophet (prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) and his companions did.

2. **Second, getting closer to Allah by performing voluntary deeds after completing obligatory deeds.** This is as is stated in a Hadith

Qudsi: "My slave continues getting closer to Me by performing voluntary deeds until I love him." [al-Bukhari]

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "إن الله تعالى قال: من عادى لي ولياً فقد آذنته بالحرب. وما تقرب إلي عبدي بشيء أحب إلي مما افترضت عليه، وما يزال عبدي يتقرب إلي بالنوافل حتى أحبه، فإذا أحببته كنت سمعه الذي يسمع به، وبصره الذي يبصر به، ويده التي يبطش بها، ورجله التي يمشي بها، وإن سألني أعطيتَه؛ ولنن استعازني لأعينَه" ((رواه البخاري)).

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah the Exalted has said: 'I will declare war against him who shows hostility to a pious worshipper of Mine. And the most beloved thing with which My slave comes nearer to Me is what I have enjoined upon him; and My slave keeps on coming closer to Me through performing Nawafil (prayer or doing extra deeds besides what is obligatory) till I love him. When I love him I become his hearing with which he hears, his seeing with which he sees, his hand with which he strikes, and his leg with which he walks; and if he asks (something) from Me, I give him, and if he asks My Protection (refuge), I protect him".

[Al- Bukhari].

3. Third, continual remembrance (**Zikr**) of Allah under all circumstances, with one's tongue, heart, and actions. The extent of one's love of Allah is determined by this.
4. Fourth, giving precedence to what He loves over what you love when you are overtaken by your desires.
5. Fifth, the heart being avid of Allah's Names, and Attributes and the heart roaming in that garden of knowledge.

6. Sixth, observing Allah's kindness, goodness and bounties, both hidden and open.
7. Seventh, and this is the most wonderful, the heart being soft, subdued and meek before Allah.
8. Eighth, being alone with Allah during the time when the Lord descends during the last portion of the night while reading His Book and ending that by asking for forgiveness and repenting.
9. Ninth, sitting with the beloved and sincere, benefitting from the most fruitful of their speech. And not to speak unless speaking is more beneficial and you know that it will improve your state and be beneficial to others.
10. Tenth, remaining away from every cause that comes between the heart and Allah. These ten causes take the lovers to the station of true love and bring them to their Beloved.

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1. First the Quran

The Quran is the last message to us from Allah, our love. If you love Allah, you will always repeat his last words, over and over. Reflect on them, apply them on your life, and memorize them to recite them all the time. Can you read the Quran with this intention in mind, that you are reading the last message from Allah, who you love the most?

Virtues of Quran:

The Quran is the best cure for our hearts to feel the love of Allah “

وَنُزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ “THUS, step by step, We bestow from on high through this Qur'an all that is a cure [to the spirit and hearts] and is a grace and mercy unto believers (Al-Isra (The Journey by Night) 17:82)”

“it is a sublime divine writ” “وَإِنَّهُ لَكِتَابٌ عَزِيزٌ” . “لَا يَأْتِيهِ الْبَاطِلُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَلَا مِنْ خَلْفِهِ تَنْزِيلٌ مِّنْ حَكِيمٍ حَمِيدٍ” . “no falsehood can ever attain to it openly, and neither in a stealthy manner, [since it is] bestowed from on high by One who is truly wise, ever to be praised

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تِبْيَانًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً
وَبُشْرَى لِّلْمُسْلِمِينَ

We have bestowed from on high upon thee, step by step, this divine writ, to make everything clear, and to provide guidance and grace and a glad tiding unto all who have surrendered themselves to God.

قُلْ هُوَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا هُدًى وَشِفَاءً

Unto all who have attained to faith, this [divine writ] is a guidance and a source of health

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بُرْهَانٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَأَنزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ نُورًا مُّبِينًا

O MANKIND! A manifestation of the truth has now come unto you from your Sustainer, and We have sent down unto you a clear light.

عن علي بن أبي طالب رضي الله عنه قال: أما إني سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول: {ألا إنها ستكون فتنة، فقلت: ما المخرج منها يا رسول الله؟} **قال: كتاب الله،** فيه نبأ ما كان قبلكم، وخبر ما بعدكم، وحكم ما بينكم، وهو الفصل ليس بالهزل، من تركه من جبار قصمه الله، ومن ابتغى الهدى في غيره أضله الله، وهو حبل الله المتين، وهو الذكر الحكيم، وهو الصراط المستقيم، هو الذي لا تزيغ به الأهواء، ولا تلتبس به الألسنة، ولا يشبع منه العلماء، ولا يخلق على كثرة الرد، ولا تنقضي عجائبه، هو الذي لم تنته الجن إذا سمعته حتى قالوا: **إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا قُرْآنًا عَجَبًا يَهْدِي إِلَى الرُّشْدِ [الجن: 1-2]**، من قال به صدق، ومن عمل به أجر، ومن حكم به عدل، ومن دعا إليه هدي إلى صراط مستقيم}

the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) "Indeed there comes a Fitnah" So I said: "What is the way out from it O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "**Allah's book**". In it is news for what happened before you, and information about what comes after you, and judgement for what happens between you. It is the Criterion (between right and wrong) without jest. Whoever among the oppressive abandons it, Allah crushes him, and whoever seeks guidance from other than it, then Allah leaves him to stray. It is the firm rope of Allah, it is the wise remembrance, it is the straight path, and it is the one that the desires can not distort, nor can the tongues twist it, nor can the scholars ever have enough of it, and it shall not become dull from reciting it much, and the amazement of it does not diminish. It is the one that when the Jinns hear it, they did not hesitate to say about it: 'Verily, we have heard

a wonderful Recitation (this Qur'an)! 'It guides to the Right Path, and we have believed therein.' Whoever speaks according to it then he has said the truth, and whoever acts according to it he is rewarded, and whoever judges by it he has judged justly, and whoever invites to it then he guides to the straight path." Take this O A'war".!'

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - " إِنَّ لِلَّهِ أَهْلِينَ مِنَ النَّاسِ " . قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَنْ هُمْ قَالَ " هُمْ أَهْلُ الْقُرْآنِ أَهْلُ اللَّهِ وَخَاصَّتُهُ "

"The Messenger of Allah said: **'Allah has His own people among mankind.'** They said: 'O Messenger of Allah, who are they?' He said: **'The people of the Qur'an, the people of Allah and those who are closest to Him.'**"

ما أصاب عبدًا قط همٌّ ولا حزنٌ فقال : اللهم إني عبدك ابنُ عبدك ، ناصيتي بيدك ، ماضٍ في حكمك ، عدلٌ في قضاؤك ، أسألك اللهم بكلِّ اسمٍ هو لك سميتَ به نفسك ، أو أنزلته في كتابك ، أو علمته أحدًا من خلقك ، أو استأثرت به في علم الغيبِ عنده **أَنْ تَجْعَلَ الْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ رَبِيعَ قَلْبِي ، وَنورَ صَدْرِي ، وَجلاءَ حَزْني ، وَذهابَ هَمِّي وَغَمِّي** ، إِلَّا أَذْهَبَ اللَّهُ هَمَّهُ وَغَمَّهُ ، وَأَبْدَلَهُ مَكَانَهُ فَرَجًا . قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ : أَلَا نَتَعَلَّمُهُن ؟ قَالَ : بَلَى يَنْبَغِي لِمَنْ سَمِعَهُن أَنْ يَتَعَلَّمَهُن .

"O Allah, I am Your slave, son of Your slave, son of Your handmaid, my forelock is in Your hand (i.e. You have total mastery over me), Your command over me is forever executed and Your decree over me is just." I ask You by every name belonging to You which You named Yourself with, or revealed in Your Book, or You taught to any of Your creation, or You have preserved in the knowledge of the unseen with You, that You **make the Qur'an the life of my heart and the light of my bosom**, and a **departure for my sorrow and a release for my anxiety**. Note: Allah will take away the anxiety and sorrow out of the heart of him who recites this supplication, as mentioned in this hadith by our prophet (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

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وكثر القراءة للقرآن تولد عند المسلم الذي يستمتع بقراءته لذة بتلاوته، وراحة نفسية واطمئنان في القلب، قال تعالى:

(الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ)
[الرعد: 28].

“Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Surely in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find comfort.”

Ar-Ra'd (The Thunder) 13:28

(الم * ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ) [البقرة: 2-1].

This is the Book! There is no doubt about it—a guide for those mindful of Allah,

Al-Baqara (The Cow) 2:2

(إِنَّ هَٰذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا) [الإسراء: 9]

“Surely this Quran guides to what is most upright, and gives good news to the believers—who do good—that they will have a mighty reward “

Al-Isra (The Journey by Night) 17:9

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : "الذي يقرأ القرآن وهو ماهر به مع
السفرة الكرام البررة، والذي يقرأ القرآن ويتتعتع فيه وهو عليه شاق له
أجران" ((متفق عليه)).

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "The one who is proficient in the recitation of the Qur'an **will be with the honorable and obedient scribes (angels)** and he who recites the Qur'an and finds it difficult to recite, doing his best to recite it in the best way possible, will have two rewards."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

Activity

• New This Week:

- Self: Try to read at least one page with understanding from the Quran everyday
- Duaa: "اللهم إني عبدك ابنُ عبدك ابنُ أمّتك"

• From Before:

- Say Zikr 100 times (La elah ela Allah...), in the morning
- Duaa on Friday before Maghrib

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