

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

AS-SAMAD

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I wish to invite you to reflect upon another
of Allah's noble attribute, that is

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A name that carries two very important meanings, the first meaning is that Allah is Independent of need and is Self-Sufficient in every respect, and the second meaning is that all creation eternally depend on Allah. Allah Almighty says in surah Al-Ikhlās verses 1-2:

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝

“Say: He is Allah, the One and Only; Allah is He on Whom all depend.”

Know that Allah Almighty is the Most Perfect in all of His Attributes. All of His creations depend on Him for all their needs. He is where we direct all of our prayers and hopes.

Therefore, let us constantly seek from Allah Almighty so that He may fulfill all of our wishes and prayers. Let us ponder upon the saying of the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam*:

وَإِذَا سَأَلْتَ فَاسْأَلِ اللَّهَ ، وَإِذَا اسْتَعَنْتَ فَاسْتَعِنْ بِاللَّهِ

“If you ask, ask from Allah. If you seek help, seek help from Allah.” Hadith narrated by Imam At-Tirmidzi.

Whoever truly internalises the attribute of '**As-Samad**', will be more aware of his own flaws and weaknesses. This awareness will lead to a clear conviction within our hearts of the might of Allah, increase our faith, and make us realize that all of our efforts are dependent on Allah Almighty This is the meaning of what we frequently recite '*La Hawlaa Walaa Quwwata Illa Billah*' which means: '*There is no power and no strength except from Allah*'.

We are only required to put in our best effort and then to put our trust in Allah, the Almighty because all matters ultimately must return to Allah, Lord of all Creations.

Let us reflect upon ourselves at this very moment, who gave us the strength and ability to lay our feet in the mosque and to perform our daily routines? Who instilled in us the sense of love in performing our Ibadah? Who has inspired our hearts to seek righteousness? It is clear and evident that these are all due to the Will of Allah Almighty. Let us ponder over Allah's words in surah Al-Hujurat verse 7:

وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ حَبَّبَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيَّنَهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ
وَكَرَّهَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الرَّشِدُونَ

“But Allah has endeared the faith to you, and has made it beautiful in your hearts, and He has made hateful to you unbelief, wickedness, and rebellion: such indeed are those who are rightly-guided.”

Therefore, in facing our daily life challenges, we must ensure that we never forget Allah Almighty even for a moment. Let us instill in ourselves the consciousness that we are always dependent on Allah Almighty in all that we do.

How beautiful and praiseworthy is the life of a person, if he involves his Lord in every aspect of his life. He will feel confident that Allah Almighty is always by his side, assisting him in whatever that he does.

Let us emulate the beautiful character of Rasulullah *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam* who involves his Lord in everything that he does. In fact, the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam* frequently made the following supplication:

“O Allah, Strengthen my Deen which is my fortress, make this world a better place of sojourn for me, and grant me a good life in the hereafter which will be my place of abode. Make my life increase in all goodness, and my death as a rest from all forms of evil.” Hadith narrated by Imam Muslim.

This is the prayer that the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam* frequently invoked in his affairs. Although he is already guaranteed guidance by Allah Almighty, he remained aware of his dependence on his Lord. For this reason, the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam* continued to hope and seek from Allah Almighty protection and safety in every aspect of his life.

From this profound understanding of the attribute of '**As-Samad**', each of us regardless of our role, whether as a father, a housewife, an employee or a student, must understand and appreciate our complete dependence on Allah Almighty.



This is extremely important so we do not forget, that every plan that we make will not necessarily be fruitful or successful without the permission of Allah, the Almighty. We must start our tasks with determination and exert our best efforts, but at the same time, we must put our hopes in Allah Almighty so that these efforts may yield an outcome that will be useful for humanity.

May our appreciation of the attribute of '**As-Samad**' increase our consciousness that Allah Almighty is the Only One on Whom we can rely and depend for support and protection.

May it invoke in us a feeling of mutual love and care for each other as humble servants of Allah Almighty. We pray to Allah to bestow upon us His blessings in this world, and that we will be placed in Paradise in the hereafter. *Ameen Ya-Rabbal 'Alameen.*

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