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AL-BASSEER

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I wish to invite you to reflect upon another attribute of Allah the Almighty. This attribute is

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Al Basseer means that Allah is All Seeing of all things. We can see the glory of Allah Almighty with this attribute of Al-Basseer in the way He arranged and managed all His creation in the heavens and the earth, all of which is under His supervision and care. Similarly, there is not a single act, outwardly or inwardly (secretly), that escapes His sight. Allah Almighty says in Surah Al-Hadid verse 4:

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۚ يَعْلَمُ
مَا يَلْجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا ۚ وَهُوَ
مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿الْحَدِيدُ ٤﴾

“He is the One Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne. He knows what penetrates into the earth and what emerges from it and what descends from the heaven and what ascends therein; and He is with you wherever you are. And Allah sees well all that you do.”

We may wonder if, believing in Allah Almighty as the One Who Sees all of His creation, will make us feel awkward or uncomfortable in all our actions.

Certainly, this should not be the case. In fact, if we think about this positively, it should motivate us to perform more good deeds wherever we are, or in any manner possible, as long as they are done in accordance with the Shariah. This is because we know that everything we plan to do does not escape Allah's sight and attention. Furthermore, this will educate us to perform all good deeds knowing that we are performing them directly in front of Allah Almighty.

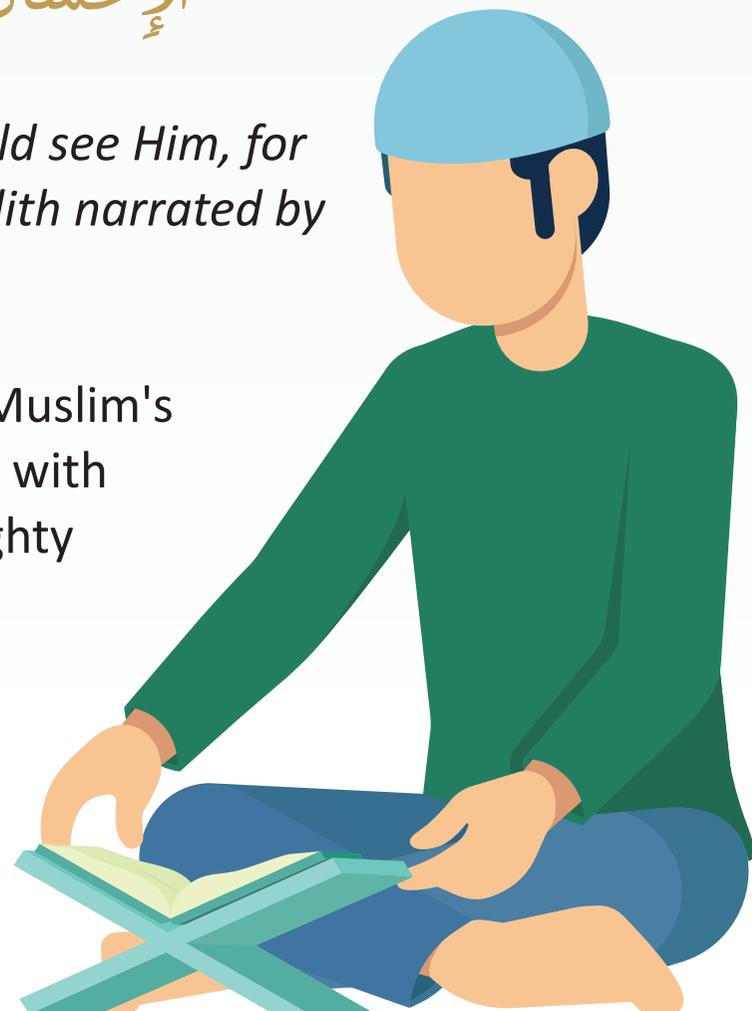


Let us not forget about the incident when Jibril *alayhissalam*. met Rasulullah *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam*. Jibril *Alayhissalam* asked him about the meaning of 'Ihsan'. Rasulullah *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam* replied:

الإِحْسَانُ أَنْ تَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ كَأَنَّكَ تَرَاهُ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ تَرَاهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَرَاكَ

“Ihsan is that you should worship Allah as though you could see Him, for though you cannot see Him, He indeed does see you.” Hadith narrated by Imam Muslim.

Know that the concept of 'Ihsan' is the embodiment of a Muslim's aspirations. 'Ihsan' also means that we perform our deeds with utmost devotion, sincerity and conviction that Allah Almighty is always seeing all that we do. This should make us more committed and proper in performing our acts of worship in order to experience blessings and contentment in our Ibadah (devotion to Allah).



The characteristic of 'Ihsan' also leads humankind to recognize and realize that Allah Almighty observes all of our actions.

Allah says in surah Al-'Alaq verse 14:

أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَى ﴿العلق ١٤﴾

“Does he not know that Allah sees?”

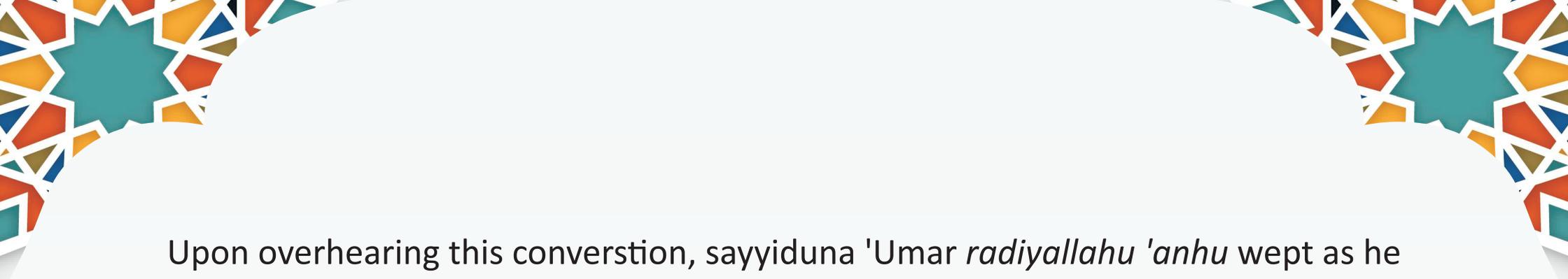
To appreciate the greatness of Allah Almighty through his attribute of Al-Basseer, let us reflect upon a story narrated in '*Hayaatus Sahabah*' (the Lives of the Companions) regarding an incident that took place during the Khilafah of Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin Al-Khattab *radiyallahu 'anhu*

It was narrated that while Sayyiduna Umar radiyallahu 'anhu was patrolling a neighbourhood of his kingdom, he overheard a conversation between a child and her mother.



The mother, a poor lady who sells milk for a living, said: *“O my daughter let us add water to this milk before the sun rises to make it appear full.”*

Her daughter replied: *'We cannot do that my dear mother. Amirul Mu'minin has forbidden us to do this.'* Her mother insisted and said: *'Never mind my daughter. The Amirul Mu'minin will never find out.'* Her daughter then said: *'If the Amirul Mu'minin does not find out, the Lord of Amirul Mu'minin Allah Almighty will know.'*



Upon overhearing this conversation, sayyiduna 'Umar *radiyallahu 'anhu* wept as he reflected on the strength of faith displayed by the young child.

Remember, the conviction that all of our actions are known by Allah Almighty, will develop a characteristic of Muraqabah (monitoring) to those who believe. With this, the believer will always be conscious that Allah Almighty is observing him, so that he will be more conscious of his own self and will always consider carefully before performing any action.

Believing and having the certainty that Allah is Al-Basseer will lead us to have more confidence and determination when performing any given tasks. This is especially so for those of us who have experienced some failures in our lives or have committed some mistakes before.

This should not be seen as an interference, interruption or a problem for us to achieve excellence and success in all that we do, whether in education, careers, or in any of our contributions to society.

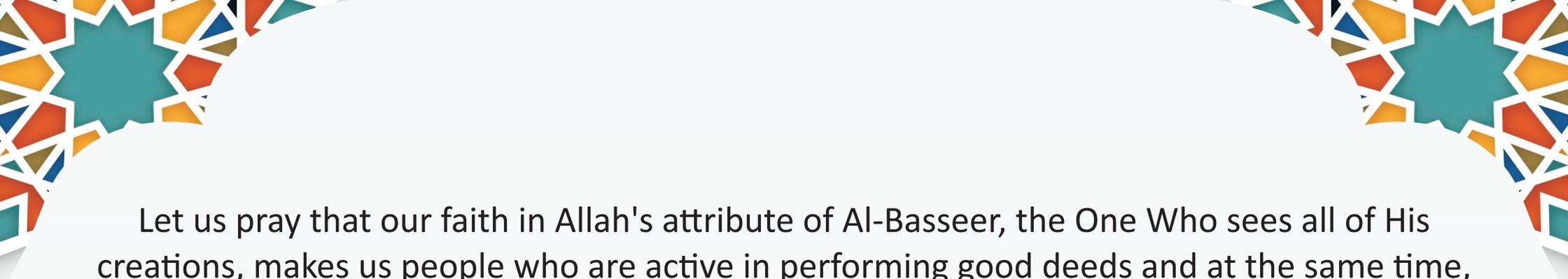
Do not allow those who belittle us, or those who lack confidence in us, to prevent us from achieving success. Remember that, only with our sincere efforts and determination, accompanied by our faith and taqwa (righteousness), will we be given an eminent position by Allah Almighty.

Let us reflect on the sayings of our Prophet Muhammad, *sallallaahu 'alaihi wassalam*, as narrated by Imam Muslim:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُورِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ، وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ

“Verily Allah does not look to your faces and your wealth but He looks to your hearts and to your deeds.”

We hope that our faith in Allah's attribute of Al-Basseer, the One Who sees all of His creations, makes us people who are honest with our own selves first and honest with others always, and to always hold tightly to the principles of Islam wherever we are.



Let us pray that our faith in Allah's attribute of Al-Basseer, the One Who sees all of His creations, makes us people who are active in performing good deeds and at the same time, maintain a strong Muslim identity without easily despairing. Allah Almighty Alone sees our determination and protects us on our path to goodness. Let the strength of our faith and Taqwa be a motivation for us to strive onward for success.

In summary; **Firstly**, appreciating the Al-Basseer attribute of Allah Almighty will motivate us to increase our good deeds wherever we are. **Secondly**, it will help to understand Muraqabah so that we are more conscious of ourselves and will be more careful in our deeds and actions. **Thirdly**, it will develop a sense of conviction and determination in us in whatever we do, because we are convinced that only Allah Almighty will be able to see and assess each of our actions and deeds.

May Allah Almighty bestow upon us the strength of knowledge and wisdom to learn from His beautiful names and attributes. Aameen.

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