



QURANIC GEMS

Allah loves...

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Allah (SWT) Loves those who are soft and gentle

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"Allah is Gentle and loves gentleness in all things." (Ibn Majah)

“ إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَفِيقٌ يُحِبُّ الرِّفْقَ وَيُعْطِي عَلَيْهِ مَا لَا يُعْطِي عَلَى الْعُنْفِ ”

"Allah is Gentle and loves gentleness, and He grants reward for it that He does not grant for harshness." (Ibn Majah)





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Allah is Gentle

Gentleness is an attribute of Allah Himself.

When a person is blessed with this Sifat, then Allah has blessed that person with khair.

On the other hand, if a person is deprived of gentleness then that person is deprived of every khair.



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How beloved are such people?

In Quran:

Firaun used to say "I am the Lord" .
He was the enemy of Allah ﷻ and His Messenger
(عليه السلام Sayideena Musa)

However when Sayideena Musa عليه السلام was given
a task of giving dawah to Firaun, Allah ﷻ asked
Sayideena Musa عليه السلام to be soft and gentle so
that Firaun can accept the advice.

Lesson: If we counsel someone, may be they did a
mistake or a blunder , we have to ask the question if
this person is worse than Firaun or is our rank better
than Sayideena Musa عليه السلام ? Then why are we
getting angry in counseling?

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Beautifying oneself with gentleness

Once the Beloved Prophet ﷺ addressed Aisha رضي الله تعالى عنها (words to effect)

1. Whoever is blessed with gentleness has been blessed with blessings of both the world.
2. These blessings do not descend when people deal with harshness
3. Whichever task has gentleness Allah eases that task.

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People of cave:

Allah filled their hearts with hidaya.

They were beloved of Allah.

After sleeping for so many years, when one of them went to get the food from the market, at that time the other gave counsel “look for wholesome pure food” and then said “wal yatalattaf”

Chapter (18) sūrat l-kahf (The Cave)

وَكَذٰلِكَ بَعَثْنَاهُمْ لِيَتَسَاءَلُوْا بَيْنَهُمْۙ قَالَ قَائِلٌۭ مِنْهُمْۙ كَمْ لَيْتُمْۙ قَالُوْۤا لِيُنۢنَا
يَوْمًاۙ اَوْ بَعْضَ يَوْمٍۭۙ قَالُوْا رَبُّكُمْۙ اَعْلَمُۙ بِمَا لَيْتُمْۙ فَابْعَثُوْۤا اَحَدَكُمْۙ بِوَرِقِكُمْۙ
هٰذِهِۦۙ اِلَى الْمَدِيْنَةِ فَلْيَنْظُرْۙ اَيُّهَاۙ اَزْكٰى طَعَامًاۙ فَاَلْيَاۤ اَيُّكُمْۙ بَرَزِقٌۭ مِنْهُۙ وَاَلْيَتَلَطَّفُۙ
وَلَا يُشْعِرَنَّ بِكُمْۙ اَحَدًاۙ ﴿١١﴾

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What is so beautiful about this word?

The meaning of this word is beautiful, that is to speak with gentleness.

So the central message of the Quran is “to speak with gentleness.”



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At Home:

Attribute of a mumin is to speak with gentleness.

Hadith (Words to effect) : “Allah makes a special houses in Jannah, and will be given to people according to His Own Shaan. They will be shining, such that those who are inside can see what is outside and who are outside can see what is inside.”

Who will get this?

1. Those who feed other people.
2. Those who have gentleness and softness in their speech
3. Those who keep nafl fast
4. Those who pray salatul tahajjud

We should try to develop this quality within us.



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On the contrary, We speak to our kids there is no gentleness.

We speak to our spouse, parents we are harsh.

Not only is the quality of gentleness beloved to Allah but Allah is asking us to develop this quality within us, when we interact with others.





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Hadith:

الرَّاحِمُونَ يَرْحَمُهُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ ارْحَمُوا مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَرْحَمَكُمُ
مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ

“The merciful will be shown mercy by the Most Merciful. Be merciful to those on the earth and the One in the heavens will have mercy upon you.”





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When people meet each other, they should meet in a good way. This is the sunnah.

When ever anyone would call the Beloved Prophet ﷺ , then He ﷺ would say “labbaik”

Shariah wants that we should have gentleness in all our dealings.

We should have gentleness with all the members of our house.



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Parents:

Chapter (17) sūrat l-isrā (The Night Journey)

﴿وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا كَلِمًا أُولَىٰ وَلَا تَنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا﴾

Sahih International: And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word.

We should not even say uff , but we need to be gentle to them.




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Parents:



*'Abdullah ibn 'Umar said,
"The pleasure of the Lord lies in the pleasure
of the parent. The anger of the Lord lies in the
anger of the parent."*

Even if the parents are disbelievers, still we need to have softness and gentleness for them.

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Spouses

Should have gentleness for each other.

Chapter (4) sūrat l-nisā (The Women)

يَتَّخِذُهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَرِثُوا النِّسَاءَ كَرِهًا وَلَا تَعْضُلُوهُنَّ لِتَذْهَبُوا
بِبَعْضِ مَا آتَيْتُمُوهُنَّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْذِنَ بِنَفْسِهِ مُبِينَةً وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ فَإِنْ
كَرِهْتُمُوهُنَّ فَعَسَى أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ﴿١٩﴾

Sahih International: O you who have believed, it is not lawful for you to inherit women by compulsion. And do not make difficulties for them in order to take [back] part of what you gave them unless they commit a clear immorality. And live with them in kindness. For if you dislike them - perhaps you dislike a thing and Allah makes therein much good.



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Spouses

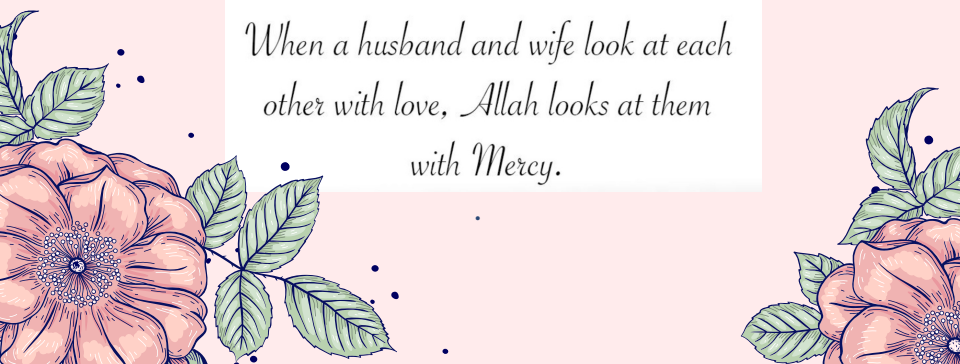
Shaitan tries to come in this relationship and tries to bring separation between them.

When we are outside with friends, we are so friendly but with the spouses, we are so strict and serious.

This is not what shariah wants.

Sayideena Musa عليه السلام wanted to get some warmth for His wife and this softness was the source of Him getting the nabuwat.

When a husband and wife look at each other with love, Allah looks at them with Mercy.





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Women and Children

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ shortened His salah, because He ﷺ heard a child cry, and did not want to burden the mother.

We also should be considerate with women and children.

Women are fragile. We should have gentleness with them.





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Relatives

On the night of laylatul Qadr everyone is forgiven except three people and one of them is the one who severe ties of kinship.

Orphans

Once a person came to the Beloved Prophet ﷺ who had a very hard heart and the Beloved Prophet ﷺ advised him to feed the orphans and place the hands on their head and this will soften his heart.



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Neighbors

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ الْمُؤْمِنُ مَنْ أَمِنَهُ النَّاسُ وَالْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ وَالْمُهَاجِرُ مَنْ هَاجَرَ السُّوءَ وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ عَبْدٌ لَا يَأْمَنُ جَارُهُ بَوَائِقَهُ

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “The believer is one who is trusted by people. The Muslim is one from whose tongue and hand Muslims are safe. The emigrant is one who emigrates away from evil. By the one in whose hand is my soul, a servant will not enter Paradise if his neighbor is not secure from his harm.”



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Animals

Once a sahabi was riding a camel and he stopped to talk to another sahabi, on this Beloved Prophet ﷺ said “do not make your animals your seat because they do dhikr more than humans”



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Softness is the foundation of wisdom

When Allah loves someone then Allah puts softness
in their homes.

Beloved Prophet ﷺ said that there is barakah in
softness.

Softness attracts people.



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Hadith

عَلَيْكَ بِالرَّفْقِ فَإِنَّ الرَّفْقَ لَا يَكُونُ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا زَانَهُ وَلَا يُنَزَعُ
مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا شَانَهُ

You must be gentle. Verily, gentleness is not in anything except that it beautifies it, and it is not removed from anything except that it disgraces it.





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أَلَا أُخْبِرُكُمْ بِمَنْ يَحْرَمُ عَلَى النَّارِ أَوْ بِمَنْ تَحْرَمُ عَلَيْهِ النَّارُ عَلَى
كُلِّ قَرِيبٍ هَيِّنٍ سَهْلٍ

Shall I not tell you for whom the Hellfire is forbidden?
It is every person accessible, polite, and mild.



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Do we have gentleness?

We have to look inside of us if we have these qualities ?

If we don't then, we need to make dua.

Prophet's ﷺ disposition was always soft. Anas رضي الله تعالى عنه said that in ten years never did Beloved Prophet ﷺ ever revoked him. He did the Tarbeeyah and Islah with gentleness and love.

The summary of our life should be “Allah is Gentle and loves gentleness”.