

Chapter – 36

Allah's Good Names

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❖ وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ-

And for Allah only are the most excellent names; So call on Him by His names; and ignore to those people who depart from the truth regarding His names; They shall soon receive the reward for their deeds. (07:180)

❖ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ-

Allah; there is no worship except for Him; He has the best names. (20:08)

This point has to be remembered that an **attribute** is not a constant feature. For example:

Mercy (رحمت), Mercifulness (رحمانيت), Compassionateness (رحيميت)

The person or thing that is related to any attribute is called **Persona**. It means any Persona is a **source of attributes**. And the combination of attributes and persona is called **Name**. (So the definition of Name comes out as: **Name is a word or set of words by which a person or thing is known, addressed, or referred to**). Thus:

Mercy (رَحْمَتٌ) is an Attribute

Merciful (الرَّحِيمِ) is a Name

Compassionate (الرَّحِيمِ) is a Name

And the Persona related to the Attribute and Names is (اللَّهُ)

The word Al-Husna (الْحُسْنَى) is derived from (أَحْسَنَ), whose meaning is, “The Best”. One thing is to be noted that, to depict any attribute of Allah تعالى و سبحانه, a nominative (اسم الفاعل) cannot be made from any of the verbs. Therefore, Islamic scholars say that all the good names of Allah are “*Taufiquee*”. It means that those attributes which are described by Allah تعالى و سبحانه in Quran can only be considered as documented attributes. That is why Allah says “*And for Allah only are the most excellent names*”. For Allah تعالى و سبحانه, any such name cannot be used which is less than His dignity. Some consider that only 99 names are الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى (the best names of Allah). No doubt these 99 names are the best names, but every name appeared in Quran and Hadiths is good name as well. For example: “قَدِيرٌ”. This name is not included in the 99 names of Asma-ul-Husna, but إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ is met with in Quran in many places. So, Qadeer is also a good name.

One question is generally asked that whether we can use the name of “Khuda (خدا)” for Allah. Yes! It may be used because it is the translation of Allah. The meaning of Khuda is, “Who came by Himself”, and this translation is not decreasing His dignity.

Remember this thing that, if you call any name of Allah very frequently, you will have concentration for the name, and then you will come across a reaction of that particular name and attribute of Allah تعالى و سبحانه as well. Such reaction is called “Aasar, (آثار).

This is also to be noted that calling excessively the name compatible to the requirement solves the problem. For example, if someone does not get food regularly, he should repeatedly recite the name of “يارزاق”. If somebody is sick he should narrate “يا شافي”. If anybody is in need of children, he should repetitively call يا فعال, يا خلاق or يا مصور.

Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said: There are 99 Asma-ul-Husna of Allah showing His attributes, and said that all Muslims should use these good names while offering prayer (دعا).

The Prophet also said that he who memorizes these Names by heart, his place may be in Heaven. (Narrated Al-Walid Bin Muslim رضى الله عنه Tirmidhi, and Abu Hurairah رضى الله عنه; Bukhari and Muslim).

AL ASMAA AL HUSNAA THE BEAUTIFUL ATTRIBUTES OF **ALLAH**

مَوْلَانَالَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

	الْجَبَّارُ	الْعَزِيزُ	الْمُهَيْمِنُ	الْمُهَيْمِنُ	الْمُهَيْمِنُ	السَّلَامُ	الْقَادِرُ	الْمَلِكُ	الرَّحِيمُ	الرَّحْمَنُ	اللَّهُ
	AL JABBAR THE POWERFUL THE RESTORER	AL AZEED THE ALMIGHTY	AL MUHAYMIN THE GUARDIAN	AL MUHAYMIN THE GRANTER OF SECURITY / FAITH	AL MUHAYMIN THE GRANTER OF SECURITY / FAITH	AS SALAM THE SOURCE GIVER OF PEACE	AL QUD-DOOS THE MOST POWERFUL	AL MALIK THE OWNER/OWNER	AR RAHEEM THE MOST MERCIFUL	AR RAHMAAN THE MOST GRACIOUS	ALLAH ALLAH
	الْعَلِيمُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ	الْقَاتِلُ
	AL ALEEM THE ALL KNOWING	AL FAT TAHI THE OWNER, REMOVER OF DIFFICULTIES	AR RAZ ZAAQ THE EVER PROVIDING	AL WAAI ILAAB THE GIVER OF ALL	AL QAH ILAAB THE ONE WHO HAS CONTROL OF ALL	AL GHATTAAR THE EYEL FORGETTING	AL MUSAW WIR THE TASHOONER OF FORMS	AL BAARI THE MAKER	AL KHALIQ THE CREATOR	AL MUTAKABIR THE MAJESTIC	
	الْعَدْلُ	الْمَكْرَمُ	الْبَصِيرُ	السَّمِيعُ	الْمَذْكُورُ	الْمَعْرُوفُ	الرَّافِعُ	الْمُنْفِضُ	الْبَاسِطُ	الْقَائِضُ	الْقَائِضُ
	AL ADL THE JUST	AL HAKAM THE JUDGE	AL BASSER THE ALL SEEING	AS SAMEE' THE ALL HEARING	AL MU-ZHIL THE GIVER OF DISGRACE	AL MU'IZZ THE GIVER OF HONOUR	AR RAAFI THE EXALTER	AL KHAAFID THE ONLY WHO HUMBLE	AL BAAST THE EXPANDER / RELIEVER	AL QAAID THE RESTORER	
	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْمُقِيتُ
	AL MUQIET THE SOUNDER	AL HAFEEZ THE PRESERVER	AL KAREER THE MOST GREAT	AL ALIYY THE MOST HIGH	ASH SHAKOOR THE GRATEFUL	AL GHAFUOR THE ALL FORGIVING	AL A-ZHWEEM THE GREAT	AL HALEEM THE FORGIVING, THE ENLIGHTENED	AL KHABER THE ALL AWARE	AL LATIEF THE GENTLE	AL MUTAKABIR THE MAJESTIC
	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ
	AL BAATIT THE RESTORER OF LIFE	AL MAJEED THE ALL-GLOIOUS	AL WADOOD THE LOVING-KINDNESS	AL HAKKEM THE ALL WISE	AL WAASIT THE ALL ENCOMPASSING	AL MUJEEB THE ONE WHO RESPOND / ANSWERS	AR KAQEER THE GENEROUS	AL KAREEM THE GENEROUS	AL JALEEL THE MOST HIGH/HONOURLABLE	AL HANFEER THE BACKBONE OF JUDGEMENT	
	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ
	AL MU'EEB THE RESTORER	AL MUBDI' THE ORIGINATOR OF ALL	AL MUSHEE THE ASSURER	AL HAMEED THE ALL PRAISEWORTHY	AL WA-LIYY THE PROTECTING FRIEND, PETIN AND HELPER	AL MATEEN THE FIRM	AL QA-WIYY THE MOST STRONG	AL WAKEL THE ONE IN CHARGE	AL HAQQ THE TRUTH	ASH SHAFIEED THE WITNESS	
	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ
	AL QADIR HE WHO HAS ACTIVITY AND IS MOST ABLE	AS SA MAD THE EVERLASTING AND SELF SUFFICIENT	AL AHAD THE ONE AND ONLY EXCLUSIVE	AL WAHID THE ONE AND ONLY EXCLUSIVE	AL MAAJID THE NOBLE AND GLORIOUS	AL WAJID THE POWER	AL QAY-YOUM THE SELF-SUPPORTING PROVIDER OF ALL	AL HAYY THE EVER LIVING	AL MUMEEB THE GIVER OF DEATH	AL MUHYI THE GIVER OF LIFE	
	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ
	AL BARR THE SOURCE OF ALL GOODNESS AND KINDNESS	AL MUTA ALI THE MOST TRUSTED	AL WALI THE GOVERNOR	AL HAATIN THE HONORABLE BY HONOR	AZ ZHWAHIR THE MANIFEST, THE ALL VICTORIOUS	AL AAKHIR THE LAST	AL AW-WAL THE FIRST	AL MUAKH-KHIR THE DELAYER	AL MUQAAD-DIM HE WHO ADVANCES AND DELAYS	AL MUQTADIR THE ONE WITH FULL POWER	
	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ
	AL MUGHNEE THE ENRICHER	AL GHA-NIYY THE INDISPENENT THE SELF SUFFICIENT	AL JAAMI THE GATHERER	AL MUQSIT HE WHO JUST	DHU-JALALI WAI-KRAM THE ONE IN MAJESTY AND GENEROSITY	MAALIKUL MULK THE OWNER OF ALL SOVEREIGNTY	AR RAFOOF THE COMPASSIONATE	AL A-FUWW THE FORGIVER, FORGIVER	AL MUN-TAQIM THE AVINGER	AT-TAW-WAAB THE EVER ACCEPTING OF REPENTANCE	
	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ
		AL BADEE' THE INCOMPARABLE	AL HAADI HE WHO GUIDES	AN NDOR THE LIGHT	AN NA AFI THE BRINGER OF ALL HE WHO BRINGS FAVOUR	AD DAARR HE WHO ALLOWS DISPERS TO AFFECT	AL MAANI THE ONLY WHO PREVENTS				
	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ	الْمُعِيتُ
		AS SA-BOOR THE PATIENT	AR RASHEED THE TEACHER / GUIDE TO THE RIGHT PATH	AL WAARITH THE SUPPLIER THE INHERITOR OF ALL	AL BAAQ THE EVERLASTING						

It has been narrated by Abu Hurairah ؓ that Allahs Messenger ﷺ said:
Verily Allah ﷻ has ninety-nine names, hundred but one, he who remembers them will enter Paradise
(Bukhari & Muslim)

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