

# Allah's Generosity

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*Bismillah er Rahman er Rahi*, [In the Name of Allah, The One Who Acts with Mercy], The Source of Mercy]. All praise belongs to Allah. Allah owns everything. All power belongs to Allah and not to us. May Allah's peace and blessings be on the Prophet Muhammad and his family and on all the other prophets and their families.

Allah is very generous. He created you from nothing. He shared Himself to make you. He gave you senses, brain, His own Spirit, free will and the opportunity to develop yourself to whatever you want. You have two choices: One is you choose Allah or two you choose yourself. If you choose Him, there are unlimited levels, *maqams*, positions, observation spots for you to attain, so you can have a meaningful relationship with Allah. You have to come to the decision of choosing Him on your own with the capacity He gave you. Then, be open to observing and learning. Allah has lots to offer to you versus, if you choose yourself, how much do you have to offer for yourself?

I keep telling you, giving hints to use your senses, common sense. And let's say you chose to learn Allah. There are so many steps to take and follow so many guidelines. That's why Allah sent you guides. These guides work for Allah. Be good to them, respect them and have good assumptions for them and Allah. They all mean well. They want to present what is better for you. But you need to be open to it. Do not object, reject, rebel. If you don't understand, just ask for that understanding and hold on to certain principles. Allah doesn't abuse His creatures and Allah means well. Allah is not your servant. Allah just shares His treasures with you to see and admire. At no time, do they belong to you. Allah is the owner of everything, so don't get upset with Allah. Between you and Him, who do you think knows what He is doing? If you want to see Allah's treasures, you have to get out of the way and be content being just the observer.

Here is example of Allah's generosity. You were nothing. He gave you logic from His logic. He gave you life from His own Life. He gave you mobility. Look around you, how lucky you are compared to the trees and stones. You can move around. You can make decisions. You can win and feel good about it. You can breathe, you can hear, you can see, you can know. You take so many things for granted. You only appreciate it when you lose it. But if you are on His path, then you have to learn how to appreciate it before you lose it. That way, you won't lose it, like your seeing, your hearing. Do you know how many cells and how many sciences are involved in just seeing, hearing? But this is just what Allah has readily given you. Allah has prepared for you more steps, more vista spots, more knowing, levels. When you come to maturity mentally, then Allah can be a Friend to you. Allah can talk to you and

Allah can love you. There can be a loving relationship for some; scientific relationship with some. That's why Allah says hold on to the rope and don't let go. What can distract you from letting go is your nafs. Shaytan can only strengthen your weaknesses. You cannot blame anybody else but yourself, your nafs, for giving into your nafs. You have to come to know yourself.

Allah is **Karim** (Generous), **Rahim** (Compassionate), **Rashid** (Capable of Right Judgment), **Adl** (Just One), **Wahhab** (The Giver), **Muqit** (The Watcher---over), **Rahman** (Merciful), **Muqtadir** (Creator of All Power), **Qadir** (All Powerful), **Muhaymin** (The

Guardian), **Hafiz** (The Preserver), **Waris** (Inheritor of All), **Haqq** (The Truth), **Wadud** (The Loving One), **Mujib** (The Responder to Prayer).

So, carry on and hold on to the rope of Allah and do not let go. Try to attain Allah's attributes and get rid of your *nafs'* attributes. You can always ask Allah's help because Allah is **Nasir** (Helper).

If you want to learn Allah, you have to be open to Him. Let Him act with all these attributes which He counted through you and that is how you learn and have a relationship with Allah within yourself. If you want to know His generosity, be generous. If you want to know Allah's love, than intend to be loving. If you want Allah's help, then help.

I love you all, and I am grateful that you all want Allah and that you are with me on this path.

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