

Abu malik Al-Ash'ari narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

- 1 Purity is half of faith.
- 2 Praise be to Allah; it fills the scales.
- 3 Glorification and praise fill what is between the heavens and the earth.
- 4 Prayer is light.
- 5 Charity is proof.
- 6 Patience is illumination
- 7 The Quran is proof for you or against you.
- 8 Every person awakens; so, they either redeem or ruin themselves.⁽¹⁾

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From the Qur'an

- ﴿Allah loves those who are constantly repentant and loves those who purify themselves.﴾ (2: 222)
- ﴿The scales on that Day will be just. As for those whose scales are heavy: it is they who are the successful (8) But as for those whose weights are light: it is they who have lost their souls by having treated Our revelations wrongfully.﴾ (7: 8 - 9)
- ﴿Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their wealth in exchange for Paradise.﴾ (9: 111)
- ﴿The prayer prevents indecency and abomination.﴾ (29: 45)
- ﴿Those who are patient will be given their reward without reckoning.﴾ (39: 10)

The Narrator

Al-Harith bin Al-Harith, also known as Abu Malik Al-Ash'ari, also known as Abu Malik Al-Ash'ari, he embraced Islam and was a companion of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). He participated in battles alongside the Prophet and the Prophet (peace be upon him) said about him: "Allah, send blessings upon Abu Malik Al-Ash'ari and elevate him above many people."⁽¹⁾ He passed away due to the plague in the year 18 AH.

Summary

The Prophet (peace be upon him) mentioned some of the doors of goodness that will weigh heavily on the scale of a servant on the Day of Judgment. And he mentioned that the destinies of people are in their own hands, so there are those who save themselves and others who destroy themselves.

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Message and Meaning



The Prophet (peace be upon him) mentioned that purification, which includes general cleanliness as well as performing ablution for prayer and other acts of worship, is equivalent to half of faith. This means that a believer is commanded to maintain both external and internal cleanliness, with external cleanliness accounting for half of that requirement. The term “faith” here can also refer to prayer, as mentioned in the verse: “And Allah would not let your faith go to waste” (2:143), meaning your prayers. Purification is considered half of faith because it is a necessary condition for the validity of prayer.

Purification is one of the greatest acts of worship and a noble means by which a servant seeks proximity to their Lord. Allah, the Exalted, says: “Indeed, Allah loves those who constantly repent and loves those who purify themselves” (2:222). This indicates that actions are part of faith, and that faith increases with obedience and decreases with disobedience.



The Prophet (peace be upon him) also informed us that the statement of a servant, “Alhamdulillah” (Praise be to Allah), will fill the scales of the servant on the Day of Judgment due to its immense reward. Alhamdulillah is a form of praising Allah. The scales on that day will contain the deeds of the servants, and it has two sides where the good deeds of the servant will be placed on one side and the bad deeds on the other. If the scale of good deeds outweighs the bad deeds, the servant will be among the successful. Otherwise, they will be among the losers. Allah, the Exalted, says: “And the weighing [of deeds] that Day will be the truth” (7:8).

The hadith makes clear that the earth will never be without some devout believers who continue to hold firm to faith, doing what God bids them and refrain from what He forbids. To them, it does not matter who supports them and who stands against them.



The statement of a servant, “Subhanallah” (Glory be to Allah) and “Alhamdulillah” (Praise be to Allah), carries immense reward. “Subhanallah” is a form of exalting Allah, from any deficiency or flaw. The reward for this is so great that if it were to take a physical form, it would fill the space between the heavens and the earth. If “Alhamdulillah” fills the reward of the scales, then if the servant follows it with “Subhanallah,” their reward will surpass until it fills the space between the heavens and the earth. This is because they are praising their Lord in a manner befitting His Majesty and exalting Him from any imperfection or deficiency.



The Prophet (peace be upon him) also informed us that prayer is a light that guides the servant to the truth. The heart of the one who consistently performs prayer is filled with the lights of wisdom, guidance, and knowledge. Prayer and immorality never coexist. Allah, the Exalted, says: “Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing” (29:45).



Giving charity is an indication of the sincerity of a servant’s faith. As humans are naturally inclined towards the love of wealth, when one generously gives it away, it becomes a sign of their faith and affirmation. It also serves as evidence and proof before their Lord on the Day of Judgment when they will be questioned about how they spent their wealth.

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Patience, in all its forms, whether in obeying Allah, abstaining from His disobedience, or accepting His decrees, is a guiding light that allows the servant to perceive the path of righteousness.

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The Quran can either serve as a testimony for you on the Day of Judgment, benefiting you in the presence of Allah, if you recite it, believe in it, and benefit from its teachings. Alternatively, it can be against you when you turn away from it and neglect to act upon it.

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The Prophet (peace be upon him) concluded his speech by mentioning that all people strive to fulfill their needs and interests. He specifically referred to the morning, which is the beginning of the day when people actively seek their provisions. One's striving can either align with the teachings of the Shariah (Islamic law), indicating that they have sold themselves to Allah, who will liberate them and save them from His punishment. Allah, the Exalted, says: "Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise" (9:111). On the other hand, if one strives according to their desires, going against the command of Allah, they have sold themselves to the devil, leading to their destruction and earning themselves punishment.



Implementation

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Pay attention to the cleanliness of your outward appearance, clothes, and body, just as you strive for the purity of your inner self, free from sins and transgressions. For they are both halves of faith.

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Purification is one of the most important doors to attaining the love of Allah, so seize this opportunity to seek His pleasure.

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“Alhamdulillah” is a simple word on the tongue that a Muslim finds no difficulty in repeating. It carries immense rewards whose true essence is known only to Allah. Therefore, do not neglect to regularly engage in this remembrance.

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Allah, the Most Exalted, has made great rewards for simple actions, making it easier for His servants and demonstrating His closeness and kindness to them. He is indeed the Lord, Merciful, Compassionate, and Kind.

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The concept of balance is true, as it is mentioned in the Quran and Sunnah. It is an essential aspect of faith that every believer must embrace.

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Keep your tongue moist with the remembrance of Allah by saying “SubhanAllah” and “Alhamdulillah”. The rewards for these simple phrases are immense.

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Make it a habit to consistently perform your prayers. Prayer serves as a guiding light in the heart of a believer, leading them towards the truth and dispelling any doubts or misguidance.

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Ensure that you offer your prayers on time. By doing so, you illuminate your grave with the light of faith, giving you solace on the Day of Judgment.

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Do not neglect the importance of prayer. On the Day of Judgment, the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) will recognize you through the radiance emanating from your body due to your ablution. He will call you to his pool and intercede on your behalf. As the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “Indeed, my Ummah will come on the Day of Resurrection with shining faces and limbs from the traces of ablution.”⁽¹⁾

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The individuals who maintain the most radiant light of faith are those who fulfill the prerequisites, pillars, obligations, and recommended acts of prayer.

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Reflect upon yourself and observe whether spending in the path of Allah brings you contentment. If it does, take it as a reassuring sign of your faith. Otherwise, strive against your desires and the whispers of Satan.

1 Narrated by Al-Bukhari (136) and Muslim (246).



Remember that you will be held accountable on the Day of Judgment for your wealth - how you acquired it and how you spent it. If you spend what Allah has blessed you with, seeking His pleasure, it will serve as evidence in your favor when questioned.



Patience may bring hardship and fatigue, but it also gives rise to a radiance that guides the lost and brings solace to the lonely and comfort to the afflicted.



The poet once said: Patience, just like its name, may have a bitter taste... but its consequences are sweeter than honey.



Make the Quran your guide, take the initiative to read it and understand its meanings, and strive to implement its rulings. For it will intercede for the servant on the Day of Judgment, saying: "I kept them awake during the nights, so intercede for me on their behalf."⁽¹⁾



There is no one more deserving of disgrace and punishment than the one whom Allah has blessed with the Quran and understanding, yet they turn their back on it and neglect to act upon its teachings.



Which of the two groups do you desire to be part of: those who free themselves by following the divine law, or those who destroy themselves by following their desires?



O seller of yourself, there is no doubt that you will choose the best price. Either you sell it for destruction and punishment, or you sell it for Paradise and the pleasure of Allah the Almighty.



The poet said: Read the Book of Allah and comprehend its wisdom, for in it lies the recognition of Allah's generosity in goodness. It is a discourse that addresses every discerning mind, and it is a radiance that guides towards abundant goodness. It is the security of hearts and the tranquility of souls. Indeed, Allah has revealed the Quran as a Preserver, to teach humanity the best form of expression.

1 Narrated by Ahamd 6626.

