

﴿THE KEY TO KNOWLEDGE﴾

How to Understand Islaam Correctly

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Dars 29 - `Aqeedah—The Pillars of Eemaan: Belief in *Al-Qadhaa* and *Al-Qadar*

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After praising Allaah and sending salaah and salaam upon His Messenger (sallallaahu`alayhi wa sallam) and those who followed him, our Shaykh and teacher, Muhammad Al-Malki welcomed the students to today's class. We will deal with the 6th Pillar of *Eemaan* (Faith): **Belief in the *Qadhaa* and *Qadar***

We spoke in the last session about the meaning of Qadar as well as the types and levels of Qadar. Today we will speak about what the people say about Qadar but first we will talk about the ten principles of believing in Qadar.

10 PRINCIPLES REGARDING BELIEVING IN AL-QADAR (عشر قواعد في الإيمان بالقدر)

- (1) **The belief in the Awareness of Allaah Ta`Aalaa which surrounds everything.** Believing that nothing can be hidden from Him of the apparent and the hidden, of the past, present or future, and that He Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa knows everything, even the whisperings in the hearts. He knows what existed (in the past), what exists now and what never existed as well as how it would be if it did exist. This is proven in Sooratul-An`aam:

﴿ وَعِنْدَهُ مَفَاتِحُ الْغَيْبِ لَا يَعْلَمُهَا إِلَّا هُوَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْبُرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا
يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٍ فِي ظِلْمَتِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا رَطْبٍ وَلَا يَابِسٍ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴾

And with Him are the keys of the *Ghaib* (all that is hidden), none knows them but He. And He knows whatever there is in the land and in the sea; not a leaf falls, but He knows it. There is not a grain in the darkness of the earth nor anything fresh or dry, but is written in a Clear Record. (Al-An`aam 6:59)

Likewise in Sooratul-Hashr:

﴿ هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عِلْمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴾

He is Allaah, beside Whom *Laa ilaaha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He) the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. (Al-Hashr 59:22)

Also, as in Sooratut-Talaaq:

﴿ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَنْزِلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِنَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ﴾

It is Allaah Who has created seven heavens and of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven). His Command descends between them (heavens and earth), that you may know that Allaah has power over all things, and that Allaah surrounds all things in (His) Knowledge. (At-Talaaq 65:12)

- (2) **There is nothing of good or evil that exists in this world except by the Will of Allaah and nothing occurs except by His Permission.** It is inconceivable that anything could happen without the Will and Permission of Allaah. If the creatures do what they do, in terms of intending and willing to do a thing, then it cannot occur except if Allaah Ta`Aalaa Wills and Permits it. This is proven by what Allaah said in Sooratul-Hajj:

﴿...إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ﴾

... Verily, Allaah does what He wills. (Al-Hajj 22:14)

Likewise, in Soorah Hood:

﴿...إِنَّ رَبَّكَ فَعَّالٌ لِّمَا يُرِيدُ﴾

... Verily, your Lord is the Doer of whatsoever He intends (or wills). (Hood 11:107)

And the likes of what Allaah said in Sooratur-Ra`d:

﴿...وَإِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ سُوءًا فَلَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِّن دُونِهِ مِن وَّالٍ﴾

... But when Allaah wills a people's punishment, there can be no turning it back, and they will find besides Him no protector. (Ar-Ra`d 13:11)

- (3) **Whatever Allaah permits to exist, He did so with Wisdom (حكمة - Hikmah);** whoever knows it knows it and who does not know it has never known it. It is as Allaah Ta`Aalaa said in Sooratul-Anbiyaa':

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَاءَ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا لِعِبِينِ ﴾

We created not the heavens and the earth and all that is between them for a (mere) play. (Al-Anbiyaa' 21:16)

He Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa also said in Sooratul-Hijr:

﴿ وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَأِنَّهٗٓ فَاصِّحَةٌ ۖ فَاصْفَحْ ۖ الصَّفْحَ الْجَمِيلَ ﴾

And We created not the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except with truth, and the Hour is surely coming, so overlook (O Muhammad [sal-Allaahu 'alayhi wa sallam]), their faults with gracious forgiveness. [This was before the ordainment of Jihaad holy fighting in Allaah's Cause.] (Al-Hijr 15:85)

Likewise, what He Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa informed us of in Sooratul-Mu'minoon:

﴿ أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ ﴾

"Did you think that We had created you in play (without any purpose), and that you would not be brought back to Us?" (Al-Mu'minoon 23:115)

- (4) **Allaah Ta`Aalaa never decreed absolute evil which has no good in it at all.** However, whatever Allaah decreed that we see as only evil without any good from it, verily there is goodness in it that we do not know but Allaah knows it. It is the likes of forgiving the sins of the one who received a destiny which harmed him; for there is goodness in it and it may also raise their ranks in Paradise. It is a type of trial for the believers to examine (test) them in their belief to see if they are honest or not. It is as Allaah said in Sooratun-Nisaa':

﴿ ... فَإِنْ كَرِهْتُمُوهُنَّ فَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ﴾

... If you dislike them, it may be that you dislike a thing through which Allaah brings a great deal of good. (An-Nisaa' 4:19)

- (5) **Allaah Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa does what He wills in His dominion and He is not asked about what He does but they will be asked.** This is as Allaah said in Sooratul-Anbiyaa':

﴿ لَا يُسْأَلُ عَمَّا يَفْعَلُ وَهُمْ يُسْأَلُونَ ﴾

He cannot be questioned as to what He does, while they will be questioned.
(Al-Anbiyaa' 21:23)

- (6) **Allaah the Almighty is the Judge of Justice; He does not oppress anyone or treat them with injustice.** He Ta`Aalaa forbade injustice for Himself, and He made it forbidden for all the slaves as He Ta`Aalaa said in Sooratun-Nisaa':

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَظْلِمُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ ۖ وَإِن تَكُ حَسَنَةً يُضْعِفْهَا وَيُؤْتِ مِنْ لَدُنْهُ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴾

Surely, Allaah wrongs not even of the weight of an atom (or a small ant), but if there is any good (done), He doubles it, and gives from Him a great reward. (An-Nisaa' 4:40)

Likewise in His statement in Sooratul-Kahf:

﴿ ... وَلَا يَظْلِمُ رَبُّكَ أَحَدًا ﴾

.... and your Lord treats no one with injustice. (Al-Kahf 18:49)

And, as He said in Soorati Fussilat:

﴿ مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ أَسَاءَ فَعَلَيْهَا ۚ وَمَا رَبُّكَ بِظَلَّامٍ لِلْعَبِيدِ ﴾

Whosoever does righteous good deed, it is for (the benefit of) his own self; and whosoever does evil, it is against his own self. And your Lord is not at all unjust to (His) slaves. (Fussilat 41:46)

- (7) Allaah Subhaanahu wa Ta`Aalaa is Merciful to His slaves and specifically the believers from amongst them as He Ta`Aalaa said in Sooratul-Ahzaab:

﴿ هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَلِّيْ عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَلَائِكَتُهُ لِيُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّوْرِ ۚ وَكَانَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا ﴾

He it is Who sends *Salaat* (His Blessings) on you, and His angels too (ask Allaah to bless and forgive you), that He may bring you out from darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of Belief and Islaamic Monotheism). And He is Ever Most Merciful to the believers. (Al-Ahzaab 33:43)

- (8) Everything other than Allaah, His Names and His Attributes - is created by Allaah. Allaah Ta`Aalaa said in Sooratus-Zumar:

﴿ اللَّهُ خَلِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۖ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴾

Allaah is the Creator of all things, and He is the *Wakil* (Trustee, Disposer of affairs, Guardian) over all things. (Az-Zumar 39:62)

Likewise, in Sooratus-Saaffaat:

﴿ وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴾

"While Allaah has created you and what you make!" (As-Saaffaat 37:96)

Allaah Ta`Aalaa said in Sooratul-Furqaan:

﴿ ... وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَقَدَرَهُ نَقْدِيرًا ﴾

... He has created everything, and has measured it exactly according to its due measurements. (Al-Furqaan 25:2)

- (9) The days and destinies are not always in one condition of goodness or evil (they alternate). This is as Allaah said in Soorah Aal-`Imraan:

﴿ ... وَتِلْكَ الْأَيَّامُ نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ ... ﴾

... And so are the days (good and not so good), that We give to men by turns¹... (Aal-`Imraan 3:140)

- (10) To have patience upon what is disliked/painful from the destiny. Allaah Azza wa Jall said in Soorah Aal-`Imraan:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴾

O you who believe! Endure and be more patient (than your enemy), and guard your territory by stationing army units permanently at the places from where the enemy can attack you, and fear Allaah, so that you may be successful. (Aal-`Imraan 3:200)

Just as Allaah Ta`Aalaa ordered His slaves with patience, He ordered them to seek help (*isti`aanah*) when calamities and crisis befall. This is done by patience and prayers as He Ta`Aalaa said in Sooratul-Baqarah:

﴿ وَأَسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ ﴾

And seek help in patience and *As-Salaat* (the prayers) and truly, it is extremely heavy and hard except for *Al-Khaashi'oona* [i.e. the true believers in Allaah – those who obey Allaah with full submission, fear much from His punishment, and believe in His Promise (Paradise) and in His Warnings (Hell)]. (Al-Baqarah 2:45)

These are 10 principles for believing in the Qadar. In shaa' Allaah Ta`Aalaa whoever realizes these 10 principles will live comfortably and nicely; no harm will be on him. In shaa' Allaah we will continue tomorrow with the remaining rulings related to the Belief in Qadar.

We conclude here by praising Allaah and sending salaah and salaam upon the Messenger of Allaah.

﴿END OF DARS TWENTY-NINE﴾

¹ "By turns" means that one time it is for you and another time it is against you.