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Al-Kafy

(The All-Sufficient)

All praises are due to Allah, Who promised His slaves who put their trust in Him to suffice them, render them victorious, and empower them; and eased for them any hardship as He defeated the plots of the unbelievers.

I bear witness that there is no god except Allah, no partners has He, The King, The Truth, The Manifest One,

And I bear witness that Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah, the leader of the pious, and the master of those entrusting their affairs to Allah,

Allah's Blessings and Peace be upon the Most Honoured Messenger and Prophet, our Great Prophet, Muhammed, his family and companions, and those who followed them in righteousness till the hereafter.

Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾
[الأعراف: 180]

✚ **"And (all) the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allâh, so call on Him by them, and leave the company of those who belie or deny (or utter impious speech against) His Names. They will be requited for what they used to do." (Surat Al-A`raf, 180)**

📖 Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said: "Keeping account and observing the meanings of Allah's Most Beautiful Names is a very beneficial and fruitful requirement and goal that only those with honorable souls and high ardor could attain. It is a lifetime objective that should come on top of one's priorities as it is the most honorable aim that Muslims should devote their lives to. This is because it is the pivot of happiness. You get elevated up to sublime grades as per the level of studies of These Names you have attained, and according to the extent of your worship to your Lord with them. Hence, you achieve "a status of closeness" to Allah, Exalted be He, and the high ranks in Gardens of 'Eternal' Residence.

So, dear reader, make sure to have just one concern: to keep account (observe the divine teachings) of Allah's Most Beautiful Names. Strive hard to comprehend them by day and night, in all your states, in your travels and during your stay in your homeland for they will open for you a great door to knowledge, love, longing, and pleasure. You will enjoy *Allah's accompaniment* in a way that is above any description and more sublime than any imagination.

📖 Ibn Al-Qayyim said as well: [If you enter through that door (i.e. understanding and observing Allah's Names) and the door is opened for you, then I will not be exaggerating if I say: you shall see that which *no eye has ever seen, nor an ear has ever heard nor a human heart can ever think of in this world and the hereafter.*]

✉ **The true essence of faith:** actually, it is the slave's knowledge about his Lord, by exerting best efforts and striving hard to know about His names and attributes, and to know His graces and favours until he attains the degree of certainty. The more he gains knowledge about his Lord, the greater his faith will be, and conversely, if he has less knowledge about his Lord, his faith will be defective.

✉ Malik bin Dinar, may Allah have mercy on him, said: "Some people came out of this world (i.e. died) without tasting the best and most honourable thing in it." He was asked: "What is it?" He said, "Gaining knowledge about Allah!".

📁 Many of us have lost some of the meanings and graces of "putting trust in Allah and entrusting our affairs to Allah, and resorting to Him in times of adversity. We have lost great meanings. That's why, some people are stumbling, confused, frightened cowardly; they are not able to conduct their affairs or even to use any means in the right way. Those wretched people are so confounded.

Dear blessed ladies: this confusion, and turmoil that we see, resulted from the weakness of their trust in Allah, The Almighty. This severe defect has only one remedy: to gain knowledge about Allah, the right knowledge based on the holy Qur'an and the Sunnah and the teachings of the righteous predecessors.

- **How can I put my trust in Allah? How can I be a devoted worshiper to Allah, The Almighty?**
- **Does this require acquiring knowledge about his Lord?**

⇒ **At the beginning we should understand the meaning of Allah's Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} to implement it in our daily life.**

📖 **Allah's Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} is mentioned in the Holy Quran (14) times:**

❶ In Surat Aal-`Imran, it is mentioned once with "**alif**" and "**lam**": {Al-Wakeel} as Allah, The Almighty, says:

{الَّذِينَ قَالَ لَهُمُ النَّاسُ إِنَّ النَّاسَ قَدْ جَمَعُوا لَكُمْ فَاخْشَوْهُمْ فَزَادَهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ}
[آل عمران: 173]

- ✚ **"Those (i.e. believers) unto whom the people (hypocrites) said, "Verily, the people (pagans) have gathered against you (a great army), therefore, fear them." But it (only) increased them in Faith, and they said: "Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)."' (Surat Aal-`Imran, 173)**

❷ **This Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} is mentioned in several Quranic verses associated with the meanings of divine Highness and sublimity, that augments and increases Allah's all-perfect perfection as in this verse:**

{ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَاعْبُدُوهُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ} [الأنعام: 10]

✚ *"Such is Allâh, your Lord! Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Creator of all things. So worship Him (Alone), and He is the Wakîl (Trustee, Disposer of affairs, Guardian) over all things." (Surat Al-An'am, 102)*

📖 **As for the mention of this Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} in Sunnah (Prophetic Ahadeeth):**

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ "حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ" قَالَهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ حِينَ أُلْقِيَ فِي النَّارِ، وَقَالَهَا مُحَمَّدٌ حِينَ قَالُوا {إِنَّ النَّاسَ قَدْ جَمَعُوا لَكُمْ فَاخْشَوْهُمْ فَزَادَهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ} [صحيح البخاري].

Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) said:

[Allah's saying: "Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)": was said by (Prophet) Ibrahim (Abraham) when he was thrown into the fire; and so did the Messenger of Allah Muhammad (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) when he was told: "Verily, the people (pagans) have gathered against you (a great army), therefore, fear them." But it (only) increased them in Faith, and they said: "Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)."] (Narrated by Al-Bukhari]

A sincere faithful believer must be certain that Allah is Sufficient for him in all his worries and sufferings, and that He is Best Disposer of his affairs. That is why *(Prophet) Ibrahim (Abraham)*, Allah's peace be upon him, said it when his people threw him into the fire after he had broken their idols, thus the fire was coolness and safety for him. Allah, The Almighty, says:

{قُلْنَا يَا نَارُ كُونِي بَرْدًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ} (سورة الأنبياء: 69)

✚ *"We (Allâh) said: "O fire! Be you coolness and safety for Ibrâhîm (Abraham)!" (Surat Al-Anbya', 69)*

And the Messenger of Allah Muhammad (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said it [Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)] after the Battle of Uhud when it was said to him: "The polytheists will return to fight you!" So, the Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: [Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)]. Thus, Allah, Exalted be He, protected him against them for, indeed, whoever seeks victory from Allah, will be rendered

victorious by Allah, The Almighty; and whoever puts his trust in Allah, Allah suffices him, because Allah is our Maulâ (Patron, Lord, Protector and Supporter) - (what) an Excellent Maulâ and (what) an Excellent Helper!

⇒ Thus, when they resorted to their Lord and said: *[Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)]* they came back with a blessing from Allah, and no harm having touched them. This is the fulfilment of Allah's promise to those putting their trust in Him Who finds him Sufficient for them: Allah, The Almighty, says:

{فَانْقَلَبُوا بِنِعْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَضْلٍ لَّمْ يَمْسَسْهُمْ سُوءٌ وَاتَّبَعُوا رِضْوَانَنَا اللَّهُ ...} (سورة آل عمران: 174)

✚ *So they returned with Grace and Bounty from Allâh. No harm touched them; and they followed the good Pleasure of Allâh. And Allâh is the Owner of Great Bounty." (Surat Aal-`Imran, 174)*

✿ They were rescued, no harm touched them; Allah was pleased with them and came back safely and graciously.

📖 Al-Gohari said: [When a person entrusts his affairs to another person, it is as if he acknowledges his helplessness and inability to act on his own.]

⇒ For instance: When a lawsuit is filed in the court, we assign a trustworthy lawyer whom we trust and rely on, because we are ignorant of legal matters, so he entrusts this issue to him to deal with it on our behalf. That lawyer will represent us and defend us before the court. To Allah applies the highest similitude and to Him belong the finest attributes. We must raise all our affairs to Allah, Al-Wakeel [The Trustee, The Disposer of affairs, The Guardian over all things], Glorified and Exalted be He, to take care of our affairs, manage them, and dispose of them as He wills.

Az-Zajjaji said: "Allah's Name {Al-Wakeel} means Al-Kafeel: (The Protector and the Guarantor) as in Allah's saying:

{قَالَ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مَا نَقُولُ وَكِيلٌ} (يوسف: 66)

✚ *" So, as soon as they had brought him their binding compact, he said, " Allah is The Ever-Trusted Trustee over what we say." (Surat Yusuf, 66)*

And it means as well: Al-Kafil: that is, The Trustee as in Allah's saying:

{وَكَفَّلَهَا زَكَرِيَّا} (آل عمران من الآية: 37)

"entrusting her to the care of Zachariah (Zachariya)." (Surat Aal-`Imran, 37)

This means that Maryam was put under the care and sponsorship of Zachariya.

☞ It is Allah, {Al-Wakeel} [The Trustee, The Disposer of affairs, The Guardian over all things] Who takes charge (guards, maintains, provides) of this universe and the creatures in the heavenly and earthly worlds, as a Supreme Creator and King, and as a Disposer of Affairs.

☞ **The meaning of This Name when attributed to Allah, The Almighty:**

○ **The general meaning of this Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} [The Trustee, The Disposer of affairs, The Guardian over all things]:** He is The One Who has complete and ultimate responsibility for maintaining and disposing the affairs of His creations with His knowledge, perfect power and the comprehensiveness of His all-perfect wisdom, who guarantees their livelihood and needs. Allah, The Almighty, says:

{اللَّهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ} [الزمر: 62]

✚ **"Allâh is the Creator of all things, and He is the Wakîl (Trustee, Disposer of affairs, Guardian) over all things." (Surat Az-Zumar, 62)**

⇒ **He is their Guardian, Protector, and Disposer of their affairs, in creating them, mending and rectifying them and endowing them with provisions.**

☞ **Sheikh Al-Saadi said: [Allah is The Guarantor of His slaves Who guarantees the livelihoods and sustenance of His creatures. He is The Maintainer Who takes charge (guards, maintains, provides) of every creature who manages and disposes of the affairs of creatures and who guarantees for the worlds, with creation, disposal of affairs, guidance and predestination.**

○ **This Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} [The Trustee, The Disposer of affairs, The Guardian over all things] has a special denotation in terms of the believers:**

📖 Sheikh Al-Saadi said: [Allah is The One who takes care of His righteous slaves, thus, He facilitates for them the way to extreme ease, enabling them to avoid the path for evil.]

This "Special meaning is referred to in Allah's saying:

﴿وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا﴾ [الأحزاب: 3].

✚ "And put your trust in Allâh, and Sufficient is Allâh as a Wakîl (Trustee, or Disposer of affairs)." (Surat Al-Ahzab, 3)

﴿إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَيْسَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانٌ وَكَفَى بِرَبِّكَ وَكِيلًا﴾ [الإسراء: 65]

✚ "Verily, My slaves (i.e. the true believers of Islâmic Monotheism) - you have no authority over them. And All-Sufficient is your Lord as a Guardian." (Surat Al-Isra', 65)

﴿وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ﴾ [آل عمران: 173]

✚ "Those (i.e. believers) unto whom the people (hypocrites) said, "Verily, the people (pagans) have gathered against you (a great army), therefore, fear them." But it (only) increased them in Faith, and they said: "Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)."" (Surat Aal-`Imran, 173)

📖 At-Tabari said: [That is, Allah is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of the affairs for those whom He guards, protects and takes care of.]

📖 The eminent scholar Abd Al-Razzaq bin Abd Al-Mohsen Al-Badr said: [This means: Allah is The Best Guardian and Disposer of the affairs for those who resort to Him, and The Protector of those who hold fast to Him. This is specific to His pious worshipers who put their trust in Him and depend on Him.]

⇒ How come a person resorts Allah and He, Exalted be He, turns away from him?! Allah, The Almighty does not let down those who sincerely seek refuge in him.

⇒ At-Tabari said commenting on Allah's saying: "**Say: "Nothing shall ever happen to us except what Allâh has ordained for us. He is our Maulâ (Lord, Helper and Protector)." And in Allâh let the believers put their trust.**" (Surat At-Tawbah, 51) [When they put their trust in Allah alone and hope to be rendered victorious over others by Him, The Almighty, as they fear none but

Him, He fulfills their needs as He is All-Sufficient for them. He supports them and make them triumph over those who oppressors and wrongdoers.]

📖 Sheikh Hani Helmy said: [Allah ***is the Best Disposer of affairs for the believers and their Trustee. They*** believe in His might and strength, and renounce their might and strength, depending on Him alone, and acknowledging the perfection of His power. They have realized that there is no might and strength except with Allah, thus they relied on Him in all their affairs, and throughout their lives. They entrusted to Him all matters, before exerting any efforts in this life, sought help and support in Him in their pursuit of livelihood. They praised Him with all due thanks after they succeeded in life and gained sustenance. In case they are afflicted with any want or calamity, they are satisfied and pleased with their Lord and their fate.

🔍 There are three meanings and denotations revolving around this Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} [The Trustee, The Disposer of affairs, The Guardian over all things]:

- 1) Al-Kafeel [The Protector and the Guarantor].
- 2) Al-Kafy: [The All-Sufficient] and
- 3) Al-Hafeez: [The Ever-Preserving].

☰ None except our Lord, Al-Wakeel alone, deserves to be taken by all His creatures as their Trustee: Allah, The Almighty, says:

✚ ***"(He Alone is) the Lord of the east and the west; Lâ ilâha illâ Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). So, take Him Alone as Wakîl (Disposer of your affairs)." (Surat Al-Muzzamil, 9)***

⚙️ Allah, The King of kings and Lord of lords, Glorified and Exalted be He, orders you to take Him as your Trustee, to put your trust in Him, to turn or resort to none but to Him, and take Him as The Disposer of [your] affairs, and do not put your hopes in anyone save Him.

☰ So, the meaning of this Most Most Beautiful Name revolves around surrendering to to the Command of Allah, The Almighty, relying on Him and sincerely resorting to none but Him, turning sincerely and faithfully to Him. The believer, in doing so, must feel impoverished before Him, standing in need of none but Him, and must acknowledge His total weakness before

His Omnipotence. He must see himself powerless and helpless, regardless of the means he has.

⇒ Someone might ask: said: How can I *take Allah Alone as Wakîl (Disposer of affairs, and Trustee)?*

- 1) By having your heart attached to none but your Lord: your heart must be satisfied with none but Him, trusting none but Him, depending on none but Him. The is the core of "**dependence on Allah, and placing trust in Him**".

⇒ This is called "the heart's entrustment to Allah. It is the basic principle of one's "**dependence on Allah, and placing trust in Him**".

✂ Ibn Rajab said: ["One's **dependence on Allah, and placing trust in Him**: is "the sincerity of the heart's reliance on the Lord in obtaining benefits and warding off harms, in all affairs of this world and the hereafter, and it is the belief that none gives or withholds, harms or benefits except Him.

✂ An eminent scholar said: "The heart's prostration in the Hands of our Lord is like the dead person's submission when thrown into the hands of the dead washer, who tosses him around as he likes".

⇒ Does this mean that I must surrender to Allah, in all my affairs?
The Answer is: YES!

All the time, in good and bad times, when He gives you endowments and when He withholds them from you. When He endows you, then this will be due to His graces, and when He withholds, then this is due to His all-perfect justice, Glorified be He. This does not mean that you should not cry, or grieve, we are human beings. Yet, one's pain, or grief should be accompanied with one's Knowledge about one's Lord, Exalted be He, The All-Merciful, The Ever-Merciful. Allah, The Almighty, says:

(قُلْ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ أَمَّنَّا بِهِ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ... [29: المُلْك])

✂ "Say: "He is the Most Gracious (Allâh), in Him we believe, and in Him we put our trust. So you will come to know who it is that is in manifest error."" (Surat Al-Mulk, 29)

Our destinies that are predestined by Allah, Glorified be He, signify His perfect knowledge and divine wisdom, for Allah knows best what is good and beneficial for us.

✉ Ibn al-Qayyim said: "Some people falsely claim: "I put my trust in Allah". If they really put their trust in Allah, they will be pleased with Allah's divine deed."

✉ We rely on Allah, the Almighty, because He is The Trustee, The Guarantor of His slaves' livelihoods, The Disposer of their affairs Who sponsors their interests with all-perfect wisdom and knowledge and with absolute Omnipotence.

⇒ **One's dependence on Allah, and putting trust in Him: is a heartfelt act of worship**, in which a person disentangles himself from all the means of this world. His heart abstains from depending on these means, for his heart resorts to none but Allah, The Creator of these means. Thus, he depends solely on Him. Surely, the believer knows the tools of these means and knows very well how to use them, but this has nothing to do with his heart, that is attached and surrendering to his Lord.

⇒ This is because he firmly believes that all the causes and means are from Allah, Exalted be He, and in His hand. He realizes how those causes and means are all incomplete, defective and in need of their Creator, Glorified be He, and are incapable to have their effect without His permission.

📖 ***Adopting and using means does not contradict with "depending on Allah and putting trust in Him", rather it is part of complete and perfect dependence on Him. But beware lest your heart relies on the means, for this is what contradicts with your dependence on Allah and putting trust in Him. Allah, The Almighty, relates to us that He commanded Maryam (Mary) when the pains of labour drove her to the trunk of the palm tree to shake it:***

﴿وَهَزِي إِلَيْكَ بِجُذْعِ النَّخْلَةِ تُسَاقِطُ عَلَيْكَ رَطْبًا جَنِيًّا﴾ [مریم: 25]

🌟 **""And shake the trunk of date-palm towards you, it will let fall fresh ripe-dates upon you."" (Surat Maryam, 25)**

Someone might wonder how could she shake it in her so feeble state and a palm tree is too huge to be shaken, but Allah, The Almighty, willed us to learn an important lesson: making use of the means, without depending on

them will have fruitful results, even if you are so feeble and weak.

Put your trust in Allah, The All-Merciful,
In all your needs, and
Don't think you are too feeble to have them fulfilled.
Have you not seen that Allah ordered Maryam
To shake the trunk of the palm tree
To drop fresh, ripe dates upon you
Had He willed her to reap it
Without ever shaking it,
She would have reaped it,
But, indeed, everything should be attained
Through its means!

✉ So, the believer relies on his Lord and Creator, in all his affairs and in all his deeds, putting his trust in Him, seeking his God Whom he worships, and trusting Him, using means without depending on them.

2) By having your tongue engaged in affirming one's trust in Allah and dependence on Him.

قال ﷺ: (مَنْ قَالَ إِذَا خَرَجَ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ: بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ، يُقَالُ لَهُ: هُدَيْتَ وَكُفَيْتَ وَوُقِيَتْ، وَتَنَحَّى عَنْهُ الشَّيْطَانُ) صحيح الترمذي

It was reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever says upon leaving his house: 'In the Name of Allah, I place my trust in Allah, there is no might or power except with Allah' (Bismillāh, tawakkaltu `alallāh, lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā billāh)' it will be said to him: 'You have been guided, sufficed and protected,' and Satan will step aside and become distant from him." [Narrated in Sahih At-Tirmidhi]

وقال ﷺ: (أَلَا أَدُلُّكَ عَلَى كَلِمَةٍ مِنْ تَحْتِ الْعَرْشِ، مِنْ كَنْزِ الْجَنَّةِ؟ تَقُولُ: لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ، فَيَقُولُ اللَّهُ: أَسْلَمَ عَبْدِي وَاسْتَسَلَّمَ) صحيح الجامع

In addition, it was reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "'Shall I not tell you a word, under The Divine Throne, that is from the treasures of Paradise?' I said: 'Yes, O Messenger of Allah.' He said: 'La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah (There is no might or power except with Allah), [for which Allah says: 'My slave has surrendered and gave in.'"

✉ None could ever ward off harms from you except Allah, and none could lead you to what you wish and like except Allah. Moreover, the slave's status will not be turned from one to another except with Allah, for whatever Allah willed, has occurred, and whatever He did not will, has never occurred.

⇒ This is called "*the tongue's entrustment to Allah and "dependence on Him"*", that is, having your tongue engaged in affirming one's trust in Allah and dependence on Him, Al-Wakeel [The Trustee, The Disposer of affairs, The Guardian over all things].

✉ This is the believer's status at all times and under all circumstances: entrusting his soul and affairs to Allah and depending on Him:

A) So, whoever wants to duly worship Allah, must put his trust in Him.

Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿فَاعْبُدْهُ وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَيْهِ﴾ [هود: 123]

✚ "*So worship Him (O Muhammad ﷺ) and put your trust in Him.*" (Surat Hud, 123)

Allah, Exalted be He, has commanded us to recite in our prayers:

﴿إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ﴾ [الفاتحة: 5]

✚ "*You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).*" (Surat Al-Fateha, 5)

This is because if He does not help and assist you to worship Him, you will not be able to do anything!

B) Whoever wants to have his call to Allah and His religion succeed and its effects prosper and flourish, let him put his trust in Allah.

Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ﴾ [التوبة: 129].

✚ "*But if they turn away, say (O Muhammad ﷺ): "Allâh is sufficient for me. Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He) in Him I put my trust and He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne."*" (Surat At-Tawbah, 129)

C) Furthermore, whoever wants plenty of sustenance and good earning, must put his trust in Allah:

✉ **It is incumbent on you to ask Allah, Glorified be He, to suffice you:** if the slave knows that Allah is Kafy: [The All-Sufficient] for His slaves, who endows them lavishly their provisions and livelihood, and guarantees to protect them, render them victorious and give them glory and might, he will be sufficed in Him, contented with Him and he will never resort to anyone except Him.

قال ﷺ: (ومن استكفى كفاه الله عز وجل) صحيح النسائي.

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever wants to be content with his lot, Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, will suffice him." [Narrated in Sahih al-Nisa`i]

⇒ Therefore, one will not be considered a sincere believer in Allah unless he is certain that Allah is Sufficient for him in his cares and worries and that He is The Best Disposer of his affairs.

📖 We have a good example in our great role model, Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him), the leader of "those who place their trust in Allah". We should follow his guidance and follow his path:

عن عمر بن الخطاب - رضي الله عنه - قال: لما كان يوم بدر: نظر النبي ﷺ إلى أصحابه، وهم ثلاثمائة ونيف ، ونظر إلى المشركين فإذا هم ألف وزيادة، فاستقبل النبي ﷺ القبلة ، ثم مد يديه ، وعليه رداؤه وإزاره ، ثم قال : اللهم أين ما وعدتني ، اللهم أنجز لي ما وعدتني ، إِنَّكَ إِنْ تَهْلِكَ هَذِهِ الْعِصَابَةَ فَلَنْ تُعْبَدَ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَبَدًا". قال : فما زال يستغيث ربه [عز وجل] ويدعوه حتى سقط رداؤه ، فأتاه أبو بكر فأخذ رداءه فرداه ، ثم التزمه من ورائه ، ثم قال : يا رسول الله ، كفاك مناشدتك ربك ، فإنه سينجز لك ما وعدك ، فأنزل الله - عز وجل :- **(إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ أَنِّي مُمِدُّكُمْ بِأَلْفٍ مِّنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُرَدِّينَ) (سورة الأنفال: 9)**

👉 **Umar bin al-Khattab reported that on the day of the Battle of Badr, the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) cast a glance at his Companions who were around three hundred ones, and looked at the disbelievers and infidels who were more than one thousand persons. So, the Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) turned his face towards the Qibla (to invoke his Lord. Then he stretched his hands, wearing his upper and lower garment. Then he (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said (in his supplication to his Lord): "O Allah, where is Your promise to me?! O Allah, fulfill me what You have promised me! O Allah, if this small**

band of Muslims is annihilated, You will never be worshipped on this earth!"

He kept invoking his Lord, calling out to Him, until his upper garment fell from his shoulders. Abu Bakr came to him, picked up his upper garment and put it on him. Then he embraced him from behind and said: O Messenger of Allah, that is enough, indeed, He will accomplish for you what He has promised you. Then Allah revealed His Words:

: (إِذْ تَسْتَعِينُونَ رَبِّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ أَنِّي مُمِدُّكُمْ بِأَلْفٍ مِّنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُرَدِّينَ) (9) الأنفال

(Remember) when you sought help of your Lord and He answered you (saying): "I will help you with a thousand of the angels each behind the other (following one another) in succession." (Surat Al-Anfal, 9)

⇒ On that day, when the armies met (in battle), Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, defeated the polytheists: seventy of them were killed and seventy were taken captive.

☞ In the battle of Hunayn, the Companions were proud of their weapons and great number. They had all means, and were impressed by their multitude [as they were twelve thousand persons]. Some of them said: "We will not be defeated today because we have a large number of soldiers!"

Nevertheless, Allah, The Almighty, decreed the Muslims to be defeated at the onset of the battle because some of the Companions were not completely relying on Him, Glorified be He, and admired their multitude. Allah, The Almighty, says:

(وَيَوْمَ حُنَيْنٍ إِذْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ كَثْرَتُكُمْ فَلَمْ تُغْنِ عَنْكُمْ شَيْئًا وَضَاقَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْأَرْضُ بِمَا رَحُبَتْ ثُمَّ وَلَّيْتُم مُّذَبِّحِينَ) [سورة التوبة: 25]

✚ *"and on the Day of Hunain (battle) when you rejoiced at your great number, but it availed you naught and the earth, vast as it is, was straitened for you, then you turned back in flight." (Surat At-Tawbah, 25)*

⇒ So, contemplate this: the Muslims triumphed although they were few in number and humiliated in the Battle of Badr, why? because they put their complete trust in Allah, Exalted be He, Who says:

(وَلَقَدْ نَصَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ بِبَدْرٍ وَأَنْتُمْ أَذِلَّةٌ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ) (سورة آل عمران: 123)

✚ *"And Allâh has already made you victorious at Badr, when you were a weak little force. So fear Allâh much¹ that you may be grateful." (Surat Aal-`Imran, 123)*

(وَمَا جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بُشْرَىٰ لَكُمْ وَلِتَطْمَئِنَّ قُلُوبُكُم بِهِ ۗ وَمَا النَّصْرُ إِلَّا مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ) (سورة آل عمران: 126)

✚ *"Allâh made it not but as a message of good news for you and as an assurance to your hearts. And there is no victory except from Allâh, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise." (Surat Aal-`Imran, 126)*

📖 Ibn Katheer said: [That is, Allah, Glorified be He, sent down the angels and informed them that He would send them **just as a message of good news for them, and as an assurance to their hearts, as there is no victory except from Allah**. If Allah wills, He will render them victorious over their enemies without them, and without any need of them to fight them.

⇒ With the Muslims' multitude and strength in the Battle of Hunayn, they were defeated at first due to their lack of trust in their Lord.

➤ All affairs are based on our trust in Allah, Glorified be He, and the sincerity of our resorting to Him and the heart's prostration in the Hands of our Lord.

📖 Thus, whoever falls into a calamity or distress, he must ask Allah to suffice him, and Allah will be Sufficient for him and his protection. This is evident in *the story of the boy and the king, that was narrated by Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him):*

When the believing boy refused to renounce his religion, the king sent him with a group of soldiers to the top of a mountain and commanded them to throw him when they reach its peak. They took him and when they ascended to the top, he said, "O Allah! Save me from them by any means You will!" So, the mountain shook under their legs and they all fell down. The boy came back to the king on his feet.

The king asked him, "What did your companions (the people I sent with you) do?"

The boy said, "Allah saved me from them."

So, the king ordered another group of soldiers to take the boy on a boat to the middle of the sea, then ask him if he would renounce his religion, and if he refused, they would drown him." So, they took him out to sea, then

*the boy said, "O Allah! Save me from them by any means You will!"
Thus, the ship overturned and they all drowned in the sea. They boy was saved!*

➤ Allah, The Almighty is All-Sufficient for you; He will always suffice and protect you for He is Your Defender in all matters that worry you in the life of this world and the hereafter. There is no victory except from Allah.

☞ The Muslim must know that there is no victory except from Allah alone; it will not be brought down except if the believer's heart is completely attached to Allah and puts its trust in none but Him, Exalted be He.

➤ Rather, this victory is delayed in case the hearts' attachment to Allah and their dependence on Him decrease.

☞ In the darkest moments and under most difficult circumstances, when you think that there is no resort or refuge from hardships, only then, knock on the door of your Lord, Al-Wakeel, Who will suffice you, and will give you all protection and satisfaction.

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) ordered his companions to depend on Allah and put their trust in Him in the toughest moments.

(قال النبي ﷺ كيف أنعم وصاحب القرن قد التقم القرن واستمع الإذن متى يؤمر بالنفخ فينفخ، فكأن ذلك ثقل على أصحاب النبي ﷺ، فقال لهم: (فولوا حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل، على الله توكلنا) سنن الترمذي

It was reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "How can I be at ease when the one with the trumpet has put his lips to the trumpet, waiting to hear the order to blow it?!" This immensely distressed his companions, so he said to them: "Say: 'Allâh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us); in Allâh we put our trust.'"" [Narrated by At-Tirmidhi]

☞ Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said: [If the slave puts his trust in Allah as He should be entrusted, he will be enabled to do anything, he can even remove a mountain from its place, if he is commanded to do so.]

⇒ When the slave asks his Lord for His Sufficiency in everything, He will suffice him for He is **Al-Wakeel (The Trustee, The Disposer of affairs, The Guardian over all things), Al-Kafeel (The Protector and The Guarantor) and Al-Kafy (The All-Sufficient)**, Glorified be He.

⇒ Ibn Taymiyyah said in His Compiled fatwas (non-binding advisory opinions): [Allah, The Almighty, has commanded us to entrust all our affairs to Him in many verses of the holy Quran, more than He commanded us to perform ablution and ghusl (full-body ritual purification after intercourse or an ejaculation). Allah, Exalted be He, has forbidden us to put our trust in any one other than Him.)

☞ Putting one's trust in Allah is a remedy for those hearts that are attached to material means and have forgotten their Lord, Glorified be He. They are worried about sustenance; some of them committed sins to gain few dirhams and dinars. Some of them even deprived themselves of begetting offspring because of fear of not having enough livelihood. Yet, if the slave had known that It is Allah Who endows and withholds, He would have abstained from committing any forbidden acts and would have put his trust in his Lord, *"and Sufficient is Allâh as a Wakîl (Trustee, or Disposer of affairs)." (Surat Al-Ahzab, 3)*

☒ **Among the most important rules that disciplines and breeds one's soul and heart to sincerely entrust Allah in terms of "Nurturing Muslim's soul" are:**

❶ **The first rule:** Know for sure that the trials you pass through in your life are not meant to test your self-strength, for you are poor, weak, and incapable. Rather they test of the strength of your attachment to your Lord, to what extent you seek Allah's help and have recourse to Him, because He is The Rich, All-Powerful and All-Capable Lord.

⇒ For us, this is a golden rule, on the basis of which our dealings throughout life differ. Thus, if you understand and believe that your practices in life are nothing but a test of your own strength, you will struggle, and will falsely imagine that you are responsible for managing your own affairs, and that the trial is about your own strengths. This is totally untrue! The true and perfect strength belongs to none but Allah, Glorified be He. In fact, you are weak. This is not my opinion, this is how Allah, Exalted be He, has described His slaves in the Holy Quran:

⇒ **In the first verse of Surat al-Insan, Allah, Exalted be He, says:**

{هَلْ أَتَى عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ حِينٌ مِّنَ الدَّهْرِ لَمْ يَكُن شَيْئًا مَّذْكُورًا} (سورة الإنسان: 1)

✚ *"Has there not been over man a period of time, when he was not a thing worth mentioning?" (Surat Al-Insan, 1)*

⇒ And in Surat An-Nisa', Allah, Exalted be He, says:

✚ *And man has been created weak." (Surat An-Nisa', 25)*

⇒ Know for sure that you are not the only one who is weak, all people have been created weak, as the poet said:

Don't depend on a created being and
Be forever among those who have entrusted
All their affairs to Allah,
Be attached to none but Him,
Throughout your life,
For whoever puts his hopes in anyone other than Allah,
Will be a failure and total loss!

📖 So, the human being's call of another human being for help is like the drowning person's call of another drowning person for succor! Make a shortcut and resort to the valiant support, and The Lord of the Ancient House. Allah, The Almighty, says:

(قُلْ مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَمَّنْ يَمْلِكُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَمَنْ يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَمَنْ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ ۗ فَسَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ ۗ فَقُلْ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ (سورة يونس: 31)

✚ *"Say (O Muhammad ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ): "Who provides for you from the sky and the earth? Or who owns hearing and sight? And who brings out the living from the dead and brings out the dead from the living? And who disposes the affairs?" They will say: "Allâh." Say: "Will you not then be afraid of Allâh's punishment (for setting up rivals in worship with Allâh)?" (Surat Yunus, 31)*

🕒 **The second rule:** we must seek the help of God to provide for us the means that already endowed due to Allah's grace? So, we ask Allah, by virtue of His Name {Al-Awaal "The First"}, to bless us with His means, and to open them for us, to expand our breasts to deal with and benefit from them.

👉 There is a clear verse in this respect: Allah, The Almighty, says:

{أَأَنْتُمْ تَزْرَعُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الزَّارِعُونَ} (سورة الواقعة: 64)

"Is it you that make it grow, or are We the Grower?" (Surat Al-Waqi'ah, 64)

If you look at the core of the issue, you will find that the seed, water, earth, clay and strength that the farmer has, are all endowed by Allah, Who splits the grain and the date-stone (for sprouting), and Who produces the fruits.

عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَنْ جِبْرِيلَ عَنِ اللَّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى أَنَّهُ قَالَ: (يَا عِبَادِي كُلُّكُمْ ضَالٌّ إِلَّا مَنْ هَدَيْتُهُ فَاسْتَهْدُونِي أَهْدِكُمْ ... يَا عِبَادِي كُلُّكُمْ جَائِعٌ إِلَّا مَنْ أَطْعَمْتُهُ فَاسْتَطْعِمُونِي أَطْعِمْكُمْ، يَا عِبَادِي كُلُّكُمْ عَارٍ إِلَّا مَنْ كَسَوْتُهُ فَاسْتَكْسُونِي أَكْسِكُمْ) صحيح الجامع

It was reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said that Jibril, Allah's peace be upon him, said: [Allah, Glorified be He, said: 'My slaves, all of you are led astray except for those I have guided, so seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you! O My slaves, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food of Me and I shall feed you! O My slaves, all of you are naked except for those I have clothed, so seek clothing of Me and I shall clothe you!']

☒ **Your sincere and strong dependence on Allah means that:**

- 1) To rely on Him and call none but Him to provide you with means;
- 2) To rely on Him and call none but Him to enable you benefit from these means;
- 3) To rely on Him and call none but Him to endow you with the outcomes of these means.

☒ For example: I want to study Islamic sciences, I invoke Allah to facilitate all means for me to accomplish my goal. So Allah, The Almighty, endows us with modern voice-conferencing applications (like Zoom rooms). This came after Islamic centers and mosques were closed due to the spread of corona virus. Thus, I become more and more attached to my Lord, invoking Him to benefit me with what I learn, thus faith augments in my heart. We find the fruitful outcomes of this reflected on our attitude and behavior, so we obey Allah's in His orders and abandons His prohibitions.

☒ **Let me raise a question here:** What is the cause of the weakness of our call of Allah for help? Why we do not sincerely put our trust in Allah?

⇒ **Answer:** because of our poor knowledge about Allah. You feel that you can manage your own affairs better than Allah, and that your disposal of your affairs is better than Allah's. So, instead of bearing all your worries and

placing them at the door of Allah, you feel that you have to manage your own life then you convince yourself that this is as per Allah's command to His slaves to make use of the means!

⇒ **Yes, it is true: but our Lord has commanded us to make use of these means AFTER we have resorted to Him from the bottom of our hearts: Allah, The Almighty, says:**

{فَإِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ} (سورة آل عمران: 159)

✚ *"Then when you have taken a decision, put your trust in Allâh, certainly, Allâh loves those who put their trust (in Him)." (Surat Aal-`Imran, 159)*

☒ The command is stated clearly: once you make up your mind and resolve, put your trust in Allah. So, before you talk about the means for achieving your goal, or about the means for disciplining your children for instance, cry out to your Lord for help, for He (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us).

📖 This is the meaning of: **Allah, The Almighty, is The Trustee, Protector and Disposer of the affairs of His slaves.**

⇒ It means that Allah, Exalted be He, has ensured His slaves that It is He Who best manages and disposes their lives and affairs and mends them well, expanding their chests and facilitating their affairs, for He is All-Aware of their conditions, and He is The Mighty Lord Whose Command must prevail, and Who is powerful in (enforcing) His Command, so how can we abstain from taking Him as our Wakîl (Protector, Lord or Disposer of your affairs).

☒ **Allah, Exalted be He, has warned us againts taking anyone except Him as our Wakîl (Protector, Lord or Disposer of your affairs) as He says:**

(...أَلَّا تَتَّخِذُوا مِن دُونِي وَكِيلاً) (سورة الإسراء: 2)

✚ *"Take none other than Me as (your) Wakîl (Protector, Lord or Disposer of your affairs)." (Surat Al-Isra', 2)*

☒ Even if you think you are able to dispose of your own affairs, don't trust "that you are able because you have means":

(لَا تَكِلْنِي إِلَى نَفْسِي طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ)

In the supplications of morning and night, we are taught by Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) to say: **"O Allah, I hope for Your mercy! Do not leave me in charge of my affairs even for a blink of an eye (i.e. a moment).**

وفي رواية أحمد: (إِنْ تَكَلَّنِي إِلَى نَفْسِي تَكَلَّنِي إِلَى ضَيْعَةٍ وَعَوْرَةٍ وَذَنْبٍ وَخَطِيئَةٍ وَإِنِّي لَا أَتَّقُ إِلَّا بِرَحْمَتِكَ)

In another narration: Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: **"If You leave me in charge of myself, You will be abandoning me to to loss, shame, sin, and wrongdoing!" [Narrated by Ahmad]**

☒ So, we have to realize how weak and helpless we are, and how all the people around us are weak and helpless. On the other hand, we we have to know well how powerful and mighty Allah is.

☒ Don't ever cling to or depend on any human being, because all human beings are poor in relation to Allah; we all stand in need of Allah, Exalted be He, Who says:

(يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ) (سورة فاطر: 15)

✚ **"O mankind! it is you who stand in need of Allâh. But Allâh is Rich (Free of all needs), Worthy of all praise." (Surat Fatir, 15)**

⇒ **If all people stand in need of Allah, why then do you attach your heart to a poor being?!**

👉 You will be disciplined by your Lord; the sincerity of your entrustment to Him will be tried and tested. When you are afflicted with any adversities, you should understand well that these are the divine acts of Allah, The All-Wise, then wait patiently, knowing that only good comes from Allah, and most importantly you should be content with your destiny because:

(من رضيَ فَلَهُ الرِّضَا، ومن سَخِطَ فَلَهُ السَّخَطُ)

(whoever is content, then for him is (Allah's) pleasure, and whoever is discontent, then for him is (Allah's) wrath.)

📖 **What are the divine trials and tests that we are exposed to and should pass successfully?**

1) **The First One:** Allah, The Almighty, says:

{وَإِنْ يَمَسُّنَّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ} (سورة الأنعام: 17)

"And if Allâh touches you with an adversity" (Surat Al-An`am, 17)

👉 You should know that It is Allah Who touched you with such adversity. Now, are you content and satisfied with Him or not?

⇒ **Thus, the first test is:** to be exposed to the painful destinies that Allah ordains us, in order to test our sincerity and faith. We can pass it successfully only if we are content and satisfied with Allah.

وكما صحَّ في البخاري: قال ﷺ (إِنَّمَا الصَّبْرُ عِنْدَ الصَّدْمَةِ الْأُولَى).

It was reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "Verily, the patience is shown at the first blow (i.e. of a calamity)." [Narrated by Al-Bukhari]

⇒ "An adversity" is any harm that befalls a person in his daily life. Yet, people used to curse any difficulty or adversity that he goes through.

Why don't you say (in the Name of Allah)! Seek your Lord's help, call out for His assistance and He will open to you all locked gates.

⇒ Allah ordains some adversities to befall you, for it is like a process of eradication of what harms your religion and faith, to rid you of the wickedness that blemishes your soul, and leaves for you what will benefit you of faith, love, trust, hope and fear.

⇒ Let's take an example. If your little child falls sick, and the doctor decides that your son should undergo a surgery, you will be satisfied and accepting although you know that this surgery will be so painful because you trust the doctor and know that he will eradicate what harms him. To Allah applies the highest similitude and to Him belong the finest attributes! You must put your trust in Allah and be confident that all adversities and hardships that afflict you will be followed by wellness and righteousness in your religion.

☞ Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said: [The affliction that befalls the believer is like a medicine for him; it extracts from him the diseases that would have destroyed him, decreased his rewards and lowered his degree (with Allah). Thus, "the test" is "these diseases" for which we should be prepared to get the full reward and high status.]

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said:

قال رسول الله ﷺ (عَجِبَ اللَّهُ مِنْ قَوْمٍ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ فِي السَّلَاسِلِ) صحيح بخاري

**"Allah wonders at those people who will enter Paradise in chains."
[Narrated by Al-Bukhari]**

⇒ Some people did not submit themselves humbly to their Lord except after many calamities had befallen them. as per Allah's All-Wise disposal of their affairs. Allah, The Almighty, is the Lord of the worlds, He remedies and heals us in this world, by making some adversities and hardships befall us. By Allah, beside Whom none has the right to be worshipped, on the Day of Resurrection, if Allah reveals to us the perfect wisdom behind these adversities that befell us, our hearts will thaw like a candle, with love for Him, Glorified be He.

الاختبار الثاني: {وَإِنْ يَمَسُّنَكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ} ستطلب الكشف ممّن؟ {فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ} وهذا يُناسب اسم الوكيل

2) The Second One: Allah, The Almighty, says:

{وَإِنْ يَمَسُّنَكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ} (سورة الأنعام: 17)

**"And if Allâh touches you with an adversity, none can remove it but He,"
(Surat Al-An`am, 17)**

If any adversity befalls you, to whom will you resort to have it removed?

{فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ}

" none can remove it but He" (Surat Al-An`am, 17) This demonstrates a manifestation of Allah's Most Beautiful Name {Al-Wakeel} (The Trustee, The Protector, Lord or Disposer of your affairs

☞ Allah lifts off an adversity from you with His gracious Kindness. This has two forms:

⇒ Firstly, you find the adversity lifted off as per Allah's pure kindness. You put your trust in Him, and entrust to Him your affairs, and He will bring to you all good from where you never expect. You just knocked on His door and He has endowed you lavishly with all good. **This is a form of gracious Kindness.**

⇒ Secondly, Allah, The Almighty, subjugates to you what lifts off the adversity; this might be an idea that occurs to you, or a person, whom He ordains to help you remove the hardship you are suffering from. **This is a form of subjugation.**

3) **The third One:** If the slave attributes the fruitful results to himself, his intelligence, or his lineage, or wealth: ...

{فَإِذَا مَسَّ الْإِنْسَانَ ضُرٌّ دَعَانَا ثُمَّ إِذَا خَوَّلْنَاهُ نِعْمَةً مِنَّا قَالَ إِنَّمَا أُوتِيْتُهَا عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ ...} (سورة الزمر: 49)

✚ *"When harm touches man, he calls to Us (for help); then when We have (rescued him from that harm and) changed it into a favour from Us, he says: "Only because of knowledge (that I possess) I obtained it." Nay, it is only a trial, but most of them know not!" (Surat Az-Zummar, 49)*

{وَلَئِن أَدْقْنَاهُ نِعْمَاءَ بَعْدَ ضِرَّاءٍ مَسَّتْهُ لَيَقُولَنَّ ذَهَبَ السَّيِّئَاتُ عَنِّي ۚ إِنَّهُ لَفَرِحَ فَخُورٌ} (سورة هود: 10)

✚ *"But if We let him taste good (favour) after evil (poverty and harm) has touched him, he is sure to say: "Ills have departed from me." Surely, he is exultant, and boastful (ungrateful to Allâh)." (Surat Hud, 10)*

Someone might attribute his relief from a calamity by saying: (An idea came to me) or (I have a special trait: whenever a distress befalls me or a problem happens, on the spot the solution occurs to me).

{وَلَئِن أَدْقْنَاهُ رَحْمَةً مِنَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ ضِرَّاءٍ مَسَّتْهُ لَيَقُولَنَّ هَذَا لِي ...} (سورة فصلت: 50)

"And truly, if We give him a taste of mercy from Us, after some adversity (severe poverty or disease, etc.) has touched him, he is sure to say: "This is due to my (merit)" (Surat Fussilat, 50)

⇒ This means that when Allah touched you with an adversity, you realized that it was from Him, and you were contented and satisfied with Him, and invoked Him.

Till now, you are on the right track, but when you were endowed with a favour you felt proud and forgot The Granter of this favour and attributed to yourself. In the holy Quran, Allah mentioned many times how many people believe not, know not and are ungrateful.

{بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ} (سورة البقرة: 100)

✚ *"Nay! (the truth is:) most of them believe not." (Surat Al-Baqarah: 100)*

{وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ} (سورة غافر: 59)

✚ "there is no doubt about it, yet most men believe not." (Surat Ghafir, 59)

{لَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ} (سورة الأنعام: 37)

✚ "but most of them know not." (Surat Al-An'am, 37)

{وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ} (سورة غافر: 61)

✚ "yet, most of mankind give no thanks." (Surat Ghafir, 61)

☰ **The Merits of Putting one's Trust in Allah alone:** it is one of the best deeds of the heart. The True Religion of Islam is based on the believer's entrustment to Allah and his dependence on Him. Life itself will not be rectified except on its basis, and one will not succeed in life or be rendered victorious unless He entrusts his affairs to his Lord.

✚ You must say: "Sufficient for me is Allah" from the bottom of your heart:

{قُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ يَتَوَكَّلُ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ} (سورة الزمر: 38)

✚ "Say: "Sufficient for me is Allah; in Him those who trust (i.e. believers) must put their trust" (Surat Az-Zummar, 38)

⇒ Say: Allah is All-Sufficient for me; I have **taken Him as my Wakîl (Protector, Lord or Disposer of your affairs)**. I am certain that He will manage my affairs with the best disposal of affairs.

☰ **In bringing forth benefit to yourself, put your trust in Allah:** what do you need? Happiness; make use of all means, but **REMEMBER** without entrusting your affairs to Allah and seeking His help, these means will **NOT Benefit you**. Without the help and will of Allah, **Al- Wakeel (The Trustee, The Protector, Lord or Disposer of your affairs)**, **nothing can happen**. So, **humiliate yourself, prostrate humbly to your Lord, and supplicate to Him! Repeat your supplications many times and say: O my Lord! Rectify for me my offspring. Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring the comfort of our eyes, and make us leaders of the pious.**

☰ **In warding off harm, put your trust in Allah:** that oppressor who keeps harming you is but a weak and incapable creature, and The Great, All-Powerful, Omnipotent Lord is Your Protector. So, entrust your affairs to Him and He will defend you and ward off the plots of the plotters, and the cunning

schemes of the deceptive people against you. Say, with all might, confidence and trust in your Lord, Al-Wakeel:

**(إِنِّي تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ رَبِّي وَرَبِّكُمْ مَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ إِلَّا هُوَ آخِذٌ بِنَاصِيَتِهَا إِنَّ رَبِّي عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ)
(هود: 56)**

✚ "I put my trust in Allâh, my Lord and your Lord! There is not a moving (living) creature but He has the grasp of its forelock. Verily, my Lord is on the Straight Path (the truth)." (Surat Hud, 56)

- ✉ Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said: [Putting your trust in Allah is one of the strongest means that enable you to tolerate the unbearable harm and oppression of people, their injustice and aggression. It is, also, one of the most significant means that you should use for indeed, Allah is the Disposer of your affairs, your Defender and Protector, and He is Sufficient for you. Whoever is defender and protected by Allah, The Almighty, could not be overcome by his enemy or harmed by anyone unless this harm should inevitably befall him.]

Ibn al-Qayyim also said:

[Allah suffices those who put their trust in him, and is Sufficient for those who resort to him, for It is He Who reassures the fearful, and gives refuge to those who seek refuge in Him. Thus, whoever calls for Allah's help, and entrusts his affairs to Him will be defended, maintained and protected by Him. Whoever fears Allah will be reassured and rendered safe by Him, and will even be inundated by Him with all benefits.]

- ✉ Take your worries and entrust them to your Lord, **Al-Wakîl (Trustee, or Disposer of affairs)**, then feel too bashful of Him to be concerned about what you entrusted your Lord with and always repeat **Allah's saying:**

(وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا) [الأحزاب: 3].

✚ "and Sufficient is Allâh as a Wakîl (Trustee, or Disposer of affairs)." (Surat Al-Ahzab, 3)

- ✉ Indeed, Allah is All-Powerful in (enforcing) His command, and Supporter, He endues with honour whom He wills, and He humiliates whom He wills. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

إِنْ يَنْصُرْكُمُ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ وَإِنْ يَخْذَلْكُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرْكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ [آل عمران: 160].

✚ **"If Allâh helps you, none can overcome you; and if He forsakes you, who is there after Him that can help you? And in Allâh (Alone) let believers put their trust." (Surat Aal-`Imran, 160)**

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: " مَنْ نَزَلَتْ بِهِ فَاقَةٌ فَأَنْزَلَهَا بِالنَّاسِ لَمْ تُسَدَّ فَاقَتُهُ، وَمَنْ نَزَلَتْ بِهِ فَاقَةٌ فَأَنْزَلَهَا بِاللَّهِ فَيُوشِكُ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِرِزْقٍ عَاجِلٍ أَوْ آجِلٍ "

'Abdullah bin Mas'ud reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever is afflicted with destitution and beseeches the people for it, his destitution shall not end. And whoever is afflicted with destitution and he beseeches Allah for it, Allah will send provisions to him, sooner or later."

✉ **Pillars of "Putting Trust in Allah and Depending on Him alone" (At-Tawakkul):**

❶ Knowing about Allah, Glorified be He; to know your Lord, His Most Sublime Attributes: His all-perfect Ability, His sufficiency and protection of His slaves, His Sustainment of His creations, His all-encompassing knowledge of all things and all affairs, that occur as per His Will and Ability.

⇒ This knowledge is the first step in the slave's path to His dependence on Allah.

❷ To make use of the means: this is the real entrustment to Allah and dependence on Him: to make use of the means as if they were everything, then entrust your affairs to Allah as if you had had no means.

قال ﷺ (لو أنكم كنتم توكلون على الله حق توكله لرزقتم كما يرزق الطير تغدو خماصًا وتروح بطانًا) صحيح الترمذي

Umar bin Al-Khattab reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "If you were to put your trust in Allah as it should be, then He would provide for you just as a bird is provided for, it goes out in the morning empty-bellied, and returns satiated." [Narrated by At-Tirmidhi]

⇒ The birds came out of their nest, seeking their Lord's livelihood, firmly believing that He is their Sustainer.

❸ Being content with fate and destiny: when the slave entrusts his affairs to his Lord, he should feel content and because to Allah, The Almighty, all attributes of perfection belong, thus all good comes from Him.

⇒ The slave should make use of the means, seeking and calling for the help of Allah, firmly believing that everything lies in Allah's hand and that He is the One who estimates things, hence he should not be preoccupied with the worldly affairs over the hereafter.

﴿وَأَعِدُوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ﴾ (الأنفال: 60)

✚ "And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery)..." (Surat Al-Anfal, 60)

👉 We are ordered in the previous verse to prepare for our enemies, whatever power and whatever garrisoned horses to the utmost we can, while invoking Allah: "O our Lord, You are The Supporter, You are the Helper! None can render us victorious but You! You are our Protector! These means that we have prepared will not benefit us unless with Your permission, so be my Helper, Supporter, and Defender.

☞ Allah's Messenger, Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, could have been miraculously moved on from Mecca to Medina in the blink of an eye, just as Allah conveyed him miraculously from Mecca to Jerusalem, but Allah, The Almighty, ordained to give us an unforgettable lesson. During his journey from Mecca to Medina, Allah ordained him to have someone to bring him the news, and another one to erase the footprints in the sand, and a third person bring him the food. He (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) lurked *in the Cave of Thawr* for three days, where he had prepared his riding camel, in short he made use of all means. Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِيَ اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَمْ تَرَوْهَا﴾ (التوبة: 40)

✚ "If you help him (Muhammad ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ) not (it does not matter), for Allâh did indeed help him when the disbelievers drove him out, the second of the two; when they (Muhammad ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ and Abu Bakr ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ) were in the cave, he (ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ) said to his companion (Abu Bakr ﷺ ﷺ ﷺ): "Be not sad (or afraid), surely Allâh is with us." Then Allâh sent down His Sakînah (calmness, tranquillity, peace) upon him, and strengthened him with forces (angels) which you saw not, and made the word of those who disbelieved the lowermost, while the Word of Allâh that became the uppermost; and Allâh is All-Mighty, All-Wise." (Surat At-Tawbah, 40)

وقال صلى الله عليه وسلم (يا أبا بكر، ما ظنك باثنين الله ثالثهما) أخرجه البخاري ومسلم

It was reported that Abu Bakr said: "While we were in the cave, I said to the Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him): 'If one of them were to look down at his feet, then he would see us under his feet.' So he (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: 'O Abu Bakr! What do you think about two, the third of whom is Allah?'" [Narrated by AL-Bukhari and Muslim]

☞ Surely, these who put their trust in Allah are the happiest people, as they are close to their Lord. They have just one concern, that is, their meeting with Allah God. Indeed, Allah relieves those worshippers of all their concerns and worries.

☞ **Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, is Wakeel (Protector, Lord or Disposer of your affairs) of the believers: Allah says:**

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدَافِعُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا﴾ (الحج: 38)

✚ **"Truly, Allâh defends those who believe. Verily, Allâh likes not any treacherous ingrate to Allâh [those who disobey Allâh but obey Shaitân (Satan)]." (Surat Al-Hajj, 38)**

This is because they believe in Allah's might and power, and certain that there is no might or power except in Allah, The Almighty. This means: there is no way or refuge except in Allah's might and power to be able to abstain from committing sins and there is no strength to obey Him except with Him and His help. It means as well one will never turn from one state to another except with Allah's might and power, and nothing can move from its place or remain still in its place except with Allah's might and power.

☞ Whoever savors the taste of "depending on Allah and putting his trust in Him", will always feel comfortable, at ease, relaxed, safe, as

he knows about Allah. He believes that Allah, The Almighty, will never abandon him or fail him throughout his life till his death, so long as he is righteous and obedient of His commands, even in the most critical moments, when his soul will depart his body, divine blessings, mercies and graces will descend upon him. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ * نَحْنُ أَوْلِيَائُكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ﴾ [31-30: فصلت]

✚ *"Verily, those who say: "Our Lord is Allâh (Alone)," and then they stand firm, on them the angels will descend (at the time of their death) (saying): "Fear not, nor grieve! But receive the glad tidings of Paradise which you have been promised! "We have been your friends in the life of this world and are (so) in the Hereafter. Therein you shall have (all) that your inner-selves desire, and therein you shall have (all) for which you ask." (Fussilat, 30-31)*