

Ramadan Lesson 5: God-Consciousness

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I seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the accursed:
O you who believe! Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was for those before you, that you may attain Tagwa. [They are] prescribed number of days."

All praise be to Allah, may good, pure and blessed praises. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but Allah, alone, without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

In this session we will talk about an important topic which we direly need at every moment of our life, at every moment, at every silence, at every action, and every look. It is the subject of being conscious of Allah, the Majestic and Most High, the Magnificent, the Great.

Allah Most High says:

He knows of (the tricks) that deceive with the eyes, and all that the hearts (of men) conceal. Indeed nothing is hidden from Allah, whether on earth or in the heavens.

Nothing is hidden from Allah Most High. He is the Lord of this universe. He is the true deity in this universe. So nothing on earth and the heaven is unknown to Him. That is why some scholars said that the meaning of being conscious... what does consciousness mean? It is the knowledge of the heart of the nearness of the Lord.

By Allah, my brothers, it's a huge problem that one feels or fears the watch of the creation more than the watch of the Great and Almighty Creator. What do you think, if now for example cameras are installed in markets, gathering-places, and streets, and they say: "If someone looks at a woman, we will deduct from his salary, and he will be punished." You will find people, Subhanallah, thinking a thousand times before they look anywhere. They will lower their gaze, but why? Because "there is a camera here. And look at that camera there. It can see me and it is filming me, and then after that they will deduct my salary." He will think a thousand times due to those created cameras. But he does not think a thousand times before Allah Most High? From the watch of the Lord Most High.

Rather, what us truly sad and rather annoying is that you find some people fear from their children, their little children. That is, if his little kids are with him in the car, aged five, six, or the likes... you will find that if his kids are with him, he can't do anything forbidden. He can not. He fears what? He fears his little children. So he thinks a thousand times due to his little children, a little child, aged five or six, but does not fear Allah, the Great and the Almighty, the Powerful, the Mighty, the Subduer, the Compeller, the Majestic and the Honorable. If this proves anything, it proves weakness of faith.

For this, I say my dear brothers, we are in dire need to always remember that Allah the Great and the Almighty sees us. Before you do anything, before you say anything, before you look, before you do anything, or make any move, remember that Allah the Great and Almighty sees you and that Allah the Great and Almighty records everything you do. And as Bishr al-Hafi said: "If people reflect on the greatness of Allah, they will not disobey him." Truly, if people reflect on the greatness of Allah... but now people reflect on the greatness of the creation.

The greatness of the creation in their hearts is immense. So they feel more shame from the creation than from the Creator. But when he is alone, or travels alone, or is alone in a hotel, you find him disobeying his Lord, the Great and Almighty, without any care. But when he is with the creation, no matter how minor, you find that he does not disobey Allah the Great and Almighty. We ask Allah the Great and Almighty to reform our hearts and to make us aware of our defects.

This is what I had to say, and ask Allah forgiveness for me and you. And may Allah's peace, prayers, and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and his companions.

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