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An Explanation of a Great Supplication of the Prophet ﷺ

Explained by Shaykh Abdur-Razzaaq al-Badr

Translators forward

In the name of Allah, may the Salat and salam be upon the Messenger of Allah. As to what follows; before you is an explanation of a great supplication that all Muslims should become familiar with due to its comprehensiveness in covering many affairs that the Muslim is in need of to be protected, successful and happy in this life and the next. The explainer of this dua – Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-badr also mentioned that one of the salaf said amazing and beautiful words, he said:

“I contemplated the good and its doors are many. Prayer is good, fasting is good, showing goodness (to others) is good, (giving) charity is good; he said: ‘I found that its doors are many and I have come to know that all of this is in the Hands of Allah, because a servant (person) will not be successful in anything from the doors of good except that Allah gives him success in that and makes it easy for him. So, I’ve reached certainty that dua (supplication) is the key to all good.”

When coming across this dua I found it to be something beneficial for myself as well as the Muslims in general. Knowing the meanings of what the Prophet asked Allah for will also increase in the servant having a present heart when asking Allah, which will also increase in the means of the supplications being answered. I ask Allah to make it beneficial for myself and the Muslims and put it on my scale of good deeds.

Abu Anas Atif Hasan

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

It was reported that Abdullah bin Abbaas (may Allah be pleased with them) said: The Prophet ﷺ used to supplicate saying:

رَبِّ أَعْنِي وَلَا تُعِنِّ عَلَيَّ، وَأَنْصُرْنِي
وَلَا تَنْصُرْ عَلَيَّ، وَأَمْكُرْ لِي وَلَا تَمْكُرْ
عَلَيَّ، وَاهْدِنِي وَيَسِّرِ الْهُدَى لِي،
وَأَنْصُرْنِي عَلَى مَنْ بَغَى عَلَيَّ، اللَّهُمَّ
اجْعَلْنِي لَكَ شَاكِرًا، لَكَ ذَاكِرًا، لَكَ
رَهَابًا، لَكَ مَطْوَاعًا، لَكَ مُخْبِتًا إِلَيْكَ
أَوْاهًا مُنِيبًا، رَبِّ تَقَبَّلْ تَوْبَتِي، وَاغْسِلْ
حَوْبَتِي، وَأَجِبْ دَعْوَتِي، وَثَبِّتْ حُجَّتِي،
وَاهِدِ قَلْبِي، وَسَدِّدْ لِسَانِي، وَاسْأَلْ
سَخِيمَةَ صَدْرِي

رواه أبو داود والترمذي وابن ماجه وصححه
(الالباني في صحيح سنن أبي داود(1/414)

“O my Lord assist me and do not give assistance against me, give me victory and do not allow victory to be given over me, and plan for me and do not plan against me, guide me and make guidance easy for me, give me victory over the one who oppresses me, oh Allah make me grateful to You, remembering You, in awe of You, yielding to You , humble to You, awwaahan muneeban, Oh my Lord accept my repentance, wash my sins, answer my supplication, establish my evidence, guide my heart, set straight my tongue, and remove any malice from my heart.”

Abu Dawud, at-Tirmidhi and Ibn Maajah and authenticated by al-Albani in his saheeh of the sunan of Abu Dawud

This great supplication comprises of 22 request and solicitations. They are from the most important requests of a servant and from the means of his rectification and happiness in this life and the hereafter.

رَبِّ أَعْنِي

O my Lord
assist me

This is requesting assistance from Allah, meaning give me success in remembering You, thanking You and worshipping you well and while encountering the enemy provide me with Your assistance and success.

وَلَا تُعِينِ عَلَيَّ

And do not give
assistance
against me

Meaning do not let anyone overcome me that will prevent me from obeying You; to include my soul that incites to evil and from the devils of man and jinn.

وَأَنْصُرْنِي

give me victory

This is a supplication requesting victory, meaning that I overcome my enemies from the non-Muslims and the enemies of Your religion. Its also said (it means) give me victory over the soul that incites to evil, for indeed it is the greatest of enemies.

وَلَا تَنْصُرْ عَلَيَّ

And do not
allow victory to
be given over
me

Meaning do not allow anyone from
Your creation to have power over me.

وَأَمْكُرْ لِي

And plan for
me

Meaning place Your plot against my enemies and provide me a sound strategy and upright thoughts so as to be safe from their evil and repel their plots from where the enemy does not perceive from what You have guided me to from the paths that repel their plots and aggression.

وَلَا تَمْكُرْ عَلَيَّ

And do not
plan against me

Do not guide my enemy to a path that
will allow him to get the better of me.

وَإِهْدِنِي

Guide me

Direct me to the doors of good and bestow upon me beneficial knowledge and give me insight to the deficiencies of myself.

وَيَسِّرِ الْهُدَىٰ لِي

And make
guidance easy
for me

Meaning make it easy for me to follow the guidance and adhere to its path. Prepare for me the means of good so that obedience is not heavy upon me and I'm not distracted and turned away from worship.

وَأَنْصُرْنِي عَلَى مَنْ
بَغَى عَلَيَّ

Give me victory
over the one
who oppresses
me

Meaning give me victory over the one
who oppresses and wrongs me.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي لَكَ
شَاكِرًا

O Allah make
me grateful to
You

Meaning inspire me to thank You for
Your favors and Your blessings upon
me.

لَكَ ذَاكِرًا

Remembering You

Meaning during all times; standing, sitting and lying down.

لَكَ رَهَابًا

In awe of You

Meaning fearful of you during easy and difficult times.

لَاكَ مَطْوَاعًا

Yielding to You

Meaning much obedience which is submission, compliance and obedience.

لَاكَ مُخْبِتًا

Humble to You

This is from the word 'ikhbaat' which means to be humble and it is reverence, humility and submission. Meaning 'make me towards You, revering, humble and submissive.'

إِلَيْكَ أَوَّاهًا مُنِيبًا

To You
Awwaahan
Muneeban

Awwaahan is one who makes much
dua, begging and crying

Muneeban is one who repents and
returns to Allah in (all of) his affairs.

رَبِّ تَقَبَّلْ تَوْبَتِي

**My Lord accept
my repentance**

Meaning make it sound/correct with its conditions being met along with its etiquettes.

وَ اغْسِلْ حَوْبَتِي

Wash my sins

Meaning wipe away my wrong doings and sins.

وَأَجِبْ دَعْوَتِي

Answer my
supplication

Meaning answer my dua.

وَأَثِّبْ حُجَّتِي

Establish my
evidence

Meaning against your enemies in this life and the end (of it) and make firm my statement and confirmation in this life and when questioned (in the grave) by the two angels.

وَأَهْدِ قَلْبِي

Guide my heart

Meaning to knowing my Lord and knowing the truth and guidance which He ordered and sent His messengers with.

وَسَدِّدْ لِسَانِي

Set straight my
tongue

Meaning correct and make upright my tongue so that I do not speak except with truthfulness and a correct statement.

وَاسْأَلْ سَخِيمَةَ

صَدْرِي

And remove
any malice from
my heart

Meaning remove the rancor of my heart and it is deception, hatred, envy and what is similar to that from what emanates from the chest and resides in the heart from harmful and evil manners.