

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



Friday Sermon

Hazrat Khalifatullah Munir. A. Azim (atba)

26 June 2020

04 Dhul-Qaddah 1441 AH

After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hazrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on:

The Attributes of Allah (Pt.10)

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا

Wa lillaahil Asma'ul Husna, fad'uhu biha'.

The most beautiful names belong to Allah, so call on Him by them. (Al-Arraf 7: 181)

Asma'ul Husna, means the most beautiful names, and the most beautiful names indeed belong to Allah (twa).

In a Hadith compiled by Imam Bukhari (ra), it has been narrated that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said: "There are 99 names that are Allah's alone, one hundred less one. Whoever (learns, understand, and) enumerates them, enters Paradise."

The 99 *Asma'ul Husna* as we know it are as follows:

No.	Name	Transliteration	Meaning
1	اللَّهُ	ALLAHU – ALLAHU LAA ILAAHA ILLAH HUWA	The Proper Name of Almighty God, the One without any associate – He is Allah, the One whom there is none worthy of worship except for Him.
2	الرَّحْمَنُ	AR-RAHMAN	Full of Grace
3	الرَّحِيمُ	AR-RAHIM	Full of Mercy
4	الْمَلِكُ	AL-MALIK	The Sovereign
5	الْقُدُّوسُ	AL-QUDDUS	The Pure One
6	السَّلَامُ	AS-SALAM	The Source of peace
7	الْمُؤْمِنُ	AL-MU'MIN	The All Secure, The One Who gives Security
8	الْمُهَيِّمُ	AL-MUHAYMIN	The Guardian, The Witness, The Overseer
9	الْعَزِيزُ	AL-AZIZ	The All Mighty
10	الْجَبَّارُ	AL-JABBAR	The Compeller, The Enforcer
11	الْمُتَكَبِّرُ	AL-MUTAKABBIR	The Majestic, Conscious of His Greatness
12	الْخَالِقُ	AL-KHAALIQ	The Creator, The Maker
13	الْبَارِئُ	AL-BAARI'	The Originator, The Maker of Order
14	الْمُصَوِّرُ	AL-MUSAWWIR	The Fashioner, The Perfect Artist

15	الْغَفَّارُ	AL-GHAFFAR	The Forgiver
16	الْقَهَّارُ	AL-QAHHAR	The Dominating One
17	الْوَهَّابُ	AL-WAHHAAB	The Giver of all things
18	الرَّزَّاقُ	AR-RAZZAAQ	The Provider
19	الْفَتَّاحُ	AL-FATTAAH	The Opener, The Judge
20	الْعَلِيمُ	AL-'ALEEM	The All-Knowing, The Omniscient
21	الْقَابِضُ	AL-QAABID	The Withholder
22	الْبَاسِطُ	AL-BAASIT	The Extender
23	الْخَافِضُ	AL-KHAAFIDH	The Reducer, The Abaser
24	الرَّافِعُ	AR-RAAFI'	The Exalter, The Elevator
25	الْمُعِزُّ	AL-MU'IZZ	The Honourer, The Bestower
26	الْمُذِلُّ	AL-MUZIL	The Dishonourer, The Humiliator
27	السَّمِيعُ	AS-SAMI'	The All-Hearing
28	الْبَصِيرُ	AL-BASEER	The All-Seeing
29	الْحَكَمُ	AL-HAKAM	The Judge, The Giver of Justice
30	الْعَدْلُ	AL-'ADL	The Utterly Just

31	اللطيفُ	AL-LATEEF	The Subtle One, The Most Gentle
32	الخبيرُ	AL-KHABEER	The Acquainted, the All-Aware
33	الحليمُ	AL-HALEEM	The Most Forbearing
34	العظيمُ	AL-'AZIM	The Magnificent, The Supreme
35	الغفورُ	AL-GHAFOOR	The Forgiving, The Exceedingly Forgiving
36	الشكورُ	ASH-SHAKUR	The Most Appreciative
37	العليُّ	AL-'ALI	The Most High, The Exalted
38	الكبيرُ	AL-KABEER	The Greatest, The Most Grand
39	الحفيظُ	AL-HAFIZ	The Preserver, The All-Heedful and All-Protecting
40	المقيتُ	AL-MUQIT	The Guardian, The Mighty, The Witness, The One Who Produces Subsistence and Who Judges while taking account every little detail
41	الحسيبُ	AL-HASEEB	The Reckoner, The Sufficient
42	الجليلُ	AL-JALIL	The Majestic
43	الكريمُ	AL-KAREEM	The Most Generous, The Most Esteemed
44	الرقيبُ	AR-RAQEEB	The Watchful
45	المجيبُ	AL-MUJEEB	The Responsive One
46	الواسعُ	AL-WAASI'	The All-Encompassing, the Boundless

47	الْحَكِيمُ	AL-HAKEEM	The All-Wise
48	الْوَدُودُ	AL-WADOOD	The Most Loving
49	الْمَجِيدُ	AL-MAJEED	The Glorious, The Most Honourable
50	الْبَاعِثُ	AL-BA'ITH	The Resurrector, The Raiser of the Dead
51	الشَّهِيدُ	ASH-SHAHEED	The All- and Ever Witnessing
52	الْحَقُّ	AL-HAQQ	The Absolute Truth
53	الْوَكِيلُ	AL-WAKIL	The Trustee, The Disposer of Affairs
54	الْقَوِيُّ	AL-QAWIYY	The All-Strong
55	الْمَتِينُ	AL-MATEEN	The Firm, The Steadfast
56	الْوَلِيُّ	AL-WALIYY	The Protecting Associate
57	الْحَمِيدُ	AL-HAMEED	The Praiseworthy
58	الْمُحِصِي	AL-MUHSI	The All-Enumerating, The Counter
59	الْمُبْدِي	AL-MUBDI	The Originator, The Initiator
60	الْمُعِيدُ	AL-MU'ID	The Restorer, The Reinstater
61	الْمُحْيِي	AL-MUHYI	The Giver of Life
62	الْمُمِيتُ	AL-MUMEET	The Bringer of Death, the Destroyer

63	الْحَيُّ	AL-HAYY	The Ever-Living
64	الْقَيُّومُ	AL-QAYYOOM	The Sustainer, The Self-Subsisting
65	الْوَاحِدُ	AL-WAAJID	The Perceiver
66	الْمَاجِدُ	AL-MAAJID	The Illustrious, the Magnificent
67	الْوَاحِدُ الْأَحَدُ	AL-WAAHID 'UL AHAD	The One Unequalled
68	الْصَّمدُ	AS-SAMAD	The Eternal, Satisfier of Needs
69	الْقَادِرُ	AL-QAADEER	The Capable, The Powerful
70	الْمُقْتَدِرُ	AL-MUQTADIR	The Omnipotent
71	الْمُقَدِّمُ	AL-MUQADDIM	The Expediter, The Promoter
72	الْمُؤَخِّرُ	AL-MU'AKHKHIR	The Delayer, the Retarder
73	الْأَوَّلُ	AL-AWWAL	The First
74	الْآخِرُ	AL-AAKHIR	The Last
75	الظَّاهِرُ	AZ-DHAAHIR	The Manifest
76	الْبَاطِنُ	AL-BAATIN	The Hidden One, Knower of the Hidden
77	الْوَالِي	AL-WAALI	The Governor, The Patron

78	الْمُتَعَالِي	AL-MUTA'ALI	The Self Exalted
79	الْبَرُّ	AL-BARR	The Source of Goodness, the Kind Benefactor
80	التَّوَّابُ	AT-TAWWAB	The Ever-Pardoning, The Relenting
81	الْمُنْتَقِمُ	AL-MUNTAQIM	The Avenger
82	الْعَفُوُّ	AL-'AFUWW	The Pardoner
83	الرَّؤُوفُ	AR-RA'OOF	The Most Kind
84	مَالِكُ الْمُلْكِ	MAALIK-UL-MULK	Master of the Kingdom, Owner of the Dominion
85	ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ	DHUL-JALAALI WAL-IKRAAM	Possessor of Glory and Honour, Lord of Majesty and Generosity
86	الْمُقْسِطُ	AL-MUQSIT	The Equitable, the Requirer
87	الْجَامِعُ	AL-JAAMI'	The Gatherer, the Uniter
88	الْغَنِيُّ	AL-GHANIYY	The Self-Sufficient, The Wealthy
89	الْمُغْنِي	AL-MUGHNI	The Enricher
90	الْمَنَاعُ	AL-MANI'	The Withholder
91	الضَّارُّ	AD-DHARR	The Distresser
92	النَّافِعُ	AN-NAFI'	The Propitious, the Benefactor

93	النُّورُ	AN-NUR	The Light, The Illuminator
94	الْهَادِي	AL-HAADI	The Guide
95	الْبَدِيعُ	AL-BADI'	The Incomparable Originator
96	الْبَاقِي	AL-BAAQI	The Ever-Surviving, The Everlasting
97	الْوَارِثُ	AL-WAARITH	The Inheritor, The Heir
98	الرَّشِيدُ	AR-RASHEED	The Guide, Infallible Teacher
99	الصَّبُورُ	AS-SABOOR	The Forbearing, The Patient

The listing of the attributes of Allah which I have just recited before you is found in the book of Imam Tirmidhi with the addition of the attribute “Al-Ahad” along with “Al-Waahid” [Al-Waahid’ul Ahad] as both names of Allah have the same meaning. Allah is “Waahid” and “Ahad” as well, the One, Unique, Unequaled God. And all these actually form the very 99 Asma’ul Husna of Allah as we know it.

So these 99 names we base them on the ‘Daliil’, i.e. proof from Quran and Sunnah, on the Hadith that Imam Tirmidhi (ra) who is one of the widely accepted ‘Sittah’, i.e. the six unanimously approved compilers of Hadith, collected in his Sunnan Tirmidhi. He related on the authority of Abu Hurairah (ra) that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said:

“Allah has ninety-nine names, one hundred less one. He who **‘ahsaha’** [حَصَّاهَا]

- i.e. enumerates them, believes in them, ponders over their meanings, worships Allah by them and supplicates with them, and acts by them according to one’s belief in them - will enter Paradise.” [Tirmidhi]

This Hadith is mentioned in the Hadiths compilations of Imam Bukhari and Muslim, by both Abu Hurairah (ra) and Ibn Umar (ra), with a little variation. In the version of Muslim, by Ibn Umar (ra), the word **‘ahsaha’** is used.

The problem that occurs when considering the list of the 99 attributes of Allah as we know it from the posters and booklets available is that it contains some names which are not considered names of Allah by some, for e.g. *Al-Rasheed* and *Al-Baqi* for they are not found in the Holy Quran. But these attributes of Allah are mentioned in the Compilation of Imam Tirmidhi with Abu Hurairah being the narrator. There is not a consensus on the actual 99 *Asma'ul Husna* of Allah. It should be noted that the Hadith states that Allah has ninety-nine names, one hundred less one. This is not meant to be all inclusive. That is, it does not mean that Allah has ninety-nine and only ninety-nine names. Indeed in going through the Quran and authentic Hadiths of the Prophet (pbuh) many scholars have been able to discover more than ninety-nine names of Allah.

Further, many scholars have concluded that Allah has an infinite number of names. This opinion is based on the following Hadith. The Holy Prophet (pbuh) made the following supplication: “(O Allah) I ask You of You by every name that you have revealed in Your Book or that You have taught any of Your creation or that You have kept hidden, in the unseen knowledge, with Yourself.” (Recorded by Ahmad, according to Al-Albani, it is Sahih).

So, this does not mean Allah has only 99 names. There are further names attributed to Allah which He has revealed to His choice creation. Some say that Allah has three thousand names: One thousand He revealed to His angels, one thousand He has revealed to His prophets – three hundred in *Zabur*, i.e. the Psalms of David (as), three hundred in *Tawraat*, i.e. Torah, the Book of Moses (as), three hundred in *Injeel*, i.e. the Gospels of Jesus (as), and some lot less than that are in the Holy Quran and *Sunnah* of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Some also say one, the name of His essence “*Isme Azam*” [the Exalted Name of Allah], He has kept for Himself and hidden in the Quran.

Since the undisputed champion is the authority of the Holy Quran, and the *Sunnah* of our beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh), we will *Insha-Allah* continue to study the 99 beautiful names of Allah in our study-circles and like it is our habit, to recite them on a daily basis.

Therefore, we must remember and draw near to Allah by reciting His name or His attributes. His name is His proper name “**ALLAH**” and His attributes are

innumerable. The beautiful names of Allah are proof of the existence and oneness of Allah.

O you who are burdened and troubled with weight and suffering of the material world, may Allah make His beautiful names a soothing balm for your wounded hearts. Learn, understand, and recite Allah's beautiful names. Seek the traces of Allah's attributes in the skies above, on the earth below, and in what is beautiful in your being. You will find blessings in it to the extent of your sincerity. With the permission of Allah, the doubter will find security, the ignorant will find wisdom, the denier will confirm himself on the truth. The stingy will become generous, the tyrant will bow his head, and the fire in the hearts of the envious will be extinguished.

So my dear brothers and sisters, qualify yourselves with the qualities of God. This does not mean, however, that there are only these 99 names mentioned in Quran and *Sunnah*. Remember that there are more names mentioned in Quran and *Sunnah* not accounted for in the Hadiths of Bukhari, Muslim and Tirmidhi like we have just seen. This can be explained to clear up the proper approach when we utilize a verse and a Hadith from the Quran and *Sunnah*. That is, some people have a tendency to take a Hadith or one verse and then based on that one text, they will make some conclusion that this is the only ordered instruction. But, actually, we should all realise that all of the Quran and Hadith complement each other and explain one another. To find the correct position on any one question, one must bring together all of the related verses and Hadiths and see what the true Islamic position is of that question. Thus, this also applies to the lesson learnt today. The Hadith of Tirmidhi does mention, and it is a strong well-respected Hadith, the 99 beautiful names of Allah, and it is safe to assume that Allah should be invoked - made *duahs* to - with the 99 *Asma'ul Husna*. However, other names mentioned in the Quran and Hadiths can also be called upon as long as the Hadiths are of authentic sources.

So I end my sermon on the subject here for today and I pray Allah (swt) give me the *Tawfiq* to continue on the same subject next Friday, *Insha-Allah*.

DIVINE REVELATIONS

[Yesterday] Thursday 25 June 2020 at 3:25 pm I received some revelations which I would like to share with you:

There are words in Arabic that have been revealed with their meanings:

- **Kiraaman** – honourable
- **Kaatibin** – writing down
- **Al-Abraar** – pious believers
- **Al-Fujjar** – the wicked

The Message is as follows:

“When Allah raises someone, he becomes an honourable person [Kiraaman]. One who bonds with His Messenger 100% [completely] and who fully believes when he receives the divine revelation in writing [Kaatibin], and when he gives the message; then whoever believes in his writings and words of the revealed messages, including the seekers of truths, they become the pious believers [Al-Abraar] and when a person becomes a pious believer and remains in constant contact with the honourable one [i.e. the Elect of Allah], then Allah (swt) showers His special *Ilm* [divine knowledge], whereby that pious believer [all those pious believers] receive/s the ability to shut the mouth of the wicked disbelievers [Al-Fujjar] - the so-called scholars. So he acquires the power of the pen [and that of the tongue as well].”

Blessed [Happy] are those who reach this stage/ position of “Al-Abraar” whereby they are not just pious but Allah qualifies them as “Al-Abraar” [pious believers] and who get special blessings because of their connection and belief in His honourable one [His Messenger] and the messages he receives from Allah.

So to conclude: May Allah bless all my sincere disciples with the knowledge of using the *Asma’ul Husna* in the best way in their lives, so that these beautiful names of Allah enable them to deal with their everyday lives with *Taqwa*, justice and courage. May Allah remove all your problems, open your path to spiritual as well as to worldly success for the benefit of the progress of truth and your own individual spiritual knowledge and growth, in this life and the life to come. *Ameen*.