

The Qur'anic Perspective on Glorification (*Tasbeeh*)

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Root Word

- *Sabbaha* (سَبَّحَ): it/he glorified (to glorify); elevating Allah (swt) above any negative attribute.
- It appears in the Qur'an in different forms including, but not limited to, the following:
 - We glorify (نُسَبِّحُ); it/he glorified (سَبَّحَ); glorified be You (سُبْحَانَكَ); he glorifies (يُسَبِّحُ); glorified be He (سُبْحَانَهُ، سُبْحَانَهُ); and glorify! (سَبِّحْ).

Prophets (as)

سورة المائدة - سورة 5 - آية 116

وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ أَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمِّي إِلهَيْنِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالَ **سُبْحَانَكَ** مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقٍّ

And when Allah said :O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you say to people : Take me and my mother for two gods beside Allah ?He said :Glorified be You !It was not mine to utter that to which I had no right.

سورة طه - سورة 20 - آية 33

كَيْ نُسَبِّحَكَ كَثِيرًا

Prophets Musa & Haroon (as)– much you That we may glorify

143 & 139 آية – سورة 37 - سورة الصافات

وَإِنَّ يُونُسَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ (139)... فَلَوْلَا أَنَّهُ كَانَ مِنَ **الْمُسَبِّحِينَ** (143)

And indeed, Yunus is surely among the messengers. And had .he not been one of those who glorify (Allah)

The Believers

191 آية - 3 سورة - سورة آل عمران

الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَامًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ
السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا **سُبْحَانَكَ** فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Those who remember Allah, standing, sitting, and reclining, and consider the creation of the heavens and the earth, (and say): Our Lord! You did not create this in vain. Glory be to You! Preserve us from the doom of Fire.

37- سورة النور - سورة 24 - آية 36

فِي بُيُوتٍ أَذِنَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ **يُسَبِّحُ** لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ
(36) رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِيهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

In houses Allah has allowed to be raised and wherein His name is celebrated. He is glorified therein, morning and evening by men whom neither trading or bargaining distracts them from the remembrance of Allah.

Angels

75 آية - 39 سورة - سورة الزمر

وَتَرَى الْمَلَائِكَةَ حَافِّينَ مِنْ حَوْلِ الْعَرْشِ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ

And you (O Muhammad) see the angels thronging round the Throne, hymning the glorification of their Lord.

7 آية - 40 سورة - سورة غافر

الَّذِينَ يَحْمِلُونَ الْعَرْشَ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَيُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

Those who bear the Throne, and all who are round about it, hymn the glorification of their Lord and believe in Him and ask forgiveness for those who believe.

5 آية - 42 سورة - سورة الشورى

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ

While the angels hymn the glorification of their Lord

People in Paradise

9-10 [سورة يونس](#) - سورة 10 - آية

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ يَهْدِيهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ بِإِيمَانِهِمْ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ
الْأَنْهَارُ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ (9) دَعَوَاهُمْ فِيهَا **سُبْحَانَكَ** اللَّهُمَّ وَتَحِيَّتُهُمْ فِيهَا سَلَامٌ
وَأخِرُ دَعَوَاهُمْ أَنْ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (10)

Indeed those who have faith and do righteous deeds, their Lord guides them by the means of their faith. Streams will run for them in gardens of bliss. Their call therein will be, “O Allah! Immaculate are You!” and their greeting therein will be “Peace!” and their concluding call, “All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of all worlds.”

Everything

سورة الرعد - سورة 13 - آية 13

وَيُسَبِّحُ الرَّعْدُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ مِنْ خِيفَتِهِ

The Thunder celebrates His glorification, and the angels [too], in awe of Him.

سورة الإسراء - سورة 17 - آية 44

تُسَبِّحُ لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا

The seven heavens glorify Him, and the earth [too], and whoever is in them. There is not a thing but celebrates His glorification, but you do not understand their glorification. Indeed He is all-forbearing, all-forgiving.

79 آية - سورة 21 - سورة الأنبياء

وَسَخَّرْنَا مَعَ دَاوُودَ الْجِبَالَ يُسَبِّحْنَ وَالطَّيْرَ

And we disposed the mountains and the birds to glorify

[Us] with David.

Everything

سورة فصلت - سورة 41 - آية 21

وَقَالُوا لِجُلُودِهِمْ لِمَ شَهِدْتُمْ عَلَيْنَا قَالُوا أَنْطَقَنَا اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْطَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ

And they say unto their skins: Why testify ye against us?
They say: Allah hath given us speech Who gives speech to all things

- Everything recognizes its existence, and glorifies Allah (swt) due to its constant need of Him; and praises Him for its creation and granting the ability to demonstrate its beauty/power, etc.; and demonstrates the greatness of its Creator.

(سبحانه و تعالى) Allah

آية - 17 سورة - سورة الإسراء

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى
الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِّنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

Glorified be He Who carried His servant on a night journey from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque whose environs We have blessed

سورة مريم - سورة 19 - آية 35

مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ **سُبْحَانَهُ**

It is not for Allah to take a son. Glorified be He!

آية - 21 سورة - سورة الأنبياء

لَوْ كَانَ فِيهِمَا آلِهَةٌ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَفَسَدَتَا **فَسُبْحَانَ** اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ

Had there been gods in them (heavens and earth) other than Allah, they would surely have fallen apart. Glorified be Allah, the Lord of the Throne, of what they allege

(concerning Him)

In Prayers

94 & 74 آية - 56 سورة - سورة الواقعة

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ

So (O Muhammad), glorify in the name of you
Lord, the Great.

1 آية - 87 سورة - سورة الأعلى

سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى

Glorify the name of your Lord the Most High

Tasbeeh

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Glorified be Allah, and Praise be to Allah, and no god but Allah, and Allah is Great.

Du‘ā of *Tasbeeh* by Imam Al-Sajjad (as) – *Sahifa*

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَحَنَانِيكَ. سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَتَعَالَيْتَ. سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَالْعِزُّ
إِزَارُكَ. سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَالْعَظَمَةُ رِذَاؤُكَ. سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَالْكِبَرِيَاءُ
سُلْطَانُكَ. سُبْحَانَكَ مِنْ عَظِيمِ مَا أَعْظَمَكَ. سُبْحَانَكَ سُبِّحْتَ فِي الْمَلَا
الْأَعْلَى، تَسْمَعُ وَتَرَى مَا تَحْتَ الثَّرَى. سُبْحَانَكَ أَنْتَ شَاهِدُ كُلِّ نَجْوَى.
سُبْحَانَكَ مَوْضِعُ كُلِّ شَكْوَى. سُبْحَانَكَ حَاضِرُ كُلِّ مَلَا. سُبْحَانَكَ عَظِيمُ
الرَّجَاءِ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَرَى مَا فِي قَعْرِ الْمَاءِ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَسْمَعُ أَنْفَاسَ الْحَيَاتَانِ
فِي قُغُورِ الْبَحَارِ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَعْلَمُ وَزْنَ السَّمَوَاتِ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَعْلَمُ وَزْنَ
الْأَرْضِينَ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَعْلَمُ وَزْنَ الشَّمْسِ وَالْقَمَرِ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَعْلَمُ وَزْنَ
الظُّلْمَةِ وَالنُّورِ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَعْلَمُ وَزْنَ الْفَيِّءِ وَالْهَوَاءِ. سُبْحَانَكَ تَعْلَمُ وَزْنَ
الرَّيْحِ كَمْ هِيَ مِنْ مِثْقَالِ ذَرَّةٍ. سُبْحَانَكَ قُدُّوسٌ قُدُّوسٌ قُدُّوسٌ. سُبْحَانَكَ
عَجَبًا مَنْ عَرَفَكَ كَيْفَ لَا يَخَافُكَ؟! سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ. سُبْحَانَكَ

Conclusion

- *Tasbeeh* is the glorification of Allah (swt) in a way to elevate Him over all negative attributes given to Him.
- It is performed by everything Allah (swt) created including the sun, moon, earth, skies, etc. as well as prophets, believers, angels, people in Paradise, and Allah (swt) Himself.
- We should get in the habit of reciting the *Tasbeeh* of Allah (swt) on a regular basis.