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ALI 420: Topical Tafsir of Quran
Relationship with Allah

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Verses for today's session

- 1) Sura Baqarah, no.2, verse 165
- 2) Sura Tawbah, no.9, verse 24
- 3) Sura Maidah, no.5, verse 54

Topics for the course

- ◆ Love of Allah
- ◆ Awe of Allah
- ◆ Submission to Allah

Sura Baqarah, no.2, verse 165

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَتَّخِذُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَنْدَادًا يُحِبُّونَهُمْ
كَحُبِّ اللَّهِ ^{صَلِّ} وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ

And there are some among mankind who take others as equals to Allah, they love them as they should love Allah, but those who believe are stronger in love for Allah

The word 'أُنْدَادًا'

Plural of نِدٌّ - equal, alike

In other verses a slightly different phrase is used;

2:22 - فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أُنْدَادًا - therefore do not set up equals to Allah

14:30 - وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أُنْدَادًا - And they set up equals with Allah

Points from the verse

- ◆ The verse before it talks about Allah, describing His qualities. Knowledge of Allah and knowledge of His blessings leads to love of Allah.
- ◆ Some people despite this still love others/other things the way they should love Allah.
- ◆ The objects of love could refer to leaders who are loved and respected as authority.
- ◆ Emotions and beliefs are linked
- ◆ Love of Allah is real, not metaphorical. It is an emotion that stems from belief and leads to obedience. It shares the same basic quality as the love for others but differs in intensity.

What increases love of Allah

1. Knowing Allah's qualities of beauty and perfection
2. Appreciating Allah's blessings
3. Understanding Allah's love for the human being
4. Constant Dhikr and Reflection

Sura Tawbah, no.9, verse 24

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ
وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِنُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبُّ
إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ

Say: If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your spouses, your kinsfolk, the wealth that you have gained; the business in which you fear a decline, or the dwellings in which you delight - are more beloved to you than Allah, or His Messenger, or the striving in His cause;- then wait until Allah brings about His command.

Sura Ma'idah, no.5, verse 54

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ
بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ
يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ

O you who believe! whoever from among you turns back from his religion, then soon Allah will bring a people whom He loves and they love Him, humble with the believers, firm against the unbelievers, they shall strive hard in Allah's way and shall not fear the blame of any blamer

From Sahifa Sajjadiyyah

I ask from You love for You and love for those who love You
love for every work which will join me to Your nearness
and that You make Yourself more beloved to me
than anything other than You
and make my love for You lead to Your pleasure
and my yearning for You protect against disobeying You

Munajat al Muhibbin - The whispered prayer of those who love [Allah]

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