

Thinking Question: Fill in the blanks: It has been narrated from Ali ibn Abu Talib (pbut), “The \_\_\_\_\_ is my fort, whoever says it will enter my fort, and whoever enters my fort is safe from my punishment”

Source: Golden Hadith:  
Excellent Stories QFatima



## ALI 532: God Consciousness in Nahjul Balagha

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# Reminder when Participating in the Chat

- 1) Do not write any personal information in the chat box (involving your email address and phone number).
- 2) Do not make fun of the responses of other students (show respect to everyone).
- 3) Once the class has begun all discussions should relate only to the class (no private conversations with others).

# Reflecting on the Holy Qur'an

- وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاجْتِلَافُ  
الْسِّنَتِكُمْ وَالْوَانِكُمْ

Wamin āyātihi khalqus-samāwāti wal-ardhi  
wakhtilafu alsinatikum wa-alwānikum

*Among His signs is the creation of the heavens  
and the earth and the difference of your  
languages and colors.*

*(Sūrat al-Rūm, No 30, Āyat 22)*





# Thinking Time

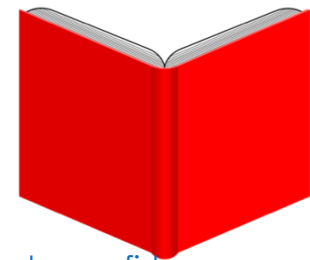
- What is one fact that you know about Nahjul Balagha?
- (write your answer in the chat box)





# Overview of Nahjul Balagha

- A collection of sermons, letters and sayings of Imam Ali (a) dealing with different religious topics as well as how to be pious and prepare for the Hereafter
- Sharif ar-Radhi compiled the words of Imam Ali (a) into a book called Nahjul Balagha- the Peak of Eloquence





# We are Going on a Special Mission



- Mission: To reach high levels of God consciousness in our lives to allow our faith to soar to high levels
- First we will learn about Allah SWT and the abilities that He has blessed us with
- Followed by understanding taqwa and how we can use the knowledge to strengthen our relationship with Allah



# Intro to the Khutbah

- Looking at excerpt from Nahjul Balagha khutbah 83
- Known as khatbatul gharra
- Gharra means brilliant so it literally means the brilliant khutbah
- Syed Radhi says said people began to tremble and were crying when Imam gave this khutbah



# Exploring The Beautiful Khutbah



- Praise be to Allah who is **High above all else**, and is Near (the creation) through His bounty. **He is the Giver of all reward** and excellence, and **can remove all calamities and hardships**. I praise Him for **His continuous mercy** and **His many bounties**.
- What are some qualities of Allah that are described in this khutbah?



# Understanding the High Status of Allah SWT

- Story: Is there a God?
- Source: Bilal's Bedtime Stories





# Examining the First Part of the Khutbah

- *I **believe** in Him as He is the **First** of all...I seek **guidance from Him** as He is **Near** and is **the Guide**. I seek His help as He is **Mighty** and **can overcome all forces**. I depend upon Him as He is **Sufficer** and **Supporter**. And I stand witness that Muhammad (blessing of Allah be on him and his progeny) is His slave and His Prophet.*
- What are some ways you seek help and guidance from Allah SWT ?

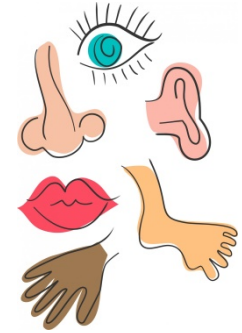


# Going Back in Time



- In the khutbah the Imam says:
- ...suckling **infant**, then **child** and then fully **grown up** young man. Then He gave him **heart with memory, tongue to talk** and eye to see with, in order that he may take lesson (from whatever is around him) and understand it and follow the admonition and abstain from evil.
- What are some of the blessings that Allah blessed you with when you were born?

# Analyzing a Part of the Khutbah



- He has made for you **ears to preserve** what is important, **eyes** to have **sight in place of blindness** and **limbs** which consist of **many (smaller) parts**, whose curves are in proportion with the moulding of their **shapes and lengths of their ages**, and also bodies that are sustaining themselves and **hearts** that are **busy in search of their food, besides other big bounties**, obliging bestowings and fortresses of safety.

*What body parts are described in this part of the Khutbah?*



# Utilizing the Blessings that Allah SWT gave us to do Positive Things

- Example: Utilizing our heart to love others for the sake of the command of God
- Story: How can you have two loves in your heart
- Source: Bilal's Bedtime Stories





# Thinking Time

- Imam Ali (AS) said, The greatest wisdom is for the human being to know himself and to remain within his limits. Ghurar al-Hikamhadith #2272
- *What is one strength that Allah has blessed you with?*





# Reflecting on Our Creation

- وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ

Walāqad karramnā banī Ādam

Surely We have honored the children of Adam

(Sūratul Isrā', No.17, Āyat 70)



- Our high status is due to having the spirit of Allah in us, being the representatives of Allah on the Earth, having intelligence and the potential for greatness

# Optional Activity: Positive Affirmation Bookmark

- If you would like an opportunity for your bookmark to be shown in the next class please email a picture of your completed bookmark by Thursday to:  
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