

Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Rahim

Allah (S.W.T)

Surah Ikhlas is the 112th chapter of the Qur'an. It is a short surah in Juz Amma, which teaches us many things about Allah (S.W.T). Its translation is:

In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful.

Say (O beloved Prophet): He, Allah, is One.

Allah the Eternally Besought.

He begets not nor is He begotten.

And there is none like Him. (112:1-4)

All praise belongs to Allah (S.W.T), Lord of the worlds. Allah, The First and the Last. The Giver of life and the Causer of death. The King, who all praise and worship belongs to. The Most Just. The Most Merciful. He is One, without any partners. He is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Allah (S.W.T) is the One we turn to when we are in need, the One who knows the deepest struggles and desires of every single heart. He alone fulfills our needs and is our Master and Provider. Every single creature is on a journey towards Allah. He is our ultimate goal, and surely to Him we belong and to Him we shall return.

Allah (S.W.T) is All-Powerful and All-Knowing. Allah (S.W.T) is in need of no one, and nothing can overpower Him. Allah (S.W.T) is our Master and we are His slaves. We all belong to Allah. Every single thing that exists in the universe, be it the animals, mountains, humans, the sun, the moon, the planets, the ocean or stars, everything is from Allah (S.W.T). And the only command Allah (S.W.T) has to say to create anything is "be, and it is". He is the Al-Mighty. Allah (S.W.T) hears the Prayer of every caller who calls on Him and knows the struggles of every single creature whoever lives, so even though we are not even a speck in the universe, Allah (S.W.T) still cares more about us than anyone we can imagine. He is the one who gives permission for our hearts to beat, and brings us into existence.

As we look to the lives of the Prophets (A.S), we see some of the great miracles which Allah bestowed upon them. For example, we see an example with our Beloved Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W), how Allah (S.W.T) split the moon for him. Prophet Musa (A.S) was at the edge of the sea and Firaun was close to catching him, and when things looked so impossible, Allah (S.W.T) split the sea for Nabi Musa (A.S). Allah (S.W.T) is the Only One who can move mountains for you.

Allah (S.W.T) is Ghafur-ar-Rahim (the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Merciful). There are no words on this earth to describe the love and mercy of Allah (S.W.T). Everywhere we look, we are seeing the mercy of Allah (S.W.T); the rain coming down from the sky, the sun, the night, the trees. Even in hardships, if you are content, you get closer to Allah (S.W.T), and so He raises your status in the Hereafter. And every pain that afflicts a believer, even the prick of a thorn, his sin would be erased. So even our pain is a means for the forgiveness of Allah. Allah's love is so great and spans so wide, He could forgive a person who would commit sins for years upon years,

his sins could reach the skies, but if he only repented once, begging to Allah (S.W.T) sincerely, Allah (S.W.T) would forgive him.

Allah (S.W.T) says that if a person commits one bad deed, it remains only one. And if a person commits a good deed, He multiplies it by ten. Never lose hope in the mercy of Allah. When no one sees you as valuable, know that to Allah (S.W.T) you are loved, and priceless. You could feel that your heart wants to tear into pieces, and fall apart, but it is through the love of Allah, He tightens your heart and gives you strength, just like He did for the mother of Nabi Musa (A.S). He allows us to laugh, smile and feel comfort even though this world is a test. He shows us signs everyday to turn to Him.

He gave us His greatest gift, the Qur'an, sent through Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W). It is through His mercy, He gives us guidance and lights up our hearts. He wants what is easiest for us, and He is the One who chose to bring life to us. All of us shall come back to Him, in the best of ways, to experience even more of His eternal love and mercy, in Jannah. Allah (S.W.T) created us to show mercy to us, and experience a deep connection with Him. Indeed we should long to meet Allah, as He is our final destination.

Allah is the only One who is worthy of worship. He controls the universe and He is the Original Creator. He is the only One to Whom we complain about our grief and suffering. Allah (S.W.T) alone provides for us. He developed us into strong human beings. Allah (S.W.T) is with us every step of the way. He is closer to us than our jugular vein. He wants each human being to pass the test. He wants us all to experience the beautiful and final destination ahead. Each and every passing day we are getting closer to our final meeting with Him.

He alone is the master of the day of Judgement. That day is a heavy day. No one shall speak without His permission. First, He shall grant permission to our Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). It is the Day when the skies will split open and the mountains will be reduced to dust. Only Allah (S.W.T) can save us on that day, and we will all be relying on His forgiveness. This day is when our deeds will be put in front of us, and we will be questioned by our Master. Our hands, feet, eyes and our body will speak. And we will go to our final destination. Jannah (Paradise) will be a victory and a reward for the believers. What Allah (S.W.T) has prepared for us, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has ever imagined. But none of us could earn Jannah without Allah (S.W.T). He guided us, and gave us strength and then in return gave us a reward beyond what we deserve. We will forever be in the garden of bliss, with our beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) and the greatest gift of being able to see the breath-taking countenance of our Lord. So no matter what we go through, in sad, happy and tough times, always remember your Master.

There is only one truthful way of living, the way of Allah (S.W.T). Our hearts constantly need to be purified by doing good deeds that bring us closer to Allah (S.W.T). We should worship Allah (S.W.T) as if we see Him. And surely Allah (S.W.T) is Most Merciful and Most Compassionate. None has the right to be worshipped except Allah (S.W.T).

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