



The Shade of Allah

My dear respected brothers in Islam, Assalamualaikum. Today I want to give a reminder about the shade of Allah on the day of judgement.

Just so you know. There are going to be a few recitations so please be ready to volunteer to recite. Jazakallah.

Uqbah ibn 'Aamir said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) say: "The sun will be brought near to the earth and the people will sweat. For some people, the sweat will come up to their heels; for some it will come halfway up their shins; for some it will come up to their knees; for some it will come up to their backsides; for some it will come up to their hips; for some it will come up to their shoulders; for some it will come up to their necks; for some it will come up to the middle of their mouths; and some of them will be completely covered with their sweat." (Narrated by Imaam Ahmad in his Musnad, no. 16798)

The 7 Under The Shade

- ▶ There are seven whom Allah will shade with His shade on the day when there will be no shade except His:
 - ▶ A just Ruler
 - ▶ A young man who grows up worshipping his Lord
 - ▶ A man whose heart is attached to the mosque
 - ▶ Two men who love one another for the sake of Allah and meet and part on that basis
 - ▶ A man who is called by a woman of rank and beauty and says 'I fear Allah
 - ▶ A man who gives in charity and conceals it to such an extent that his left hand does not know what his right hand gives
 - ▶ And a man who remembers Allah when he is alone, and his eyes fill up

If we want to be saved from this ordeal then we need to limit the number of sins we commit. But there is also Allah's shade available.

It was reported from Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There are seven whom Allaah will shade with His shade on the day when there will be no shade except His: the just ruler; a young man who grows up worshipping his Lord; a man whose heart is attached to the mosque; two men who love one another for the sake of Allaah and meet and part on that basis; a man who is called by a woman of rank and beauty and says 'I fear Allaah'; a man who gives in charity and conceals it to such an extent that his left hand does not know what his right hand gives; and a man who remembers Allaah when he is alone, and his eyes fill up." (Agreed upon, narrated by al-Bukhaari, no. 620; Muslim, no. 1712; and others).

So let's look at these 7 categories of people in a bit more detail.

Just Ruler

- ▶ This refers to people who judge over the Muslims according to the laws of Shariah
- ▶ We could also be included in this category
- ▶ Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn Al-'Aas (RA) relates that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: The just and fair persons (rulers and judges) will be seated on chairs of light before Allah. Such persons are those who decide justly and deal justly in matters relating to their families and other affairs entrusted to them. (Muslim)
- ▶ How just are we to the people around us?

1. This refers to people who have a position where they lead. They are authoritative and have the clearance to judge between people. The obvious people are the rulers like kings, queens, presidents and also people who judge in the courts of law.

2. But authority can manifest in different forms and on much smaller scales. In some situations we will find ourselves to be judges and rulers the group. If you have the ability or duty to decide the affairs of people, then by consciously making the effort to decide fairly for the sake of Allah you are being a just leader. Some of the Ulama are of the opinion that this hadith extends to include this type of person as well – which includes people like me and you. And whether we think we count as rulers and judges or not it is still important that we practice justice whenever we can and so we should take lessons from the sayings of the Prophet (SAW) and the Quran which might specifically addressing rulers and judges.

3. So I have 2 hadiths for us to think about. Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn Al-'Aas (RA) relates that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: The just and fair persons (rulers and judges) will be seated on chairs of light before Allah. Such persons are those who decide justly and deal justly in matters relating to their families and other affairs entrusted to them. (Muslim)

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- ▶ This shows the impartial justice of the Prophet ﷺ who we should all be trying to emulate.

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The point of me including this hadith is just to show the justice of the Prophet (SAW)

Just Ruler

- ▶ How do we implement justice into our lives?
 - ▶ Fear Allah
 - ▶ Allah is constantly judging *you*

0. When it comes to implementing this into our lives it is very difficult to give long advice about how to practice justice in our everyday lives.

1. This is because there is really only one way anyone can bring this into their life and that is to fear Allah. Most people are naturally inclined towards justice and probably don't even notice when they're being unjust and only realise afterwards. So the advice here is to give it a bit of thought when making decisions and dealing with people.
2. Those who are knowingly unjust – and let's face it, we are not excluded from this category, I'm sure we can all think of times when we have been unfair to people – (but for those who are knowingly being unjust and maybe abusing their power a little) the advice is to know that Allah is constantly judging *you*! A lot of the injustice that the average person commits isn't face to face but actually occurs when the culprit feels that their actions are unknown to the victim. It might be stealing something, maybe lying, maybe backbiting – but my brothers your actions are not unknown to Allah.

Just Ruler

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفْلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ الظَّالِمُونَ إِنَّمَا يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ فِيهِ
الْأَبْصَارُ

- ▶ “And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror]. Racing ahead, their heads raised up, their glance does not come back to them, and their hearts are void.” (from thinking because of extreme fear).
- ▶ Surah Ibrahim [14:42]

0. Sometimes it may look like Allah is allowing injustice to carry on but Allah says in surah Ibrahim:

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This is what non-Muslims say regarding all the oppression in the world, that if there was a God how would he let this happen? They are not mindful of the fact that Allah will carry on judging with perfect justice after a person dies and they will be given what they deserve. So if someone wants to do evil then Allah will make it increasingly available for him and if someone wants to do good then Allah will make it increasingly available for him. This is the meaning of free will – and with Allah is the final judgement based on what you chose to do.

Just Ruler

Dua when leaving the home [2] :

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَضِلَّ، أَوْ أُضِلَّ،

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I misguide others, or I am misguided by others,

أَوْ أَزِلَّ، أَوْ أُزِلَّ، أَوْ أَظْلِمَ، أَوْ أُظْلَمَ،

lest I cause others to err or I am caused to err, lest I cause injustice, or suffer injustice,

أَوْ أَجْهَلَ عَلَيَّ،

and lest I behave foolishly or meet with the foolishness of others.

Narrated Umm Salamah, Ummul Mu'minin: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) never went out of my house without raising his eye to the sky and saying: "O Allah! I seek refuge in Thee lest I stray or be led astray, or slip or made to slip, or cause injustice, or suffer injustice, or do wrong, or have wrong done to me."

[Sunan Abi Dawud 5094 | English translation Book 42, Hadith 5075]

0. The final advice is a dua which we could all learn. We know from the last halaqah about the power of dua.

Young Man Who Grew Up Worshipping his Lord

Let's start with some discussion

0. This one seems very broad and less specific relative to the other 6 categories – which can be a good thing because then it encompasses more people.
1. First of all, what do you guys think this means?

Young Man Who Grew Up Worshipping Lord

- ▶ It is very easy to disobey Allah while you are young
- ▶ “spent his youth and his energy in worshipping Allah”.
- ▶ Allah wants to reward those people use their youth as a means for worshipping Allah instead of only for enjoyment

1. From the commentary of Ibn Hajar on this hadith we find that this category outlines the youthful people because of their strong motives for fulfilling their desires. Being a young man often comes with newfound freedom, with gives someone the ability to do virtually anything they want. Now couple this with the intense desires that you feel from all directions and you have a very good recipe for disaster if someone isn't conscious of Allah's watch over them. That being said, you also have a recipe to really gain the pleasure of Allah.

2. In Salman's narration of this hadith the Prophet (SAW) said “spent his youth and energy in worshipping Allah”. This offers more clarity as to the characteristics of the people in this category. Everyone knows that youth is merely a stage in life and cannot last forever. It is also the stage during which we are most capable of doing whatever we set out to do; whether it be having fun, studying, working – and more importantly – whether it be pleasing Allah or displeasing Allah. A youth simply has more time and energy to do this. Allah is conveying to us that it is those people who choose to devote their capability towards pleasing Allah that deserve the special mercy of Allah's shade on the day of judgement.

Young Man Who Grew Up Worshipping his Lord

- ▶ The Prophet ﷺ said: “Take benefit of five before five: your youth before your old age, your health before your sickness, your wealth before your poverty, your free-time before your preoccupation, and your life before your death.” (Hakim)
- ▶ Luckily, most of us are still youths
- ▶ We need to think of ways in which we can increase our worship of Allah so that we can fit within this category. Any ideas?

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1. The majority of men attending university are young men. So this very much applies to us and I think that out of the 7 categories this is one which could be one of the most urgent because like I said, youth doesn't last forever and being in university means we aren't at the start of our youth. But we still have time in sha Allah.

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Young Man Who Grew Up Worshipping Lord

- ▶ We must guard our salah as if it was the whole point of our lives... because it is.
- ▶ Allah's shade is a reward in *recognition* of this worship. In order to be recognised for something you need to stand out. And what kind of worship is going to stand out to Allah????

0. To come under this category, we should at least be fulfilling the compulsory parts of the deen. This means we must guard our salah as if it was the whole point of our lives... because it is.

1. But we have to understand that Allah's shade is a reward in *recognition* of this worship. In order to be recognised for something you need to stand out. And what kind of worship is going to stand out to Allah???? The type which you don't have to do, those are the ones that show Allah that you are willing to go the extra mile for his mercy; and he will reward you accordingly. So, going back to the idea of utilising our youth, I would like to encourage us all to engage in tahajjud.

Young Man Who Grew Up Worshipping his Lord - Tahajjud

- ▶ It's not too difficult

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَتَهَجَّدْ بِهِ ۗ نَافِلَةً لَّكَ عَسَىٰ أَن يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا ﴿٧٩﴾

- ▶ And in some parts of the night offer the Salat (prayer) with it (i.e. recite the Qur'an in the prayer), as an additional prayer (Tahajjud optional prayer Nawafil) for you. It may be that your Lord will raise you to Maqaman Mahmuda (a station of praise and glory, i.e. the highest degree in Paradise!).
- ▶ Surah Isra [17:79]

0. Tahajjud isn't even the most tasking form of worship as well. Wake up maybe half an hour before the fajr beginning time and pray sets of 2 rakaats. After that make some dua – this is one of the times during which dua is accepted as well. Make taubah also. We have woken up early for less worthwhile things. The reward for tahajjud is great.

Allah even calls attention to it in surah Isra

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I would like all of us to make the firm intention to establish a regular tahajjud pattern and to practice upon this intention.

Young Man Who Grew Up Worshipping his Lord

- ▶ Don't stop at tahajjud!
- ▶ We can fast
- ▶ We can give in charity

(although I'll happily accept any donations)

And tahajjud isn't the only thing.

1. It might sound weird but young men have the amazing ability to eat. Why don't we try fasting outside of Ramadan? For example we can start fasting on Mondays and Thursdays like the Prophet (SAW) used to.

We also like to spend money on sometimes useless things. I mean, using myself as an example – I'm always broke at the end of the month. It's not necessarily because I'm poor

2. (although I'll happily accept any donations) but it's mostly due to bad spending decisions. Which is okay because I'm young and I don't really have anything which I *urgently need* money for. I'm sure that'll change when I am no longer a youth. I also know that I'm not just speaking for myself here.

3. Why don't we increase the amount of money we spend for the sake of Allah? So there are many thing we can do as young men to worship Allah.

Man Whose Heart Is Attached To The Masjid

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- ▶ What is attachment?
- ▶ What does the masjid have to offer?
 - ▶ Salah
 - ▶ Nice atmosphere
 - ▶ Sunnah Prayers

1. This means someone who is always longing to be in the masjid and would like to stay there for as long as possible. It's a bit of a crude comparison but I think a good way of illustrating the concept of attachment is when you look at people and their attitude to nightclubs. From what I know about the people on my course, they can't wait until the next time they go on a night out. That's all they'll talk about in the hours leading up to it. When they go they'll spend the whole night there – very eager to sacrifice their sleep despite knowing they have work to do the next day. Afterwards they spend the next couple of days talking about it as well. Their hearts are always preoccupied with nights out. They are attached to the night club not because of the club itself, but because of what it has to offer – which is enjoyment, of the haram variety unfortunately.

2. So what does the masjid have to offer? It offers Ibadah, especially salah.

3. So someone whose heart is attached to the masjid will be thinking about salah,

4. they will be craving the atmosphere of the masjid because they like it. They will at the very least be trying their level best to pray all the 5 fardh salah in the masjid.

5. On top of that this person will make time to come to the masjid early and pray their sunnah prayers in the masjid. And when this person leaves the masjid to do

other things they will be very attentive to the time of salah and will be waiting eagerly for the next one so that they can go to the masjid again.

Man Whose Heart Is Attached To The Masjid

- ▶ Attachment can't be taught
 - ▶ It is as a result of loving Allah
- ▶ Start reading Quran
 - ▶ Read, even if only 1 verse
 - ▶ Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "Take up good deeds only as much as you are able, for the best deeds are those done regularly even if they are few." (Sunan Ibn Mājah 4240)
 - ▶ Read after Fajr
 - ▶ Read the meaning

0. The thing is, I can't give advice regarding how to be attached to the masjid because being attached to the masjid is actually something that happens naturally. You can't force yourself to crave for something, you either do or you don't.

1. However, it is a symptom of something else, something which we do have control over – and that is the love of Allah. If you love Allah so much then as a side-effect of that love you will want to be in communication with Allah all the time you will want to be in the masjid because that is the place designed for the communication of Allah.

There are some ways we can increase our love for Allah.

2. My teacher told me that the quickest way to get close to Allah is through the Quran. We should have the habit of reciting the Quran daily. Every single day we should read the Quran.

3. Even if it's just one verse – which may sound silly, but Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Take up good deeds only as much as you are able, for the best deeds are those done regularly even if they are few." (Sunan Ibn Mājah 4240) meaning that the size you read doesn't matter,

that can always increase later on. So please if we don't have this habit already then please get into this routine.

4. The easiest time is after fajr. And if it seems daunting then start with one verse a day and you can take it up to the amount with which you feel comfortable.

5. Take some minutes every day to read some tafseer as well, Tafseer Ibn Kathir is a good recommendation. This will help you to know Allah – because how can you love someone you don't know?

Man Whose Heart Is Attached To The Masjid

- ▶ How else can we increase the love for Allah?
- ▶ Try and count Allah's favours upon you

وَأَتَاكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ مَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُ وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَظَلُومٌ كَفَّارٌ ﴿٣٤﴾

- ▶ “And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favours of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most unjust and ungrateful.”
- ▶ Surah Ibrahim [14:34]

0. How else can we increase the love for Allah? (asking them)

1. Another thing we can do to increase our love for Allah is to remember Allah's favours upon us. Allah says in Surah Ibrahim:

“And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favours of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is [generally] most unjust and ungrateful.”

So we should definitely count our blessings every day because then every day we will be overwhelmed at how impossible it is to do this and then we'll thank Allah and be forced to love Allah, how can you not love someone who has given you all these blessings.

Two men who love one another for the sake of Allah and meet and part on that basis

- ▶ First we need to love one another
 - ▶ Because we are all aiming for Jannah

يٰۤاَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اِنَّا خَلَقْنٰكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَّاُنْثٰى وَجَعَلْنٰكُمْ شُعُوْبًا وَّقَبَاۤىِٕلَ لِتَعَارَفُوْۤا اِنَّ اَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ اَتْقٰىكُمْ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ عَلِيْمٌ خَبِيْرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

- ▶ Allah says in Surah Hujurat [49:13]: “O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with Allah is that (believer) who has At-Taqwa. Verily, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.”

0. Speaking of love, the next category is two men who love one another for the sake of Allah and meet and part on that basis

Again this is one which we should all pay closer attention to because it is one of the easiest and most applicable categories. It enforces the idea of unity in Islam but with the emphasis that Allah is the force that is bringing everyone together.

1. First we need love our brothers – simply for the fact that they are Muslims. You see a brother and you should already make up your mind about him even before meeting him. You should make up your mind that ‘yes I love this guy’. Why? Because you have a mutual goal. You both have one mission in this world and that is to try and enter Jannah. That’s one similarity and it is the only similarity that matters. Which means that all the things which society has used to divide people have no place in Islam.
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Two men who love one another for the sake of Allah and meet and part on that basis

- ▶ Allah didn't create us with differences so that we may be divided, only so that we may be recognisable. In the same surah Allah says:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

- ▶ “The believers are but brothers, so make reconciliation between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.” [49:10]
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- ▶ The way to know if a meeting is for the sake of Allah is to ask yourself this question:
 - ▶ Will my meeting with this person serve me any help in fulfilling my mission of entering Jannah?
- ▶ But what if you are just going out to eat or something?

0. To meet and part for the sake of Allah needs no explanation. The way to know if a meeting is for the sake of Allah is to ask yourself this question: Will my meeting with this person serve me any help in fulfilling my mission of entering Jannah?

So it's obvious if you are going to meet with your friend so that you can go to an Islamic gathering together where you will all be talking about Allah – like this gathering for example.

1. But what if you are just going out to eat or something? Well you can always make it so that the answer to this question is still yes.

How can we do this???

A man who is called by a woman of rank and beauty and says 'I fear Allah'

- ▶ This might not be a very common situation but if it was to happen....are we confident we will succeed?
- ▶ We need to resist sinful temptations whenever they occur

Small Discussion

- ▶ What temptations/sins are common today and what can we do to guard ourselves from error?

0. This is a person who is invited to commit zina and has everything working in his favour and it would be really easy for him to accept but his connection with Allah allows him to resist. This is enough for him to earn a place under the shade of Allah.

1. This situation is not one that happens every day and we are actually unlikely to find ourselves in this situation at all - providing we don't get too friendly women in the first place. However, we must still be prepared in case we come across this scenario – ask yourself, are you confident that you will succeed?

2. If you want to be confident that you will succeed you need to have experience in resisting temptation for the sake of Allah. If you crumble under the pressure of everyday temptations, then you can't expect yourself to perform under such a difficult temptation.

3. So what are the everyday temptations we face? For the next few minutes I'd like your thoughts on the common sins we constantly have to resist and how to guard against them.

A man who gives in charity and conceals it to such an extent that his left hand does not know what his right hand gives

- ▶ You simply have to be very sincere when you give charity. To the point where you might not even be aware how much you are giving. For that to happen you need to be giving readily and regularly.
- ▶ So what I would say is that we should try and establish a habit of giving charity
 - ▶ Start small if need be
- ▶ Of course, Allah will reward you more if you give more. But Allah won't reward you at all if you don't give anything.

0. The hadith already explains this one very well so I don't actually need to say much. You simply have to be very sincere when you give charity.

1. What I would say is that we should try and establish a habit of giving charity in the first place. And just like Quran – start small but keep it regular. If you can afford to give £1 a day then give. If not, then £1 every Friday. Or even more or even less. Of course, Allah will reward you more if you give more. But Allah won't reward you at all if you don't give anything. So please give regularly and sincerely and in sha Allah this will be a category that we can all easily fit under.

I know that was kind of short so if anyone wants to add anything please do.

A man who remembers Allah when he is alone, and his eyes fill up

- ▶ Crying can't be taught
- ▶ The reality of life after death should be enough to make a person cry
- ▶ How can we embed this reality into our lives?

1. Much like the man whose heart is attached to the masjid this one can't be forced because it is the symptom of something else. First of all though, you need to remember Allah alone, obviously! And then if you want to cry through the remembrance of Allah then you need to fear Allah's punishment and hope for Allah's mercy.

2. If we understood the reality of what's going to happen after death, then we would easily cry about it – because it's not a funny subject is it? The way Allah and his prophet (SAW) have described Jahannam as well as the seclusion in the grave and the terror and chaos that will be taking place on the day of judgement we realise that it's deep. The thought that if we get caught on Allah's bad side we will be subject to his punishment is an awful thought but a fact none the less. If we aren't crying out of fear of this and out of hope that none of these things happens to us, then we simply haven't realised it enough.

3. I think this one is a harder question but what ideas do you guys have about how we could improve our realisation of the life after death?

To Conclude...

- ▶ Ibn Hajar listed them in Fath al-Baari (620) as follows:
 - ▶ “Those who fight (for the sake of Allah);
 - ▶ those who help the mujaahideen;
 - ▶ those who defer payment of debt for debtors who are in difficulty, or let them off all or part of the debt;
 - ▶ those who help people who are heavily in debt;
 - ▶ those who help slaves who have drawn up contracts of manumission (being freed);
 - ▶ those who have a good attitude;
 - ▶ those who walk to the mosque;
 - ▶ sincere and honest traders;
 - ▶ those who take what is due to them and no more;
 - ▶ those who spend for the sake of Allah;
 - ▶ those who sponsor orphans.”

0. I hope we have all learned something about these 7 categories and we each have picked at least a few of them which we will strive to become. It might help to write it down on a piece of paper and stick it on your wall so you are reminded everyday or have it as a screensaver or something – because unfortunately we are likely to forget much of what has been said the minute we leave the room, it’s how the brain works. What I haven’t mentioned is that these aren’t the only people under Allah’s shade. Others are mentioned in other ahaadeeth.

1. Ibn Hajar listed them in Fath al-Baari (620) as follows:

“Those who fight (for the sake of Allaah); those who help the mujaahideen; those who defer payment of debt for debtors who are in difficulty, or let them off all or part of the debt; those who help people who are heavily in debt; those who help slaves who have drawn up contracts of manumission; those who have a good attitude; those who walk to the mosque; sincere and honest traders; those who take what is due to them and no more; those who spend for the sake of Allaah; those who sponsor orphans.”

I pray that Allah let’s us fit into one of these categories and blesses us with his shade

on the day of judgement.