

Seeking Allah's Sustenance

*As-Salaam 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh.
Bismillah Walhamdulillah Was Salaatu Was Salaam 'ala Rasulillah*

As Ramadhan is approaching we should endeavor to seek for our sustenance from Allah who created us and is closer to us than we could estimate. A Muslim is legislated to seek his sustenance and supplicate to Allah Alone: “So seek with Allah your provision and worship Him (Alone), and be grateful to Him. To Him (Alone) you will be brought back.” Soorah al-Ankaboot 29:17

The command to ask from the Creator and the prohibition to ask from the created are well indicated in the texts of the Qur’an and the Hadeeth: “So when you finish (from your occupation), stand up (for Allah’s worship i.e. stand up for prayer) and to your Lord (alone) turn (all your intentions and hopes and) your invocations.” Soorah al-Inshiraah 94:7-8

The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said to Ibn Abbas: “If you ask, then ask Allah and if you seek help, then seek help from Allah” [Ahmad (1/293), at-Tirmidhee (2516) and others (hasan)]

He also said: “Whoever abstains from asking others, Allah will make him contented, and whoever tries to make himself self-sufficient, Allah will make him self-sufficient. And whoever remains patient, Allah will make him patient. No one has ever been given a bestowal better and more extensive than the patience.” [Saheeh al-Bukhari (3/265) and Saheeh Muslim (1053)]

Ibrahim Alaihi Salaam also said (as Allah related from him): “So seek with Allah your sustenance and worship Him (alone), and be graceful to Him. To Him (Alone) you will be brought back.” Soorah al-Ankaboot 29:17

A Muslim does not ask provision except from Allah, and he does not complain except to Allah: “I complain of my grief and sorrow only to Allah.” Soorah Yusuf 12:86

Umar said, "I heard the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, say, 'If you were to rely on Allah as He should be relied on, He would provide for you as He provides for the birds. They go out early in the morning hungry and return in the evening full.'" – Narrated by at-Tirmidhi and he said, "Hadith Hassan."

And Allah is the best of Sustainers (Sūratul Jumu'ah, No. 62, Āyat 11)

O Allah, we beseech You for our sustenance - abundant, good and lawful - from the "sustenance" You own. aamin.

Subhanakal lahomma wabihamdik. Ash-hado alla-ilaha-illa ant. Astaghfiroka w'atoobo-ilayk.

Glory be to You, Oh Allah, and all praise! I testify that there is no deity but You. I seek Your forgiveness and to You, I do repent.

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