

O Turner of Hearts - يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

From Abdullaah bin Amr bin Al-Aas – Radhiallaahu anhu – that he heard the Messenger of Allaah -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- saying:

‘Indeed all the hearts of the sons of Aadam are between the two Fingers from the Fingers of Ar-Rahmaan (The Most Merciful) like one heart, He turns it whichever way He wants.’

Then the Messenger of Allaah -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- said:

مُصَرَّفَ الْقُلُوبِ صَرَّفَ قُلُوبَنَا عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ

‘O Turner of hearts, turn our hearts to Your Obedience.’¹

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq bin Abdul-Muhsin al-Badr -Hafidhallaahu- said:

‘The Prophet -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- explained the strong call to this Du'aa ‘O Turner of hearts, turn our hearts to Your obedience’ and the obligation to have concern for it and to say it a lot, because of what he said before it: ‘Indeed all the hearts of the sons of Adam are between the two Fingers from the Fingers of Ar-Rahmaan (The Most Merciful) like one heart, He turns it whichever way He wants.’

What is also similar to this is in the hadeeth of Anas – Radhiallaahu anhu – who said: ‘the Messenger of Allaah used to say a lot:

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

‘O Turner of the hearts, make my heart firm upon Your Deen.’

I said: ‘O Messenger of Allaah, we have believed in you and with what you have, so do you fear for us?’

He -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam– replied:

‘Yes, Indeed the hearts are between the two Fingers from the Fingers of Allaah, He turns them whichever way He wants.’²

¹ [Collected by Muslim]

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Likewise, from the hadeeth of Aeysha – Radhiallaahu anha – who said: ‘From the Du'aa that the Messenger of Allaah -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- used to supplicate a lot with was:

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

‘O Turner of the hearts, make my heart firm upon Your Deen.’

She said, I asked: ‘O Messenger of Allaah, you supplicate a lot with this Du'aa?’

He replied:

‘Indeed the heart of a person is between the two Fingers from the Fingers of Allaah Azza wa Jal, if He wants He will cause it to go astray and if He wants He makes it steadfast.’³

Al-Baghawee -Rahimuhullaah- said:

‘This hadeeth is an explanation that the worshipper has no authority over himself in regards to the matter of his happiness or wretchedness. In fact, if he is guided then it is because Allaah guided him. If he is firm upon 'Eemaan then it is because Allaah made him firm upon it. If he is misguided then it is because he turned away from guidance.

Allaah -Subhanahu wa Ta'ala- said:

[Nay, but Allaah has conferred a favour upon you, that He has guided you to the Faith]⁴

Allaah -Subhanahu wa Ta'ala- said about the praise the people of Paradise send:

[“All the praises and thanks be to Allaah, Who has guided us to this, never could we have found guidance, were it not that Allaah had guided us!]⁵

Allaah Azza wa Jal said:

[Allaah will keep firm those who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world (i.e. they will keep on worshipping Allaah Alone and none else), and in the Hereafter.]⁶

It becomes clear from this that Allaah Ta'ala is the One who is in command of the hearts of His slaves, He turns them as He wants. There is nothing at all that which can refrain Him

² [Collected by Tirmidhee, Ibn Majah & authenticated by al-Albaanee in ‘Saheeh Sunnan Tirmidhee’ 2/444]

³ [Collected by Ahmed & authenticated by Al-Albaanee with supporting narrations in Saheehah no. 2091]

⁴ [Soorah Hujaraat: 17]

⁵ [Soorah al A'raaf: 43]

⁶ [Soorah Ibraaheem: 27]

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from that, nothing can escape what He wants, Allaah does not give the responsibility of the hearts to anyone from His creation.

It is upon the slave of Allaah to seek refuge and turn to Allaah Ta'ala and to say this Du'aa a lot, just as the Messenger of Allaah -sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam- used to say this Du'aa a lot. This Du'aa is a notification for the Ummah that if a purified soul [that of the Prophet] is in need of seeking refuge and turning to Allaah -Subhanahu- to make his heart firm then how about the matter of the person who is lesser than him, all of the slaves are lesser than him [the Prophet].

How great is the need of the Muslim in that Allaah makes him firm upon His upright and true Deen, which is the means for success, prosperity and a prevention from sins and its calamities.

Allaah says:

[Allaah will keep firm those who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world (i.e. they will keep on worshipping Allaah Alone and none else), and in the Hereafter. And Allaah will cause to go astray those who are Zalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.), and Allaah does what He wills.]⁷

Along with all this the worshipper is in need of making beneficial efforts and to follow righteous paths to obtain the pleasure of Allaah, His guidance and for Allaah to give him success.

[While as for those who accept guidance, He increases their guidance, and bestows on them their piety.]^{8 9}

⁷ [Soorah Ibraaheem: 27]

⁸ [Soorah Muhammad: 17]

⁹ [Fiqh al-Adeeyah wal Adhkaar 4/p.483-485]

يا مقلب القلوب

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ الْعَاصِ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «يَقُولُ إِنَّ قُلُوبَ بَنِي آدَمَ كُلَّهَا بَيْنَ أَصْبُعَيْنِ مِنْ أَصَابِعِ الرَّحْمَنِ كَقَلْبٍ وَاجِدْ يَصْرِفُهُ حَيْثُ يَشَاءُ ثُمَّ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ اللَّهُ مُصْرِفُ الْقُلُوبِ صَرَفَ قُلُوبَنَا عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ». رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ

صحيح) عَنْ أَنَسٍ قَالَ: كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُكْنِزُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: «اللَّهُمَّ! يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ، ثَبِّتْ قُلُوبَنَا عَلَى (528/683
”دينك“.

الكتاب: صحيح الأدب المفرد للإمام البخاري

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قَالَ الشَّيْخُ الْإِمَامُ: فِيهِ بَيَانٌ أَنَّ الْعَبْدَ لَيْسَ إِلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ مِنْ أَمْرِ سَعَادَتِهِ أَوْ شَقَاوَتِهِ، بَلْ إِنْ اهْتَدَى، فَبِهِدَايَةِ اللَّهِ إِلَيْهِ، وَإِنْ تَبَيَّتْ عَلَى
الْإِيمَانَ فَبِتَّبِيتِهِ، وَإِنْ ضَلَّ فَبِصْرِفِهِ عَنِ الْهُدَى

قَالَ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى: {بَلِ اللَّهُ يَمُنُّ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ هَدَاكُمْ لِلْإِيمَانِ} [الحجرات: 17] ، وَقَالَ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى إِنْ خَبَّرَا عَنْ حَمْدِ
أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ: {الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا أَنْ هَدَانَا اللَّهُ} [الأعراف: 43] وَقَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: {يُنَبِّئُ اللَّهُ
. [الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ} [إبراهيم: 27]

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