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Al-Azeez

The All-Mighty, The Most Powerful and Dignified

Al-'Azeez is the incomparable source of all strength and might, and His power cannot be overcome or resisted. He gives honour, dignity, and strength to whomever He wills! When we say Allah is Al-'Azeez, we mean Allah dominates, He Is the One who overwhelms, and nothing can dominate Him back or get past Him. He is self-sufficient and independent, without any need.

Reflection: It's important that we have a balance between love, hope and fear when we think about Allah and gaining closeness to Him through this month and beyond.

Ibn al-Qayyim (raḥimahullāh) writes, "The heart in its journey to Allah is like a bird. Love is its head, and fear and hope are its two wings." A balanced idea of Allaah is one that protects us from two extremes- neither despairing of the mercy of Allah nor feeling immune to the consequences of their sins.

Allah calls Himself Al-'Azeez, The Almighty, The Powerful– on 92 occasions in the Quran- highlighting how important it is for us to know Him as Al-Azeez, and to internalise that. Knowing that Allah is Al-Aziz, that He's in full control at all times, is spiritually therapeutic and washes away so many of the doubts that hold us back.

AFFIRMATIONS

I stand before Allah in my salah, in awe of His Might and Power, and I acknowledge fully my weakness and need before Him.

My honour and dignity come from how closely I am aligned with what Allah loves and is pleased with, so I make that my primary goal.

I am deeply in awe of Allah, Al-Azeez for...

AYAT

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[Quran 3:26]

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Living with this Name:

Feed your "bird" with hope and fear:

The two fruits of knowing this name are Taqwa and Tawakkul. Taqwa, feeds the wing of fear because knowing we have a Lord who is Aziz, who is strong, powerful and mighty ensures that we check our own actions as we are accountable to Him, and so it inspires Taqwa, God-Consciousness. Tawakkul feeds the side of hope and love as we rely on Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala, understanding that He is mighty and powerful over anyone else and that no one can compel or come in front of Him.

Seek honour through Allah alone:
If we seek honour, then we should seek it from Allah. Honour is not sought by wealth, position, beauty or intelligence, but by how much we magnify and submit to Allah. Remember the statement of Umar (RA): "Verily, we were a disgraced people and Allah honoured us with Islam. If we seek honour from anything besides that with which Allah honoured us, Allah will disgrace us."
(al-Mustadrak 'alá al-Ṣaḥīḥayn 207)

Develop tawakkul and Connect to The Quran as it is 'Azeez:
Allah calls the Quran 'Azeez. The Quran dominates, and the message of the Quran dominates and is Powerful. Nothing can beat it. Nothing can surpass it.

ACTION POINTS

What does your heart call to, where does your attention wander to, that you will now put second because you are willing to affirm that there is no one you love more than Allah, nothing you would sacrifice more for than Allah, there is no one who deserves your attention more than Allaah?

DAILY DU'A

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِلَيْكَ اَشْكُوْ ضَعْفَ قُوَّتِي، وَقِلَّةَ حِيْلَتِيْ وَهَوَانِيْ عَلَى النَّاسِ يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ، اَنْتَ رَبُّ الْمُسْتَضْعَفِيْنَ، وَاَنْتَ رَبِّي.

"O Allah! I complain to you of my weakness, my scarcity of resources and humiliation before the people. O Most Merciful of the merciful ones! You are the Lord of the oppressed, and You are my Lord too!"

(At-Tabaraani)

ACTION POINTS

What actions do you take when you are aligned with this truth? What thoughts and beliefs do you hold onto? What more can you do to align your actions with this truth?

What thoughts or feelings take you away from living in line with knowing Who Al-Azeez is?

When distractions emerge, how can you remain centred on Al-Azeez and acknowledge Him in moments of both gratitude and need?

PERSONAL DUAS

What duaa will you ask Allaah for, using His name Al-Azeez?

WHERE IN YOUR LIFE CAN YOU LIVE WITH THIS NAME MORE?

Where are you seeking respect or honour from, in your life?

How can you surrender that need to Allah?

If you allow yourself to do that, what else shifts in your heart?