

The Most Loving, The Most Affectionate

Al-Wadud The Most Loving, is the One Who is the source of all love. He loves His Believing servants and is the One Who is loved by them. The Love of Al-Wadud is consistent, intense and is the highest level of love. Allah being Al-Wadud, The Affectionate, The Most Loving means not only that Allah loves you and I, but that He manifests and shows that love to us consistently through His actions.

Reflection: The Name Al-Wadud only comes twice in the Quran, and some of the scholars have told us that this is because Al-Wadud is a special, exclusive type of love, reserved for a special type of believer. "Still there are some among people who take others as Allah's equal—they love them as they should love Allah—but the 'true' believers love Allah even more" (2:165)

Allah praises those people amongst the people who love Allaah more than anything else, such that if anything from this dunya comes to tempt them- whether that's a person, money, a job- they are able to overcome their own desire for that thing and push it aside by coming to Allah even stronger. The greatest form and expression of love, is sacrifice. And Allah loves any sacrifice that you make in His Way, and He loves those who make them.

The same root for Al-Wadud occurs in the word Al-Wudd **الْوُدُّ**. This word is used in Quran to describe the relationship between a married couple, which involves a yearning, a desire, a want to be with the one that is loved. Al-Wadud, the Extremely Loving desires the company of those whom He loves. Can you imagine for a moment that Allah may want to be in the company of you and I? That Allah may love us to the extent He misses us, that He wishes to see us. He wishes for us to join in the company of those in paradise. This is the connotation of Al-Wadud.

AFFIRMATIONS

My heart has one focus- to please my Beloved Allah, and earn His Love, and I release all distractions that keep me away from that.

I submit to Al-Wadood fully with love in every prayer and express my love for Him through praise by saying "Alhamdulillah."

When I call upon Allaah by His Greatest Name, I do so with (eg love/awe/humility/reverence)...

because He is the One Who...

AYAT

"So seek your Lord's forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. Surely my Lord is Most Merciful, All-Loving."

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Living with this Name:

-Take a step

Some of us may feel so far from being that person that loves Allah, let alone the one that Allah loves – and it can seem daunting, where do we even begin? Yet Allah says in a hadith qudsi, “If my servant comes closer to Me a hand span, I come closer to him or her an arms-length; and if he or she comes to Me walking, I come to him or her at speed.” (Bukhari)

So just take that first step. Make the intention to do one new thing or to fix something you weren’t doing so well. Knowing that He is Al-Ghafoor, Al-Wadood “And He is the Forgiving, the Affectionate,”-

-Spend time reflecting and being grateful for all the ways Allah has already shown His Love for you.

The real lover of Allah is the one who is at every moment opening their heart and their eyes to the gifts of Allah. They have humility with Him, and think, “I didn’t deserve this, yet look what Allah gave me. Look how amazing my Creator is.” And this fills their heart and pours out through their tongue via thanks and praise and love.

-Follow the Prophet ﷺ and what Allah has sent in Surat Al-‘Imran, Allah mentions another secret to obtaining His Love: “Say, [O Muḥammad], “If you should love Allāh, then follow me, [so] Allāh will love you.” (Quran 3:31)

-To develop the love of Allah, develop the love for His words in the Book He sent us.

-Sacrifice for Allah. If we love Allah, we have to ask ourselves today, what am I willing to sacrifice for His sake? Our greatest assets are not the things that we own but those we sacrificed for the sake of Allah

-Serve others

The Prophet ﷺ said, “The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people. The most beloved deed to Allah is to make a Muslim happy, or remove one of his troubles, or forgive his debt, or feed his hunger.”

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

أَسْأَلُكَ حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ وَحُبَّ عَمَلٍ يُقَرِّبُ
إِلَى حُبِّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي

“O Allah I ask You for Your love, the love of those who love You, and the love of good deeds that bring me closer to Your love.”

(Sunan Tirmithi 3235)



ACTION POINTS

What actions do you do 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-Wadud is?

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

PERSONAL DUAS

What duaa will you ask Allah for, using His name Al-Wadud?

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

What in your life might be a block to you receiving more love from Al-Wadud?

What is it that you need to sacrifice in order to be of those who earn the “wudd” of Al-Wadud- the highest level of His love?

What is it that you need to remind your heart, in order to be able to do that?