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"Al- Ghaniyy"

He is not in need of anyone or anything, and we are in need of Him at all times! All of creation depends on Him for His Wealth and sustenance, and He is free from any need of them at all He does not need our ebaadah (worship) or our charity, and His wealth and what is with Him can never be exhausted.

Reflection: Sometimes we judge others for being poor or being in need, and yet in reality we are all poor slaves who need Allah and are dependent upon Him for everything. Some of us have poverty in material things but others could be poor in other things, as the Prophet salallahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: "Richness is not having many possessions. Rather, true richness is the richness of the soul". (Al-Bukhaaree)

That richness of the soul comes from attaching ourselves to al-Ghaniyy. We are all poor in front of Allah- we are poor and we have so many needs that need to be fulfilled – physical, emotional, spiritual. All of those needs are there to lead us back to Him, al-Ghaniyy, who can enrich us from His Bounties. And yet we forget that and sometimes seek to be "enriched" by others first, making us weak in the sight of others and also prone to be disappointed. Why? Because other humans are needy, fallible, and weak just like us. They cannot fulfill their own needs themselves, so how can they fulfill all of ours?

AFFIRMATIONS

I am deeply grateful to Allah, al-Ghaniyy because He has enriched me with (list spiritual, physical, emotional and material wealth)

AYAT

"I place all my needs before Allah alone, and He enriches me and makes me self sufficient. I stand before Allah recognising that my need for Him is greater than my need for anything else"

Living with this Name: The only path to true richness is to come and attach yourself to al-Ghaniyy. The more you attach yourself to Him, the less needy you become of others and the more He, al-Ghaniyy, enriches your heart and life. This is why Al-Ghazali states that a person who has "no neediness except for God the Highest, he will be called 'rich' (Ghaniyy)." Making ourselves independent of others is something that the Prophet sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam recommended when he told his sahaabah to not ask of others: The Messenger of Allah, peace, and blessings be upon him, said, *"Who will guarantee for me that he will not ask people for anything, and I will guarantee for him Paradise?"* Thawban said, *"I will,"* and after that, he would not ask anyone for anything. Of course, there will be times when we do need to ask for help and assistance, yet trying to do as much as can, First, before we ask, is what we can do to maintain our own agency and self-efficacy, which builds our trust in Allah, and in the skills, He has and will continue to give each one of us, so we can rise to the occasion!

ACTION POINTS

Where in your life have you already experienced al-Ghaniyy? Were you enriched in an emotional resource or strength at a time when you needed it, or perhaps you were granted something material?

Where in your life can you live with this name al Ghaniyy more? Where can you show more humility in your worship as you recognize your need of Allah?

DUAS

What dua will you ask Allah for, using His name as-Salaam? Is there a difficulty where you need As-Salam to grant you more peace and security in your heart?