



The Most Beautiful Names Belong To Allaah – Part 3

From the Lessons on Explanation of Kitaab ut-Tawheed of Shaikh Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul Wahhaab¹

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1. (Ar-Raheem) - The Bestower of Mercy

The One who has mercy upon the creation. The verifier has mentioned the difference between *Ar-Rahmaan* and *Ar-Raheem*; *Ar-Rahmaan* is with regards to Allaah's self, the attribute that He has Himself of extreme mercy. *Ar-Raheem* is His bestowing mercy upon the creation with regard to His action.

2. (Ar-Razzaaq) - The Great Provider

The One who provides extensively for the whole of the creation whatever they need and who also provides the provision of beneficial knowledge and eemaan for the hearts of His obedient servants.

The *rizq* that is general is for the whole creation. He provides whatever the whole creation needs with regards to provision and sustenance.

The *rizq* that is particular is that which He provides for His beloved servants - provision in addition to the general provision - the special provision of beneficial knowledge and eemaan providing sustenance for the hearts of His believing servants.

3. (Ar-Raqeeb) - The Ever Watchful Guardian

The One who misses nothing whatsoever, being aware of all deeds and being aware of whatever is contained in the hearts of the creation.

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4. (As-Salaam) - The Impeccable One, The Flawless One Without any Defects

The One free of all imperfections and deficiencies because of His perfection in His self, attributes and His actions. The One who renders His creation safe from His punishing anyone who does not deserve punishment and who renders the creation safe from His oppressing them.

5. (As-Samee') - The All Hearing

The One who has as His attribute perfect hearing. The One who hears everything within the creation even that which is most quiet and secret.

6. (Ash-Shaakir) - The Appreciative

The One who rewards a small deed with a great reward as mentioned by at- Tabari and Ibn Katheer in their tafseers, in explanation of it.

7. (Ash-Shakoor) - The One Most Ready to Appreciate and Reward Abundantly

The One who rewards abundantly and multiplies the rewards of His obedient servants for their deeds. Deeds which He Himself favoured them with. Deeds which He Himself granted to them. The One who does not allow any of their deeds to be lost.

8. (Ash-Shaheed) - The Witness

The One who witnesses everything, that which is apparent and that which is hidden.

9. (As-Samad) - The Perfect Lord and Master Upon Whom All of the Creation Depends

The Lord and Master, whose control is complete, upon whom the whole of the creation depends upon for its needs because of the perfection of His self, His names, His attributes and His actions. The One who remains and never passes away. The One who neither eats nor drinks - free of all needs.

10. (Al-'Aalim) - The All Knower of the Seen and the Unseen

The Knower of whatever is hidden and whatever is manifest.

11. (Al-'Azeez) - The All Mighty or the Invincible

The All Mighty One who nothing can overcome. The One mighty in vengeance when He punishes. The All Powerful One who overcomes all and before whose might all submit and who has no need of anyone.

12. (Al-'Adheem) - The Tremendous One, The Magnificent

The One tremendous in greatness and the only One deservedly held in awe and venerated by the creation for His greatness in every sense.

13. (Al-'Afuww) - The One Who Pardons Again and Again

The One who continues to pardon the sins of His servants and leaves off punishment for them. The One who pardons His slaves so that they do not suffer the consequences of their sins if they repent.

14. (Al-'Aleem) - The All Knowing

From Imaam Ahmad in *Ar-Rad 'ala al-Jahmiyyah*:

“*Al-'Aleem* - He is the One who knows everything in the seven heavens and the seven earths and whatever is in between them and whatever is beneath the ground and whatever is beneath the depths of the oceans. The One who knows the place where every hair grows and every tree and the place where each leaf falls. The One who knows the number of stones there are and the number of the grains of sand and the number of the grains of soil and the weight of the mountains. The One who knows all of the actions of the servants and the traces they leave behind and their speech and every breath they take. He knows everything. Nothing is hidden from Him, whilst He is upon the Throne, above the seven heavens, He the perfect and Most High “

He knows whatever was, whatever is and whatever will be before it occurs. He knows the true and hidden reality of everything and He knows whatever is not going to be and how it would be if it were to exist. He has always been the All Knowing, perfect in His knowledge.

15. (Al-'Alee) - The Exalted

The One Exalted in His attributes and His greatness, high above what the wrong doers say. The One who is Himself above the creation ascended upon the Throne and the One who has ascendancy over the creation by His might.

The three meanings of '*uluww*' are all affirmed for Allaah.

- The *uluww* of His being exalted and far above what the wrong doers say - exalted in His attributes.
- The One who Himself is above and is ascended upon the Throne.
- The One who has ascendancy by His might over the creation.

16. (Al-Ghaffaar) - The Oft-Forgiving

The One who forgives the sins of His servants again and again whenever the servant repents. The One who hides the sins of His servants and who does not expose them.

17. (Al-Ghafoor) - The One Who Forgives Extensively

The One who covers up the sins of His servants to an extent that cannot even be comprehended and who forgives them so that He does not punish them for those sins.

18. (Al-Ghanee) - The Independent One Who is Free of All Needs

The One who has no need whatsoever of the creation. The One who is free from any poverty or need. The One in whose hand lie the treasures of the heaven and the earth and of this world and the hereafter.

19. (Al-Fattaah) - The Judge and Opener Who Distinguishes the Truth From Falsehood

The Judge who judges between His servants with the truth, with justice, with His legislation and with His decree, who is never unjust. The One who opens the gates of mercy and provision and whatever is closed to His servants. The One who opens the eyes and hearts of His servants for them to see the truth. The One who aids and grants victory to His believing servants and who distinguishes the truth from falsehood.

20. (Al-Qaadir) - The Fully Able One

The One fully able to do anything He wills. Nothing renders Him incapable or wearies Him.

21. (Al-Qaahir) - The Invincible Subduer

The One who subdues His creation from above, to whom everything submits. None can repel what He ordains or depart from what He decrees.

22. (Al-Quddoos) - The Pure and Perfect

The Pure and exalted One high above any impurity. The One whom the noble angels venerate. The One free of any opposites, rivals, consorts and children having perfection as His attribute. The One declared free of all deficiencies and imperfections and free of having anyone with the like of His perfection or anyone close to it.

23. (Al-Qadeer) - The All Powerful

The One who is able to do all things; nothing renders Him incapable or wearies Him. The One perfect in His power. The One who by His power created everything in existence and with His power He controls them, completes them and gives life and death to them. With this power He will resurrect the servants and reward and punish them. Whenever He wishes something He says '*kun*' - 'be' and it is.

24. (Al-Qareeb) - The One Who is Near

The One who is near to the servants. He draws near to those who perform acts of worship and seek nearness to Him. He is close to their hearts and He is near to everyone who makes supplication to Him. Also, He is near to the people with His knowledge and awareness witnessing and encompassing everything - whilst He is above the Throne, the 'Arsh.

25. (Al-Qawee) - The One Perfect in Strength

The One fully able to do anything. None can overcome Him. None can repel His decrees.

26. (Al-Qahhaar) - The Overwhelming Subduer Who is Never Overcome

The One who alone subdues the whole of the creation with His sovereign authority and power. Nothing occurs except with His permission. Everything submits to Him. The One who subdues the most obstinate and renegade tyrant with His punishment and who subdues the whole of the creation with death.

27. (Al-Kabeer) - The Incomparably Great

The Tremendous One who is greater than everything. Everything else is insignificant before Him. He is greater than anything imagined by the creation. Whatever they imagine then He is greater than that.

28. (Al-Kareem) - The Bountiful, the Generous One Abundant in Good

The One who causes and makes easy every good and who bestows generously. The One so generous that He even bestows favours upon those who reject His favours and then use them as a means to disobey Him.

29. (Al-Lateef) - The Subtle and Kind

The One who is fully aware of the hidden details of all affairs and of that which will benefit the servants and who is kind to them and causes that which is good for them to reach them via means they had no expectation of.

30. (Al-Mu'min) - The True and Trustworthy, the Granter of Security

The One who is true in His words and true to the promise He has made to the servants and who does not disappoint His believing servants. The One who safeguards His servants in this world and the hereafter. The One who renders His beloved servants safe from His punishment and who renders the whole of the creation safe from His oppressing them.