

# Assumptions

حسن الظن

Part II

We have all travelled – some of us are frequent travellers – have you ever entered a plane & said to the flight attendant; “Excuse me, I’d like to speak to the pilot. Where did he graduate from? How many years has he flown? Has he had any alcohol? Is he mentally fit?”

None of us do that – we enter the plane with a smile & start looking for our seats.

**WE SIT DOWN & HAVE POSITIVE ASSUMPTIONS & TRUST IN A COMPLETE STRANGER!**

We trust that stranger with our lives & our family. We have so much trust that we sleep during the journey. We are not anxious or worried at 35000 feet (10KM) above the ground in long a metal tube. We have **HUSN E ZAN** – positive assumptions & thoughts – that this pilot will get me to my destination safely & securely.

**Husn e Zan Bin-Naas - What about Husn e Zan Billah? Positive assumption of Allah ﷻ?**

قال تعالى: أنا عند ظن عبدي بي؛ إن ظن بي خيراً فله وإن ظن شراً فله

“I am what my servant assumes of me. If he assumes good, then that is for him, if he assumes evil then that is for him.” (Ibn Hibban)

We assume the best in others – why don’t we assume the best in Allah ﷻ?

What you assume from Allah ﷻ is what you shall get. Allah is Kareem, Ghaniy, Ghafoor, Raheem, Muqsit, Razzaaq, Haadi - then **فَلَهُ**.

“Allah will order two servants to enter Hell, & when one of them stands at the precipice of the fire he will turn & say, ‘By Allah, I had a good opinion of You!’ whereupon Allah will say, ‘Bring him back, for I am as My servant thinks of Me!’ Then Allah will forgive him.” (Bayhaqi)

If you have **Suu az-Zan Billah** - Qahaar, Khaafid, Muakkhir, Mani’ - then **فَلَهُ**.

**HUSN E ZAN BILLAH WILL HELP YOU NAVIGATE LIFE’S UPS & DOWNS LIKE THE PILOT!**

Imagine you get chance to speak to the pilot “Excuse me Sir, you’re not flying until you tell me which route you are taking, show me the safety certificate & the fuel levels!”

The pilot asks, do you have an aviation degree? Are you a pilot? You say **NO**. How obnoxious & insecure are you asking me about things you have no real clue about!

**REALITY IS, WE DON’T BEHAVE LIKE THIS WITH A PILOT, BUT WE DO WITH ALLAH ﷻ!**

- Ya Allah why did you chose this route for me in life, this health, this difficulty, this food?!
- Ya Allah I pray, I fast, I paid the Zakat – why are you doing these things to me?!
- The One in control of all journeys is the All-Knowing, All-Powerful, All-Able, In Control

Ibrahim عليه السلام – they dug a pit – collected firewood for 1 month – blazing fire –

Threw Ibrahim عليه السلام in the fire – as he was falling in – all he said was **حسبي الله ونعم الوكيل**

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَعِزَّتُهُ is sufficient for me – He is the best one to put my complete trust in.

**Husn e Zan Billah** = Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَعِزَّتُهُ commanded the fire to be peaceful & cool around Ibrahim عليه السلام

Ibrahim عليه السلام dropped his wife & child in a barren desolate land in Makkah.

Hajar عليها السلام asked **“Why are you leaving us here?”** He did not answer 3X. She then said **“Did Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ order you to do this?”** He only replied Yes – that’s all Lady Hajar عليها السلام needed to hear.

**“Then Allah will never disappoint us”** - **Husn e Zan Billah** – Positive assumption of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ

Ibrahim عليه السلام became very close to his son Ismail عليه السلام - then the order came to slaughter him.

Imagine the **Husn e Zan Billah** of Ibrahim عليه السلام for his dearest son.

If your son has a headache or illness, what **Husn e Zan Billah** do we have?

Ismail عليه السلام like his father had great **Husn e Zan Billah** – **قَالَ يَا أَبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ**

Ismail عليه السلام assumed great things from Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَعِزَّتُهُ he knew Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَعِزَّتُهُ will always do good to him.

## WHAT A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY OF IBRAHIM عليه السلام – حسن الظن بالله

Zakariya عليه السلام 85 year-old man, 80 year-old wife - wanted to conceive naturally!

Wife was barren her entire lifetime - All doctors will say it's impossible!

Zakariya عليه السلام has حسن الظن بالله - Ya Allah gift me an heir. (19:7)

O Zakariya you assumed good from me even at this age, glad tidings of a baby boy Yahya!

Our Messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم migrated Makkah – Madinah - Cave Thawr with Abu Bakr

“If they lower their heads they will see us.” He صلى الله عليه وسلم replied “What do you assume of 2 when Allah is the 3<sup>rd</sup> amongst them? Don't worry or be anxious, assume the best in Allah!

**GOING THROUGH FINANCIAL HARDSHIP – HAVE حسن الظن بالله**

“There is no creature on earth except that Allah (Razzaq) will provide for it” (11:6)

**LOOKING FOR A JOB – HAVE حسن الظن بالله**

“In the heaven is your provision & everything that you have been promised” (51:22)

It will come – no one can take it/touch – it is only yours – have حسن الظن بالله

**FEELING SICK – HAVE** حسن الظن بالله – “And when I am ill, it is He who cures me” (26:80)

Go to the doctor – take by the means – but your heart is attached to the healer himself.

**FEELING GRIEF - SADNESS - PROBLEMS – HAVE** حسن الظن بالله

Is He (not) who responds to the desperate when he calls upon Him & removes evil (27:62)

Allah ﷻ will answer – not just listen – but answer the Du’a of the one in dire need!

If you are from the people who have sinned a lot – **HAVE** حسن الظن بالله

"O My servants who have transgressed against themselves, do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful." (39:53)

**YOU WANT A REAL LIVE EXAMPLE OF** حسن الظن بالله - Looks at our brothers & sisters in Gaza

Bombed, Assassinated, Gassed, Starved, Killed, Tortured, Jailed, Displaced...

But they continue to have the best most perfect أنا عند ظن عبدي بي، وأنا معه إذ دعاني - حسن الظن بالله

"لَا يَمُوتَنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ إِلَّا وَهُوَ يُحْسِنُ الظَّنَّ بِاللَّهِ - حُسْنَ الظَّنِّ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ حُسْنِ العِبَادَةِ

Have you ever seen anyone of them ever assuming poor or bad of Allah ﷻ?