

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، عَزَّ جَاهُهُ، وَجَلَّ ثَنَاؤُهُ، وَتَقَدَّسَتْ أَسْمَاؤُهُ، مَنْ تَوَكَّلَ  
عَلَيْهِ كَفَاهُ، وَمَنْ لَجَأَ إِلَيْهِ آوَاهُ، وَمَنْ سَأَلَهُ أَعْطَاهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، إِمَامُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ،  
وَخَاتَمُ النَّبِيِّينَ، وَقُدْوَةُ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَأَصْحَابِهِ الْغُرِّ الْمِيَامِينَ، وَالتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى  
يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, may His Majesty be glorified, His adulation and Names sanctified. Whoever trusts in Allah, He will suffice for him concerning all his needs, and whoever seeks His help, He will give him.

I testify that there is no deity save Allah, having no partners. I also bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's Servant and Messenger, the Imam of Messengers and Seal of the Prophets. May Allah's peace and blessings be on Muhammad, his pure family, his pious Companions and all those who follow them perfectly until the Day of Resurrection.

## Pleasing Yourself & People Or Allah & His Messenger

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as the religion. (5:3)

- Distraction/Temptations – New Years, Easter, Christmas...
- Our faith is complete-perfect, we don't need to please others to feel accepted

“ مَنْ قَالَ رَضِيْتُ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولًا وَجَبَّتْ لَهُ الْجَنَّةُ ”

If anyone says "I am pleased with Allah as (my) Lord, with Islam as (my) way of life and with Muhammad as (my) messenger" Paradise will be his due. (Abu Dawud)

We face an onslaught of secularism, pressure conformity, drive to become successful, please/prove oneself – in all of this we have lost our focus, purpose and priority of life - Please Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ

### Content with Allah – Lord? Islam – Way of Life? Prophet – Messenger?

- Birth - Childhood - Youth - Adulthood - Work - Marriage - Children - Old Age
- Priorities: food, shelter, enjoyment, education, opportunity, success, money, mortgage, car, legacy, **INSTEAD OF:** Allah – Messenger? Salah, Zakah, Sawm, Hajj?

### Allah – Messenger: Become Expendable

- Students/Muslims: late/miss madrassah/masjid due to school/work; leave madrassah/masjid due to school, college, work, family, society

## Pleasing Yourself & People Or Allah & His Messenger

- Mother/Father, Wife/Husband, Son/Daughter (in-law), Siblings, Friends
- Constantly juggling obligations, invitations, commitments, appeasing others until we're exhausted – eventually burnt out physically, emotionally & spiritually

وَلَا تَنْسُوا الْفَضْلَ بَيْنَكُمْ

“And do not forget to do good to one another.” (2:237)

تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. (3:110)

وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ

and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy... (4:36)

- **Practiced Wrong Order/Reason:** yourself, family, friends, world-praise, admiration, limelight, please, acceptance, glory - **Check Your Nafs**
- **Consequence: Ignore Allah,** hurrying/missing salah/obligations/sunnah
- The Prophet ﷺ said, **He who displeased Allah for seeking the pleasure of people, Allah is displeased with him... And he who pleases Allah, although by it he displeased people, Allah is pleased with him. Allah makes him splendid and his speech and acts in the eyes of others beautiful.** [Tabarani]

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وَاللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَقُّ أَنْ يُرْضَوْهُ

”But it is more fitting that they should please Allah and His Messenger (9:62)

يَوْمَ يَفِرُّ الْمَرْءُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ وَأُمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مِّنْهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ

On the Day a man will flee from his brother, And his mother and his father, on that Day, to every one of them will his own state be of sufficient concern. (80:34-36)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

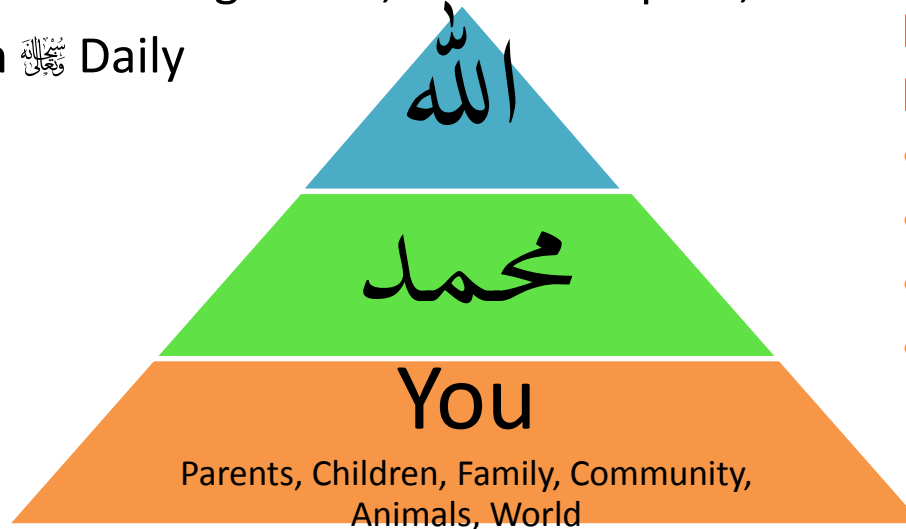
Pleasing Family: Ibrahim عليه السلام NO, Pleasing Children: Nuh عليه السلام No, Pleasing People: Prophet ﷺ NO – Only Pleased ALLAH

**Reality:** Pleasers are taken for granted, never accepted, lose in both worlds

**Priority:** Please Allah ﷻ Daily

**Priority:** Be Content

- Lord
- Religion
- Messenger



**Priority Holidays**

**Parents/Children:**

- Salah
- Iman-Qur'an
- Follow Sunnah
- Then Rest/Enjoy