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THE VIRTUES OF SURAT UL-'ASR

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāh.

Aū'dhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-Shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm. Wa**s-s**alātu wa s-salāmu 'alā Rasūlinā Muhammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Ākhirīn.

Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādati Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā

Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-F'āiz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad.

Tariqatunā ș-șuhbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

There are many surah's in the Holy Quran and all of them are beautiful. There is one particular surah that is short, yet it tells people and Muslims what to do. It explains it. Those who follow these suggestions reach felicity. It is Surah Al-Asr. Allah 'azza wa jalla says, Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm: 'Wa-l-'aṣri, innā -l-insāna lafī khuṣrin illā l-ladhīna āmanū wa-'amilū ṣ-ṣāliḥātu wa-tawāṣau bi-l-ḥaqq wa-tawāṣau bi-ṣabr.''

Allah swears that all humanity is at loss, the son of man is at loss, except for those who have faith, who do good deeds, and who are patient. They are the winners. The rest are all at loss. It is not so long of a surah, but it is hard for humanity to do. To do good, to help others in doing good works, is difficult for people. This is because there are many things that appear to stop oneself, a list starting with the nafs and Shaytan. Those around us try to stop us from having faith and doing good works, and they do as much as possible to weaken people's faith.

So those who have iman should know that Allah 'azza wa jalla has granted them a great favor by giving them iman. In any event, those who have faith try to follow Allah's commands to do good, and they perform their worship duties and all sorts of the things that Allah loves. Although they have done these, they also need to be patient with all kinds of suffering and difficulties. They need to be patient, and for those who are patient, their end will be good in this world and in the Hereafter.

They will reach felicity and happiness. May Allah help us all, strengthen our faith, and guide people. They think highly of what they do according to their own minds. "If I do this, it will be good," they say, but what they are doing is nothing but evil. Even if it looks good in their own eyes, what they are doing is evil and harmful for themselves. May Allah protect us from this and give guidance to people.

