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The Prophet's Beautiful last prayer

Al Mumineen, we who follow the Sunnah, let us take note of the beautiful prayer of Prophet Muhammad SAW before his death:

"Oh God, forgive me, have mercy upon me and contact me to the Most High Friend"

(Hadiths Shahih Bukhari Vol.5 Book 59, Number 721)

Then the Prophet Muhammad *SAW* lifted up his hand saying:

"The Most High Friend".

The his hand laid down and he passed away.

(Hadiths Shahih Bukhari Vol.5 Book 59, Number 730)

Who is this "Most High Friend?"

According to the footnote of Hadiths Shahih Bukari, this could be "Angels and Prophets". But Angels are not described as "Most High", so Prophet Muhammad's Most High Friend was not an angel but a Prophet.

Then who among the Prophets was worthy to be addressed as "the Most High Friend"?

"Adam Shafiullah" = Adam A.S., sanctified by

Allah SWT

"Nuh Najiyullah" = Noah A.S., saved by

Allah SWT

"Ibrahim Khalilullah" = Ibrahim A.S., loved by

Allah SWT

"Isma'il Dzabihullah" = Ishmael A.S., sacrificed by

Allah SWT

"Musa Kalimullah" = Moses A.S., given by

Allah SWT

"Dawud Khalifullah" = David A.S., led by

Allah SWT

(Majmu' Syarif)

However he himself has spoken:

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

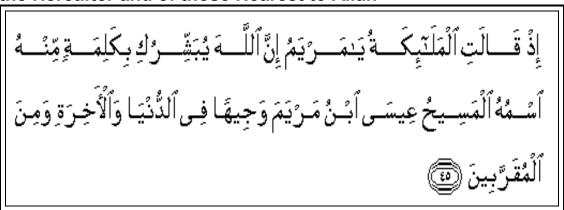
"Anaa aulan naasi bi 'iisabni maryama fid dun-yaa wal aakhiraati wal ambiyaau ikhwaatul li 'allatin ummahaatuhum syattaa wa diinuhum waahid."

"Both in this world and in the Hereafter, I am the nearest of all the people to Isa the Son of Maryam. The Prophets are paternal brothers; Their mothers are different but their religion is one."

(Hadiths Shahih Bukhari Vol.4 Book 55, Number 652)

بست والله الزمن الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim,

"...lsa the son of Maryam, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of those Nearest to Allah"



(Qs.3 Ali Imran 45)

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim,بست والقرالوهن الرجيع

"Wal ladzii nafsii buyadihi layusyikanna ayyanzila fiikumubnu Maryama hakaman muqsithan"

"Swear (to) Allah whereby my soul is in His hand. Indeed the time draws nigh that Isa the son of Maryam will descend in the midst of you. He will be the Righteous Judge."

(Hadiths Shahih Muslim Book 33 hadith 54)

اللهُ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

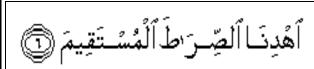
"...Isa is Rohullah (The Spirit of Allah Taala), Rasullah (The Messenger of Allah Taala) and Kalimatullah (the Word of Allah Taala)"

(Qs 4 An Nisa' 171)

Therefore the "Most High Friend" is none other than Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam, son of Maryam.

At this critical time, Rasulullah Mohammad SAW, who feared Malikiyawumiddin (Allah Taala, Lord of all the worlds), called the Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam, "the Most High Friend", for he knew the true meaning of these ayat:

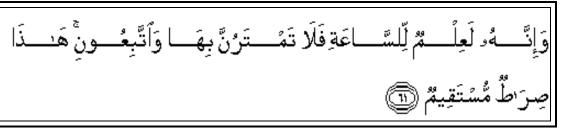
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"Show us the Straight Way"

(Qs.1 Fatihah 6)

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim,بست عِلِللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيعِ



وَلَمَّا جَآءَ عِيسَىٰ بِٱلْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالَ قَدُ جِئُتُكُم بِٱلْحِكُمةِ وَلِأَبُيِّنَ لَكُم بَعُضَ اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُونِ

"... wattabi'unni haadza shiraathal mustaqim."

"... And obey Me, ..this is a straight way."

(Qs.43 Az Zukruf 61-63)

Obedience to Isa AS is required by Allah Taala, for He is the Sign for us, with knowledge of the Hour of Judgement Day

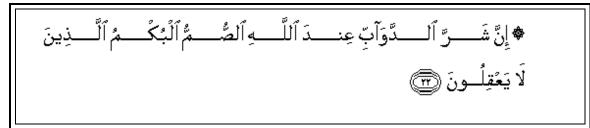
بست عِلللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيـعِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim,

وَٱلَّتِي ٓ أَحُصَنَتُ فَرُجَهَا فَنَفَخُنَا فِيهَا مِن رُّوحِنَا وَجَعَلُنَاهَا وَٱبُنَهَا ءَايَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ

Hazrat Isa is the "Sign is for all the worlds". (Qs.21 Al Anbiya 91)

Rasullah also warns us,بست مالله الرهن الرحمية Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim,

وَلَا تَكُونُواْ كَٱلَّذِينَ قَالُواْ سَمِعُنَا وَهُمُ لَا يَسَّمَعُونَ ٢



;"Wa-laa takono ka-'Alladhena qaalo sami' Naa waa-hum laa yasma'on Inna sya-rad-dawaabi-bi 'indallahish-shum-mul bukmul-ladzina laa ya'qilun."

- "...Nor be like those who say, "We hear, but listen not: For the worst of beasts in the sight of Allah are the deaf and the dumb, those who understand not" (Qs. 8 Al Anfal 21,22)
- So, please note carefully the Ayat of Allah SWT stated here. Follow them for they are like a guiding compass from Allah SWT to guide you on your way.
- Follow Rasul'ullah in his doaTawbah, His prayer to repent.
 Why should we allow ourselves to reach a point when
 Allah SWT assigns us to be with the wicked and the fools who do not enter His straight way.
- •Let us proceed to enter the Straight Way which Allah SWT has established and described here for us.

Allah SWT will bless us with His wisdom and favour, as we understand the meaning of these ayat.

ALLAH TAALA, MOST MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE, HAS REVEALED THE MOST HIGH FRIEND TO ALL (He is Ar Rahmanir Rahim)

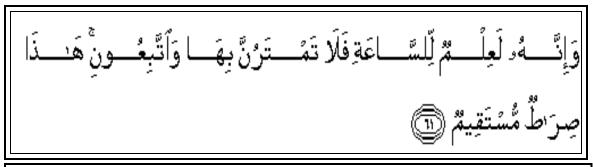
(Qs. 1 Al Faatihah 3)

Knowing that we are but only human, Allah Taala, in His great mercy and compassion has this Most High Friend in the *Al-Quran* so that we can obey Him closely. Let us study *Al-Quran Alqarim* and *Al-Hadiths* as described below:

THE GUIDANCES IN THE ALQURAN AND ALHADITHS THAT ENABLE MANKIND TO KNOW THE MOST HIGH FRIEND

1. According to Rasulullah, Hazrat Isa salah us salam is the Sign preparing us for the Judgement Day: we all need to follow Allah's Sign in Him

بست مِاللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim,



"Wa innahu la'ilmulis saa 'ati fa laa tamtarunna bihaa wat tabi'uuni hadzaa shiraathal mustagiim"

"And Isa shall be a sign (for the coming of) the hour (Judgement): Therefore have no doubt about the (hour), but follow ye Me: This is the Straight Way, (Hazrat Isa said),

"Obey Me, this is the Straight Way." (Qs Az Zukruf 43:61,63-64)

2. According to Rasulullah, Hazrat Isa salath us salam, is the Carrier of Allah Taala's Light for us: Allah Taala wants us to obey His Light in Hazrat Isa salath us salam.

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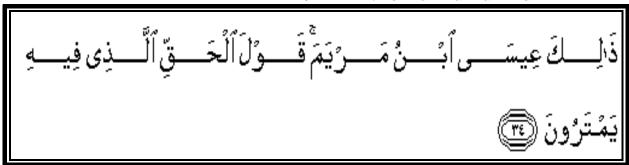
"Wa lamma jaa-a 'Isa bil bayyinaati qaala qad ji'tukum bil hikmati wa li ubayina lakum ba'dhal ladzii tathalifuuna fiihi fat taqullaaha wa athii'u"

"When Isa came with Clear Signs, He said: "Now have I come to you with Wisdom, and in order to make clear to you some of the (points) on which ye dispute: therefore fear Allah SWT and obey me."

(Qs. 43 Az Zukhruf 63)

3. According to Rasulullah, Hazrat Isa salah us salam, speaks the word of Truth in the midst of disputes.

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim بِسَـّ مِالِللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّمْدِيعِ



"Dzaalika 'Isabnu Maryama qaulal haqqil ladzii fiihi yamtaruun." "Such (was) Isa the son of Maryam: (It is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute."

(Qs. 19 Maryam 34)

4. According to Rasulullah, Hazrat Isa salath us salam, the promised Man Al Masih, was sent as Allah Taala's Word from Allah Taala who is Most High above us.

بست مِاللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

يَنَا أَهُلَ ٱلْكِتَنِ لَا تَعُلُواْ فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَقُولُواْ عَلَى ٱللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقَّ إِنَّمَا ٱلْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ٱبُنُ مَرُيَمَ رَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتُهُ وَ أَلُقَاهَا إِلَىٰ مَرُيَمَ وَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتُهُ وَ أَلُقَاهَا إِلَىٰ مَرُيَمَ وَرُوحٌ مِّنُهُ فَامِنُواْ بِٱللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ وَلَا تَقُولُواْ ثَلَاثَةُ أَانتَهُ واْ خَيْرًا لَّكُمْ إِنَّمَا ٱللَّهُ إِلَى وَحِدٌ شُبْحَننَهُ وَ أَن يَكُونَ لَهُ وَلَدُّ لَّهُ وَحَدُ شُبْحَننَهُ وَ أَن يَكُونَ لَهُ وَلَدُّ لَّهُ وَعَلَيْ اللَّهُ إِلَى اللَّهُ إِلَى اللَّهُ وَحِدٌ شُبْحَننَهُ وَ أَن يَكُونَ لَهُ وَلَدُّ لَهُ وَمَا فِي ٱلْأَرُضُ وَكَفَى بِٱللَّهِ وَكِيلًا اللَّهُ وَكِيلًا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ إِلَى اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا تَقُولُوا اللَّهُ وَلَكُ مَا اللَّهُ وَلَا تَقُولُوا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ إِلَى اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَالْمُولِقُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ الْمُؤْلُولُولُ اللَّهُ اللَّ

[&]quot;Innamal masiihu 'Isabnu maryama Rasullulloahi wa kalimatuhu"

[&]quot;Isa Al Masih, son of Maryam was an Apostle of Allah and His Word." (Qs 4 An Nisa 171)

5. Allah Taala Himself breathed His Spirit here, bringing Hazrat Isa salath us salam as man in our world, to be His Sign for all mankind to understand.

بست والله الومن الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

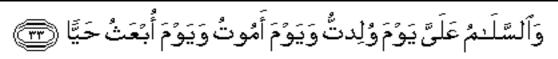
(Qs 21 Al Anbiyaa 91)

"Wal lath ahshanat farjahaa fa nafakhnaa fiihaa mir muhinaa waja'alnaahaa wabnahaa aayatai iil'aalamiin."

"And (remember) her who guarded her chastity: We breathed into her of Our Spirit, and We made her and her son a Sign for all peoples."

6. Allah Taala's peace is upon Isa Al Masih salath us salam at His birth, death and resurrection

بست مِاللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim



"Was salaamu 'alayya yauma wulidtu wa yauma amuutu wa yauma ub'atsu hayyan"

"So Peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to Life (again)"!

(Qs. 19 Maryam 33)

7. Allah Taala commanded Hazrat Isa salath us salam to sacrifice His life, defends His Name and raises Him and His followers above all Unbelievers

بست مِالِللَّهِ الرَّمْن الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim



"Idz qaalallaahu ya 'iisaa innii mutavvaffiika wa raafi'uka ilayya wa muthahhiruka minal ladziina kafamu, wa-jaa'ilul ladzina atbauka faugal ladzina kafamu ilaa yaumil gaiyaamah..."

"Behold! Allah said: "O Isa! I will cause Thee to die and raise thee to myself and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection..."

(Qs. 3 'Aali Imraan 55)

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim إِلاَّ مَا أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ أَنِ اعْبُدُواْ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ وَكُنتُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا مَّا دُمْتُ فِيهِمْ فَلَمَّا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي كُنتَ أَنتَ

".....Thou didst cause me to die (tavaffaytani)," (Qs 5 Al Maidah 117)

8. According to Rasulullah, Hasrat Isa salath us salam prayed and Allah Taala empowered Him to heal

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim بِسَــمِ الِللَّهِ الْوَحْنِ الرَّحْدِيمِ

ِسُولًا إِلَىٰ بَنِيٓ إِسُرَ آءِيلَ أَنِّي قَدُ جِئُتُكُم بِعَايَةٍ مِّن رَّبّ حًى ٱلْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذُن ٱللَّهِ ۗ وَ نَ فِى بُيُوتِكُمُۚ إِنَّ فِى ذَلِكَ لأَيَةً لَ



- ... wa ubri-ul akmaha wal abrasha wa ihyil mautaa bi idznillah...'
- "... and I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead By Allah's leave ... "

(Qs. 3 'Aali Imraan 49)

9. According to Rasulullah, Hazrat Isa salath us salam prayed and through Him, Allah Taala raised the dead

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim بست عِلِللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيعِ

إِذْ قَالَ ٱللَّهُ يَنعِيسَى ٱبُّنَ مَرِّيَمَ ٱذُكُرٌ نِعُمَتِي عَلَيُّكَ وَعَلَىٰ وَ يَّدتُّكَ بِرُو حِ ٱلْقُدُسِ تُكَلِّمُ ٱلنَّاسَ فِي ٱلْمَهُدِ وَكَهُلًا وَإِذُ عَلَّا ةَ وَٱلتَّوُرَكةَ وَٱلْإِنجِيلَّ وَإِذُ تَخُلُقُ مِنَ ٱلطِّين فِيهَا فَتَكُونُ طَيِّرًا بِإِذُنِيٌّ وَتُبُرئُ ٱلْأَكُمَة ر جُ ٱلُمَوَّتَىٰ بِإِذُنِيُّ وَإِذْ كَفَفَتُ بَنِيٓ إِسَّرَ آءِيلَ عَن نَنتِ فَقَالَ ٱلَّذِينَ كَفَرُواْ مِنْهُمُ إِنَّ هَلِذَآ إِلَّا سِحُرٌّ

(Qs. 5 Al Maa-idah 110)

^{...}Wa idz tukhnjul mautaa bi-idzni...'

[&]quot;...And behold! thou bringest forth the dead by My Leave..."

10. Allah Taala gave Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam clear Signs and His powerful Spirit of Holiness for us.

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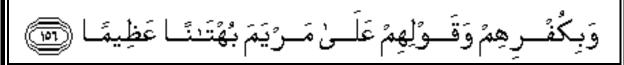
"wa aatainaa 'Isabnu maryama bayyinaati wa ayadnaahu bi ruuhil qudusi"

"to Isa, the Son of Maryam We gave Clear Signs, and strengthened Him with the Holy Spirit (of Al Quddus subbuhan Allah)"

(Qs 2 Al Baqarah 253)

11. Allah SWT regards as "heathen" kafirun, those who reject Kalimatullah Isa salah us salam, the One Allah SWT breathed upon Maryam to be His Sign for all the worlds.

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim بِسَبِ مِ اللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيعِ



"Wa bikufrihim wa qaulihim 'alaa maryama buhtaanan 'adhiimaa"

"That they rejected Faith; that they uttered against Mary a grave false charge"

(Qs 4 Al Baqarah 156)

12. Allah Taala was the One who caused Hazrat Isa salath us salam to give His life and He, Salath us salam, was faithful witness to the end.

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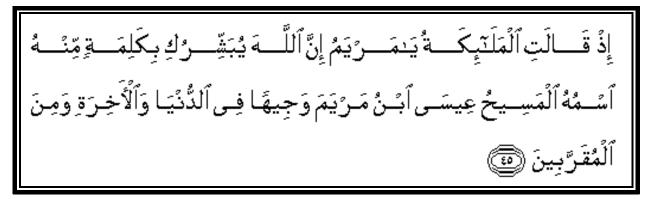
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"And I (Isa) was a witness over them as long as I remained among them, but since Thou didst cause me to die (tawaffaytani), Thou, hast been the Watcher over them, and Thou art Witness over all things;"

(Qs 5 Al Maidah 117)

13. Allah Taala's Good News comes in the form of a Person: the promised Al Masih Isa salath us salam.

Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim



"The malaikat said, "O Maryam, Allah gives you good news: a Word from Him whose name is `The Messiah, Isa the son of Maryam. He will be prominent in this life and in the Hereafter, and one of those closest to Me." (Qs 3 Ali Imran 45a)

14. According to Rasulullah, the Name of Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam is prominent both Here and in the Hereafter

يست مِ اللهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

إِذْ قَـــالَتِ ٱلْمَلَتِهِكَــةُ يَـــمــرُيَمُ إِنَّ ٱللَّـــهَ يُبَشِّــرُكِ بِكَلِمَــةٍ مِّنَــهُ ٱلشَّـمُهُ ٱلْمَسِـيحُ عِيسَــى ٱبـُـنُ مَـرُيَمَ وَجِيهًا فِــى ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلْأَخِـرَةِ وَمِنَ ٱلسُّمُهُ ٱلْمُسِـيحُ عِيسَــى ٱبـُـنُ مَـرُيَمَ وَجِيهًا فِــى ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلْأَخِـرَةِ وَمِنَ ٱلسُّمُهُ ٱلمُقَرَّبِينَ

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"Idz qaalatil malaa-ikatu yaa maryaamu innallaaha yubasysyiruki bikalimatim minhusmuhul masiihu 'iisabnu maryama wajiihan fld dunyaa wal aakhirati wa minal muqarrabiin"

"He will be prominent in this life and in the Hereafter, and one of those closest to Me." (Qs 3 Ali Imran 45b)

15. Al-Quran al-Qarim records the followers of Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam as Muslims: Allah Taala raises them above Kafirun (Unbelievers)

بست مِلِللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

فَلَمَّا أَحَسَّ عِيسَى مِنْهُمُ الْكُفْرَ قَالَ مَنْ أَنصَارِي إِلَى اللّهِ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنصَارُ اللّهِ آمَنَّا بِاللّهِ وَاشْهَدْ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُون الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنصَارُ اللّهِ آمَنَّا بِاللّهِ وَاشْهَدْ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُون

إِذْ قَالَ ٱللَّهُ يَنعِيسَى إِنِّى مُتَوَقِّيكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَىَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَالَ ٱللَّهِ يَنعِيسَى إِنِّى مُتَوقِيد وَالْفِعُكَ إِلَى وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ ٱللَّهِ يَن كَفَرُواْ إِلَىٰ يَومُ إِلَّا ذِينَ كَفَرُواْ إِلَىٰ يَومُ اللَّهِ يَن كَفَرُواْ إِلَىٰ يَومُ اللَّهِ يَنهَ كُمُ فِيمَا كُنتُمُ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ ٱلْقِيَامَةَ فِيهَ لِي اللَّهُ عَلَمُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللْهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الْعَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللْمُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَمْ عَلَا عَلَى اللْعَلَا عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَه

"When Isa found Unbelief on their part He said: "Who will be My helpers to (the work of) Allah *Taala*?" Said the disciples: "We are Allah *Taala*'s helpers: We believe in Allah *Taala*, and do thou bear witness that we are Muslims." (Qs 3 Ali Imran 52 & 55)

Allah Taala, as stated in Hadiths Shahih Muslim Vol.18. 791, will defeat Dajjal & Shaytan through Hasrat Isa salath us salam who has prominent power over this world and the next.

Al-Quran al-Qarim states that Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam is the Straight Path to be obeyed. Those who follow Him will be raised above those who do not trust His way. According to Rasulullah, Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam is so important to Allah SWT that His Name is mentioned 97 times in al-Quran al-Qarim.

Heaven can be compared to a beautiful state palace. If Mr President invites you to the state palace, you will certainly be sure that you can enter it, because he is the supreme authority there and he has the full power over the state palace.

However, if a minister, who does not have full authority over every part of the state palace, invites you inside, surely you will hesitate: perhaps, after spending a lot of travel cost and energy, you will not be permitted to enter the palace.

In his supreme mercy, Allah SWT like Mr President, has appointed Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam. His Spirit and Sign to renew us for Jannat. Kalimatullah comes from the nearest side of Allah Taala with supreme authority and mercy.

Since His work is complete, He brings us Allah Taala's Good News for us: all who received and follow Him, the Straight Way of Allah SWT, can live righteously on this earth and enter Heaven with assurance.

Since Allah SWT declares in Al-Quran al-Qarim that Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam received high honour in this world and in Heaven, all who follow His instructions will also receive their reward in al-Jannah.

It was through this beautiful final doa that the Prophet Mohammad *SAW* conveyed this important part of his life to us; It is an important final sunnah, for he responded, with astafirullah, to many Ayat and this Sign from al-Jannah.

As Muslims, let us pray as Rasulullah did, humbly expressing our need of this Most High Friend!

Alhamduillah!

صِّرَ طَ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيمَ

We all seek peace in our final moments

Assalaamu'laikum wa Rahmatulaahi wa Barakaatuh One hundred and four men, women and children boarded Flight MI 185 on 19th December 1997 in Jakarta. As they took off on this routine holiday flight for Singapore, none of them sensed that they would not make it there. Their Boeing 737 jet dived suddenly near Palembang and crashed into pieces near Sungei Musi, killing all passengers and crew on board.

All throughout the world, people face the tragedy of sudden death: earthquakes, cyclones, accidents and war come suddenly upon many people and they are unable to control death's destructive power. Other people die because of uncontrollable disease. All of us try to prepare for death, but death is always unpredictable and out of our control.

Some people try to live longer: they stop smoking, take more physical exercise, diet, eat healthier food and regular vitamin supplements. Yet we cannot deny the fact that however much we try, some day we have to die.

Others never even think of death: in times when they face no real problems, when they have good food and money, their financial future seems sound, when no family problems trouble them and when they have achieved a good position in society, death is far from their mind. But death does not affect only the old or the needy: brilliant, young people can die without warning. Death equalizes the position of all, from the highest to the lowest classes of people.

Allah SWT has the authority to put us in Heaven or sentence us to Hell, based on His justice. His Name is Ar' Rahmanir Rahim (the Most Merciful & Compassionate One) and so He warns us to watch and prepare at all times for the coming of death and the Kiamat. All men are appointed to die once and then face the Judgement Day. At this Kiamat, we all must give an account of all things you and I have done during our

life on this earth, for Allah Taala's Name is also Al Haqq (the Truth).

Therefore Allah SWT requires us to be READY at all times, even now. The one who is ready at all times is the one who walks the Siratul Mustaqiim (the Straight Way) with the Peace which only Allah SWT alone can provide. How can we be ready? Let us note see what the Kitab and the Sunnah both say together.

THIS WORLD IS TEMPORARY

What is the meaning of this Life?

The world is temporary. This life and even the world's riches are like a vapour that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. But our life transcends this world and lasts longer than this world for it has been given by Allah SWT who lives forever.

Many people just live for happiness in life in this world only. Every day, we are busy with worldly affairs. Busy seeking money, busy working and enjoying the attractions which soon fade away, we find that all these thrills are soon over and we lose meaning in life. Satan also whispers in our ears to strive for this fake happiness. He wants us to waste our lives by making us commit sins so that we can be the inhabitants of Hell forever.

Often, it is also true that the sufferings we experience in this temporary world are much more than the happiness we receive. Forgetting that that we all have to return eventually to the Allah SWT the Owner of our souls, we become depressed and lose meaning in this life.

But Allah SWT always gives us guidance to see what true happiness is. As we follow His guidance, we find the power to control ourselves in this world. As we walk in His Siratul Mustaqiim (Straight Way) we find our lives purified by Him so that we can be the inhabitants of His Heaven which is without any sin.

In the Akhirat (Life Hereafter) there are two destinations for the human spirit: Heaven and Hell. Once our spirit is judged at the Kiamat (Judgement Day) to enter into either one of these locations, we cannot go out or change our final location. We live there forever.

Since we cannot tell when any of us will die, now is our only chance to choose our future destination.

Which eternal place do you choose to live in?

HEAVEN

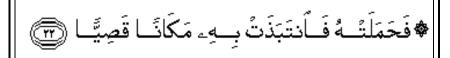
Heaven is the most beautiful resting place and the best place to live in forever. Heaven is surrounded by cool, amazing parks with the sound of Peaceful greetings and filled with an atmosphere of Patienceand Respect.

Our human mind cannot fully comprehend or adequately illustrate the beauty of Heaven. The Kitab reveals that here, believers who have been granted salvation from Allah SWT are free from the burden and filth of sin. Great joy abounds and praises ascend continually to the Almighty Allah SWT who has removed sadness and mourning forever and ever.

How can we, unholy men and women, enjoy such bliss? Only those who are made holy by Allah *SWT* will enter this beautiful place. In the *Alquran Alqarim*, Allah *SWT* reveals to us that He appointed Isa *A.S.*, son of Maryam, as His holy gift for all mankind:

بست مِ اللهِ الرحمٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

قَالَتُ أَنَّىٰ يَكُونُ لِي غُلَامٌ وَلَمُ يَمُسَسِّنِي بَشَرٌ وَلَمُ أَكُ بَغِيًّا ۞



His "Sign unto men and a Mercy from us".

(Qs. 19 Maryam 19, 21)

In Heaven and on earth, Allah SWT has appointed the name of Isa A.S., the Promised Imam Mahdi (AlMasih), as the exalted name.

بست مِ اِللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim

إِذْ قَالَتِ ٱلْمَلَتِ عِيسَى أَبُنُ مَرُيَمُ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنْهُ ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلْأَخِرَةِ وَمِنَ ٱلسُّمُهُ ٱلْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ٱبُنُ مَرُيَمَ وَجِيهًا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلْأَخِرَةِ وَمِنَ ٱلمُّقَرَّبِينَ

"lisabnu maryama wajihan fid dun-yaa wal aakhiraati"

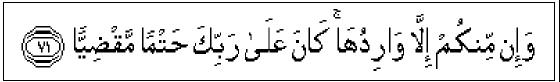
"He will be prominent in this life and in the Hereafter, and one of those closest to Me." (Qs 3 Ali Imran 45b)

HELL

Hell is the most terrible place of torment. Those who dwell here suffer most because the clothing, the blankets and the beds are made of fire. Above the head and below the feet, inhabitants here are surrounded by layers of fire. All places here are covered with fire, black smoke and darkness. Eyes turn blind, ears become deaf and mouths are dumb in this place of great sadness. Tortured grieviously, yet souls here do not die. Groaning incessantly, yet souls here are without hope or relief. Alive, yet souls here are like those who die. There is no end to pain here: pain lasts forever.

Since the time of the first man, Prophet Adam, all men have fallen into temptation by the devil. They have become sinners and are condemned to be punished in Hell's terrible place of torment.





"And there is not one of you but shall come to it. This is an unavoidable decree of your Lord." (Qs. 19 Maryam 71) As a result, many people are in distress, doubt and hesitation, even though they pray diligently and give alms. Throughout the centuries, Allah SWT has shown us that we should always pray to Him that He may show us the Way He himself has prepared for us, with humility and repentance.

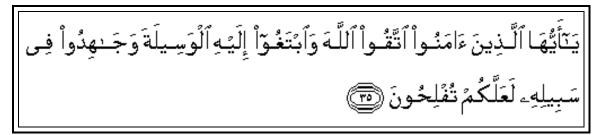


"Ihdinash shiraathal mustaqiim"

"Show us the Straight Path"

(Qs. 1 Al-Fatihah 6)

بِسَّمُ الرَّمِيمِ Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim



"Yaa ayyuhai ladziina aamanut taqullaaha wabtaghuu ilaihil wasiilata..."

"Lo, the faithful Believers, fear the Lord and seek the way that draws you closer to Him"

(Qs. 5 Al Maaidah 35)

Have you known this Path?

How does the Most High Friend Help us today?

1. The Clear signs of the Most High Friend reveal the Siratul Mustaqiim clearly.

بِسَـــمِالِلَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيــمِ ,Bismillah Rahmanir Rahim

﴿ يَلُكَ ٱلرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعُضَهُمُ عَلَىٰ بَعُضِ مِّنهُم مَّن كَلَّمَ ٱللَّهُ وَرَفَعَ بَعُضَهُمُ دَرَجَعَتٍ وَءَاتَيُنَا عِيسَى ٱبُنَ مَرُيَمَ ٱلْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَيَّدُنَنهُ بِرُوجِ الْفُدُسِ وَلَوْ شَآءَ ٱللَّهُ مَا ٱقُتَتَلَ ٱلَّذِينَ مِنْ بَعُدِهِم مِّنْ بَعُدِ مَا جَآءَتُهُمُ ٱلْفَيْنَاتُ وَلَوْ شَآءَ ٱللَّهُ مَا ٱقْتَتَلَ ٱلَّذِينَ مِنْ بَعُدِهِم مِّنْ كَفَرَ وَلَوْ شَآءَ ٱللَّهُ ٱلْفَيْنَاتُ وَلَنكِنِ ٱخْتَلَفُواْ فَمِنْهُم مَّنْ ءَامَنَ وَمِنْهُم مَّن كَفَرَ وَلَوْ شَآءَ ٱللَّهُ مَا ٱقْتَتَلُواْ وَلَدكِنِ ٱخْتَلَفُواْ فَمِنْهُم مَّنْ ءَامَنَ وَمِنْهُم مَّن كَفَرَ وَلَوْ شَآءَ ٱللَّهُ مَا ٱقْتَتَلُواْ وَلَدكِنَ ٱللَّهُ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا عُرْيد اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا عُرْيد اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا عُرْيد اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ

لآ إِكْرَاهَ فِي ٱلدِّينِ قَد تَّبَيَّنَ ٱلرُّشَٰدُ مِنَ ٱلْغَيِّ فَمَن يَكُفُرُ بِٱلطَّعَوْتِ
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عَلِيمٌ ٣

"To Isa, son of Mary we gave Clear signs and strengthened Him with the Holy Spirit... Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from error.." (Qs 2 Al Baqarah 253, 256)

Perhaps in our religion, we have followed the traditional ways of man more than the miraculous ways of Allah SWT. We may have missed what Nabi Mohammad *SAW* understood: We all need the Clear miracles Allah Ta'ala has already given to us through this Most High Friend! Let us reject any way which is not found in the Kitab from Allah SWT.

The Clear signs of this Most High Friend expose the lies of Shaytan's attractions: They reveal the True ways of Allah SWT. Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam exposed hypocrisy and the emptiness of human tradition.

Those who reject other ways so as to obey the signs of Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam are following the gracious guidance of Allah SWT. They are always prepared for death and the Kiamat. They have deep assurance of entering Heaven because they take refuge in the pure Holiness of the Most High Friend. They are free from guilt because they do not rely on human guidance or depend on the limited goodness of their own deeds.

Oh Al Mu'mineen, do not ignore or dispute these signs of Kalimatullah Isa salath us salam Obey them and we will see the Siratul Mustaqiim clearly so that we may walk with assurance in it.

Hazrat Isa salath us salam embodied the Hikmah & wisdom of Allah Taala for our violent world. Llike Habil, refused to return evil for evil. Beware of those who strike without warning, who behave like Kabil. Even Believers are warned in Al Quran Alqarim that Fire awaits such ones, not the gardens of Al Jannah.

<u>Bismillahi Rahmanir Rahim</u> بست مِالِلَهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ {10} إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْكَبِيرُ {11} إِنَّ بَطْشَ رَبِّكَ لَشَدِيدٌ {11}

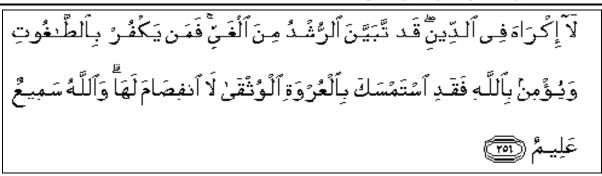
"Those who persecute (or draw into temptation) the Believers, men and women, and do not turn in repentance, will have the Penalty of Hell: They will have the Penalty of the Burning Fire." (Qs. 85 Al Buruj 10, 12)

Have we rejected other ways?

2. The Most High Friend helps us now by reaching us and holding us securely in the Siratul Mustaqiim

Allah SWT whom we cannot touch has extended His most trustworthy Hand-hold to all of us in this world in a way which we can experience: His Ruhu'allah and Kalimatullah Isa A.S. came into this world through a muzzizah (miracle) in human form!

Bismillah Rahmanir Rahim بست مِاللَّهِ الرَّحْنِ الرَّحِيمِ



"...whoever.. believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy Hand-hold that never breaks." (Qs 2 Al Baqarah 256)

This famous Ayat ul Kursi is clear when we look at the context of this ayah by examining ayat 253 & 254: We have security only when we believe in the Clear signs of Isa *A.S.* and the Prophets:

بست مِاللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرَّحِيمِ <u>Bismilah Rahmanir Rahim</u>

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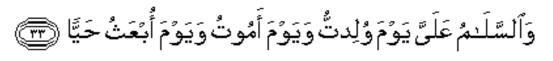
To Isa, the son of Maryam, We gave Clear (Signs)...

O ye who believe!

Such security from Allah *SWT* comes only from <u>HIS</u> Handhold:

- As Ruh-ul-Lah, One empowered by the Spirit of Allah, Isa A.S. is untainted by any form of impurity. Not once in the AlQuran Alqarim or Al Hadiths was He ever asked by Allah Taala to say "Astarfirullah!"- (O Allah forgive my sins). Only in this holiness can we make contact with Alllah SWT, the Holy One, Spirit -to Spirit. As Ruh-ul-Lah, He touched the sick with compassion and healing power of Allah SWT. As Ruhullah, He is has the authority and power to help us today.
- He is <u>Most trustworthy</u> because He comes from Al Haqq, the One who is Supreme Truth in this deceptive world.
- His security is <u>never broken</u> because He was tested successfully and had Peace even in times of extreme human suffering and experience here in this world. At that time he said,

بِسَــمِالِللَّهِ الرَّمْنِ الرِّمْنِ الرِّمْنِ الرَّمْنِيمِ Bismilah Rahmanir Rahim



"So Peace is upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day that I shall be raised (again)."

(Qs 19 Maryam, 33)

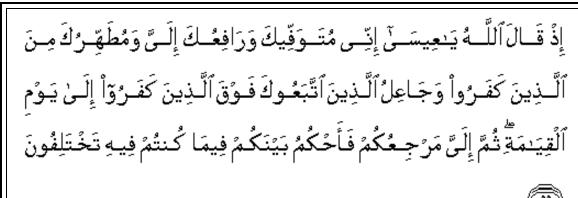
He is the power of Allah to grant us this peace today. We can be true Muslims, truly submitted to Allah Taala because of His Purity, Power and Presence.

He continues to make doa for us today.

The most trustworthy hand-hold that never breaks

Through life and death, we can have this lasting Peace if we believe in the miracle sign of Allah Ta'ala about life and death:

Bismilah Rahmanir Rahim بست عِاللَّهُ الرَّمْنِ الرَّمِيعِ



In Surah Al Imran, ayat 55, Allah SWT, the Owner of the Day of Judgement, took back (the life of) Isa, raised him back to Himself. Allah SWT clears Isa A.S. of all charges, and rewards highly those who have Iman (trust) in the Korban of Isa A.S. **Inshah Allah,** When we take refuge in the Korban sacrifice of Isa A.S., when we reject iman in other ways, Allah SWT clears us at the Kiamat and miraculously raises us to Heaven with Him.

Even Rasulullah did not depend on his own jihad and longed for the security of the Most High Friend as he left this world. How much more should we cry out in the same way, in Iman.

So Let us now, cry out for ourselves in the same way:

- "Allahumma, (Oh Allah),
- Astafirullah! (forgive my sins) I reject other ways to save myself!

I trust <u>Your Korban sign</u> in Isa *A.S.* to save me on the Kiamat!

I receive <u>only</u> your Way for you come from Allah Taala, the only One

• Hold me securely through the Most High Friend!"



Are we secure in the unbreakable power of the Most High Friend, Isa

A.S., the most trustworthy Hand-hold of Allah SWT? Wassalamu'alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barakaatuh