

LESSON 7.

19) VANITY (HUBB-U CAH)

20) FRIGHT (HAVF)

21) GREED (TAMA')

19) VANITY:

→ Vanity, that is interpreted as longing for status, desire to be known, being keen on fame is present in more or less every person. Lead by the followers of dunya, for most of them vanity is a deadly turning point.

→ Thinker and scholar Said Nursi, included such states as self admiration, enjoying and expecting to be praised, being seen by people and wishing to be well known among the people, to the description of vanity; he pointed vanity as the weakest point of a human being.

→ The Messenger of Allah, in one of the Hadiths stated as follows (by meaning): "Love for fame and status gives a human more harm than the wolf attacking the herd of sheep!"

→ Especially people who consider the worldly life as the most important and worthy, possess the desire to raise, long for status and are addicted to the feeling of being admired.

→ There were so many of those who started their journey on the right path, with the most serious, true and sincere intentions and thought; but their relationship with Allah and their belief in their own cause was not as strong as distracting beauties of the world and could not prevent them from turning their head, so after some time they were just spilled on the road, and left behind.

20) FRIGHT:

→ A person can curb his or her own will because of fear or fright. Especially nowadays people of heedlessness try to suppress others with the feeling of fear.

→ For those who do not realise that the only way not to fear anyone or anything is to only fear the real Source of Fear - fright is the death pit.

→ A mind that has faith in the True and the Truth can clear itself from this dirt only by metaphysical thrill of his faith; by saying "If I had thousand times more dignity, thousand times more of honor, thousand times more of respect, I would still sacrifice it all for this cause. Death is only in Allah's hands". Because the only possible way of not being afraid of anything is being afraid only of the Only Source of Fear.

21) GREED:

→ is interpreted as wishing for something with ambitious desire, being greedy and insatiable. This feeling is used by some concentrations of evil to use some of the Muslims as a tool to their atrocious deeds. It is a trap that involves and attracts the divine anger and finishes the life in eternity.

→ The messenger of Allah (peace be upon him), states the following: "If the human beings had two fields of gold they would definitely wish for the third one. The only thing that will make a human satisfied is the gravesoil. But Allah is the one who accepts the repent of those who repent", thus explaining the situation in which the souls of people who are imprisoned by the feeling of greed are found.

→ A person can save him/herself from greed only following the warning of the Verse: " Eat, drink, but do not waste." If this verse is accepted for one as the measure, and protect oneself from wasting.

Common readings for all the terms:

(Prizma 3 - Hucûmât-ı Sitte)

(Risaleler - 29.Mektup)

Match the following words to the definitions:

Fright	A desire for the status, being well known and addicted to fame
Vanity	Wishing for something with ambitious desire
Greed	People of heedlessness try to suppress others with it

Fill in the following gaps:

Indeed, is very dangerous; to such an extent that some people with weak characters try cheating because of it, commit injustice and wrongful persecution. At first they wish to get hold of high rank or status, later they want to protect the status that they have, and for this cause they slip over simple reasons, dirty themselves in the number of offences, and commit a lot of sins. Because of this reason, the Messenger of Allah states in one of the Hadiths: (by meaning) "The harm that is given to the human being by the love for fame and status, is bigger than the harm that is given by the wolf to a herd of sheep!"

..... has a meaning of wishing for something with ambitious desire, greedy longing and avidity. It is a trap that finishes the eternal life and attracts the Divine Anger, and is being used by some hotbeds of evil by making good Muslims tools to accomplish their bad deeds.

The friends of the True One say: "it is important to wide open the door of while you are alive. And at the time of death cling to the Truth. Muslims, should be timid of Allah, the horrors of the Day of Judgement, of the Hellfire throughout their lives. But this fear should not drag them to become passive, motionless, hopeless and pessimistic. Rather, it should lead them to a set of behavior that would eliminate the reasons to be afraid.