

Man's life is a continuous succession of Allah's Mercies

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Everything is an unmerited gift of the merciful goodness of Allah. From one's existence, his vocation and his redemption to every ray of sun that enlivens him with its warmth and its luster and to every drop that quenches his thirst, everything is a gratuitous gift of Allah's inexhaustible goodness.

All the truths that the man is blessed in knowing, all the beauty that he is allowed to enjoy, every moment of good health and every bit of nourishment he takes; all these are Allah's blessings which no one can even claim to be deserving what to talk about owning to his own self. How

frequently the man is using these gifts and how much ingratitude and indifference does he exhibit towards them. In Quran Allah mentions **“If you were to count Allah’s favors, you would not be able to number them; most surely humanity is very unjust, very ungrateful” (Quran Surah Ibrahim 14:34).** Allah has made it clear that the man will never be able to count all of His blessings upon him, more so because of his ungrateful nature and incapacity to grasp what’s beyond his limited vision. So many blessings are there encompassing a man in every moment, that are much beyond the physical visible realm. Quran states **“And if you were to count Allah’s favors, you would not be able to number them; most surely Allah is forgiving, merciful” (Quran Surah An-Nahl 16:18).** Even if the man entertains the idea that the blessings Allah bestows upon him is some finite number, that number would not take into account all of the misfortunes that Allah withholds from him. Allah reminds the man; **“And whatever good thing you enjoy; it is from Allah. Then when misfortune reaches you, you cry out to Him for help” (Quran Surah An-Nahl 16:53).**

One needs to look at himself as to how he behaves towards Allah’s blessings. Does he use them in obedience to His commands? Does he realize that Allah has a right over him in everything that He has given him? If one is blessed with wealth, the poor have a right in it. If one is blessed with health and strength, the weak and infirm have a right in it. If one is blessed with knowledge, then those in want of knowledge have a right in it. For every ability that he is blessed with, those who are unable have some right in it.

The one who is able to recognize Allah’s mercies and charities, should become grateful to him for blessing him with what he couldn’t do for himself. In order to continue benefiting from such immense blessing, the man needs to express gratefulness to Allah for empowering him to do what others were incapable of doing, as the Quran mentions, **“If you are grateful, I will certainly give you increase” (Quran Surah Ibrahim 14:7).** Through gratitude the man glorifies Allah; he exalts the Giver, not the gifts. This gratitude helps him realize that all he has is from Allah. It opens his spiritual eyes, he starts seeing Him working in him and around him. He senses Allah’s presence, Allah’s personal care and Allah’s perfect timings. Ultimately this thankfulness for Allah’s abundant goodness makes the man contented becoming a gateway for his eternal joy.

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