*As-Salam (The Source of Peace)*

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God’s divine name “As-Salam” means that He is the source of peace and safety, and also means that He is free from any kind of defect or imperfection.

{Allah calls to the Home of Peace (salam) (i.e. Paradise) (Yunus 10: 25)

{And peace (salam) be on him the day he was born, the day he dies, and the day he will be raised up alive.} (Maryam 19: 15)

**Different Meanings Of God’s Divine Name “As-Salam”**

1- The first meaning of God’s name “As Salam” is that He is free from all kinds of imperfection, His attributes are free from all kinds of defects and His acts are free from any kind of evil.

2- God is “As-Salam” that He is the giver of safety to His slaves, i.e. there is no safety in the whole universe except that which is attributed to Him for He is the Creator, who designs and controls all things.

God grants us safety in our body. He gave us organs. He gave us cells and tissues, marvellous accuracy of our digestive, nervous, muscular, and circulatory systems. In your business, He guides you to peaceful ways; in your marriage He guides you to peaceful ways; and in your relationships with your neighbours He guides you to peaceful ways. If you adhere to His divine commands and enjoinments in His Quran, He guides you, in everything and every issue, to peaceful ways. And He invites you to the Home of Peace, i.e. Paradise.

3- Of the meanings of God’s name “As-Salam” is that remembering Him leads to feelings of, tranquillity.

{Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest.} (Ar-Ra’d 13: 28)

In man’s heart there may dwell feelings of loneliness, fear, anxiety, and worry. Such feelings are not removed or minimized except by remembering God and being conscious of Him.

Hence, God’s name “As-Salam” brings comfort, because with it you live in peace, you live in tranquillity, you live in comfort. You feel that He, the Creator of the universe, is always with you. He never lets you down or leaves you unprotected in the face of your enemies. He defends you, protects you, helps you, gives you victory.

4- One of the meanings of God’s name “As-Salam” is that if you get connected to Him you have all your defects and faults purified.

Connection with God purifies man from all defects, from greed, from malice, grudge, from feud, from envy, from arrogance and from a great many other defects and faults, which are the main source of human misery and wretchedness. If you get connected with God, the source of peace, safety and perfection, you get purified from all such defects and faults.

Thus, remembrance of God conduces to security and peace that connection with Him conduces to freedom from defects, faults and impurities, and rids of sins, grudge, envy, feud, and arrogance. All such grievous deadly evil qualities are purified and removed from you if you get connected with God.

5- The word “As-Salam” bears another meaning in the Quran. To that God says: {And Allah invites to Dar As-Salam (The Home of Peace) and guides whom He wills to the Straight Path.}(Yunus 10: 25)

“Dar As-Salam” (The Home of Peace) is Paradise, wherein there is no distress or envy, wherein you are not chased by illness or worry, wherein you are not visited by fear or are transgressed against by anyone else, no wars, no persecution, nothing like this at all.

6- The word “As-Salam” also comes in God’s Words:

{And Salam (peace) be on him (Jesus) the day he was born, the day he dies, and the day he will be raised up to life.} (Maryam 19: 15)

Sufian ibn ‘Uyaynah, a venerable Islamic Scholar, said: “Man is most lonely in three positions:

the day he is born, when he comes out of his mother’s womb, in which he used to be in comfort and safety away from troubles and problems of life to which he comes.

The second station in which man feels most lonely is when he dies leaving everything (his wife, children and family, house, shop, work, friends, desires, hobbies …etc.) on a no-return trip to the Hereafter.

The third station is the day he is raised up to life again, on the Day of Resurrection.”