

A RAMADAN CONVERSATION: SHUKUR AS PART OF OUR 'NEW NORM'

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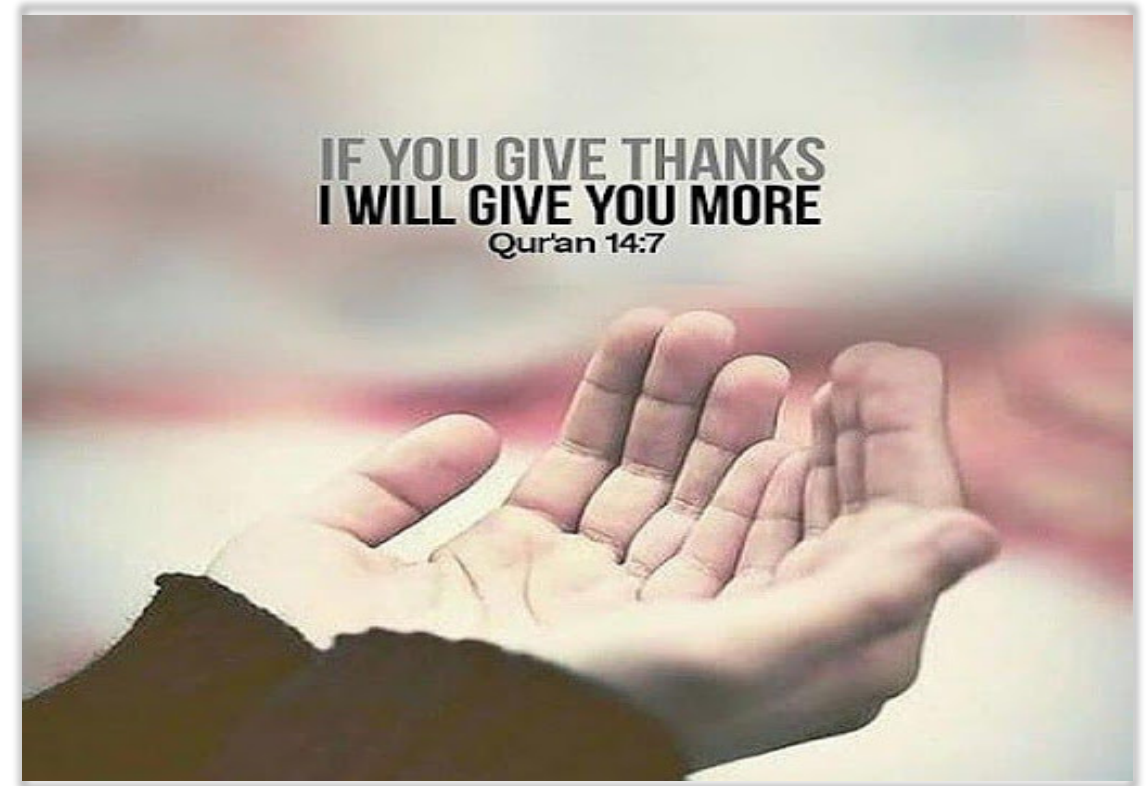
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Synopsis of the Presentation

- ❑ 'Make us of your few servants'
- ❑ 'Work thankfully family of David'
- ❑ 'For few of my servants are truly thankful'
- ❑ 'Enable me to do righteousness of which You approve'

Surah Saba



Questions

Why only a few are grateful to Allah?

What is Shukur to do with the family of David?

What are the impediments in performing Shukur?

Is Shukur thought or action?

How does Shukur relate to 'new norm'?

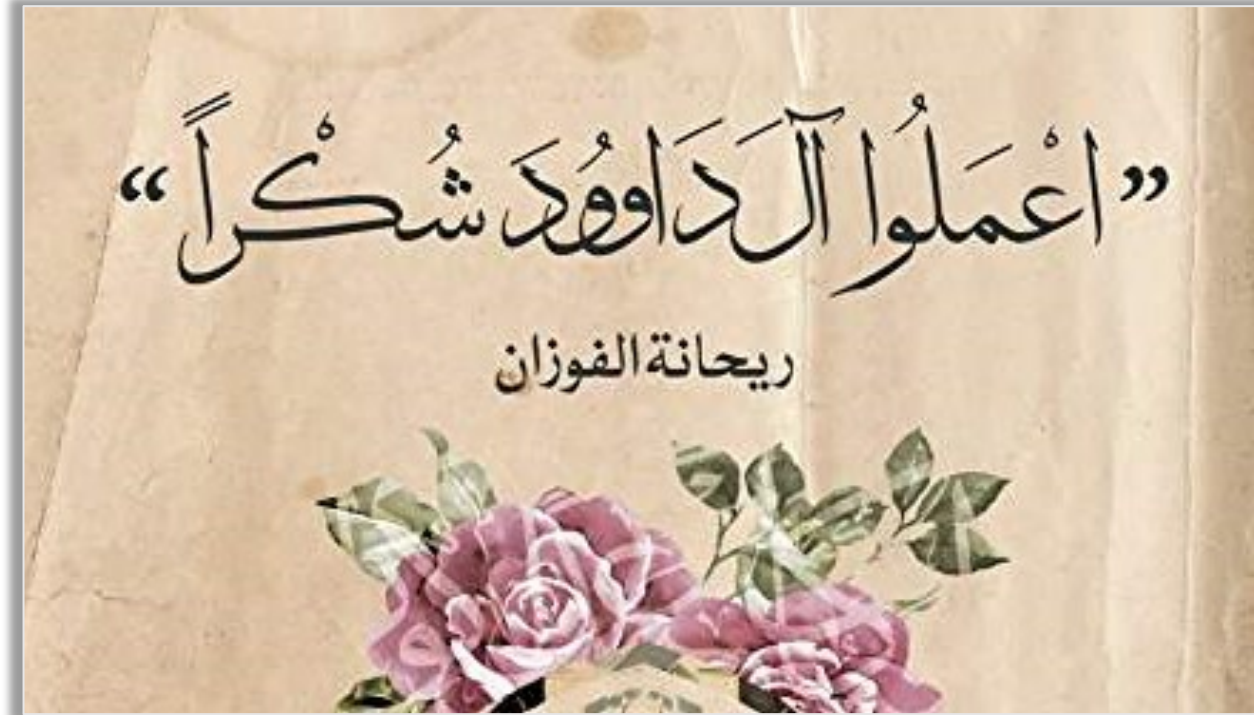
A Few are Grateful to Allah



- Khalifah Umar (ra)
 - Passed by a man in the market supplicating
 - Allahumma ij'alni min ibadika al-qalil
 - Athar from Musannaf by Ibn Abi Shaybah

Shukur and the Family of David

- And indeed We bestowed grace on Dawud from Us (saying):
 - "O you mountains! Glorify with him! And you birds (also)!"
 - And We made the iron soft for him."
 - perfect coats of mail,
 - balance well the rings of chain armor (Sard),
 - And to Suleiman
 - the wind, its morning was a month's (journey), and its afternoon was a month's (journey).
 - a fount of Qitr to flow for him,
 - Jinn that worked in front of him, by the leave of his Lord.
- (34:13)



The Impediments of Shukur

- ❑ Failing to apprehend the Will of Allah while gaining the wealth of Allah
 - ❑ I have only been given it because of [my] knowledge. (28:78)
- ❑ Failing to fear Allah in most of the accomplishments
 - ❑ Be mindful of God, so that you may be grateful. (3:123)
- ❑ Failing to cherish the earlier favors of Allah
 - ❑ If you should count the favor of Allah, you could not enumerate them. (16:18)
- ❑ Failing to be satisfied with what have been bestowed in this life
 - ❑ Feed yourselves and those who do not ask (22:36)



Shukur: Thought or Action?

❑ Differences between

- ❑ Hamd and Shukur / Dhill and Kufr

❑ Shukur comes with action

تَرْضَاهُ رَبٌّ أَوْزَعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا

‘Lord, help me to be truly grateful for Your favours to me and to my parents; help me to do good work that pleases You (27:19)

بَلِ اللَّهَ فَاعْبُدْ وَكُنْ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ

No! Worship God alone and be one of those who are grateful to Him.’ (39:66)

أَفَلَا أَكُونُ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا

"Shouldn't I love to be a thankful slave (of Allah)?" (Bukhari)

Shukur: Thought or Action?

❑ Doing the RIGHT THING is Shukur

كُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَاشْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

So eat of the good and lawful things God has provided for you and be thankful for His blessings, if it is Him that you worship. (16:114)

فَابْتَغُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الرِّزْقَ وَاعْبُدُوهُ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

so seek provisions from God, serve Him, and give Him thanks: you will all be returned to Him. (29:17)

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لأزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ

Remember that He promised, "If you are thankful, I will give you more, but if you are thankless, My punishment is terrible indeed." (14:7)

وَمَنْ شَكَرَ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ

whoever gives thanks benefits his own soul (31:12)

DOING Grateful in 'New Norm'

- Returning back to the first ayah of the presentation

اعملوا آل داؤد شكرا

'WORK thankfully, family of David'

- The most beloved of prayer to Allah is the prayer of Dawud. He used to sleep for half the night, stand in prayer for a third of it and sleep for a sixth of it. The most beloved of fasting to Allah is the fasting of Dawud. He used to fast for a day then not fast for a day, and he never fled the battlefield.
- Shukur in 'New Norm' is not BEING grateful instead **DOING** grateful



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمَلِكُ الْمَلِكُ

So which of the favours of your Lord will you deny?

Surah Rahman Verse 13

Ibn Abi Hatim narrated that Fudayl said concerning the Ayah: Dawud said, **"O Lord! How can I thank you when thanks itself is a blessing from You!"** He said: **"Now you have truly given thanks to Me, for you have realized that it is a blessing from Me."**

Jazakumullah Khayran

قال صلى الله عليه وسلم:

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لا يشكر الله من لا يشكر الناس

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