

THE FUNCTION OF PIETY IN LIFE IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE QUR'AN

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ABSTRACT

This research examines the function of devotion in life from the perspective of the Qur'an, this research focuses on the elaboration of how devotion that is always commanded to be always carried out by all Servants of Allah subhanahu wataala, whether it has a significant function to the life of human beings who are here in the position of servants, and so that this research is strong, because this order of devotion is commanded by Allah subhanahu wataala, So this research is seen from the perspective of the Qur'an, this research aims to make all humans, especially believers more confident in their devotion to Allah subhanahu wataala, so that what is practiced is in line with what is believed, several studies have been presented, but only limited to interpreting their devotion, while the author here will focus on the function and impact of devotion on human life as a servant, The theories and concepts applied in this study are qualitative research with a literature study approach, the result of this research is the achievement of knowledge for all servants, that how important devotion is in carrying out life in this world.

Keywords: *Piety, life, Qur'an*

INTRODUCTION

Taqwa is a practice that is obligatory to be done for all humans, especially all humans who believe in Allah subhanahu wataala and the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). Taqwa linguistically comes from the word وقى يقي وقاية، / وقى يقي وقاية، which means to guard, as we are used to الوقاية خير من العلاج "to guard is better than to cure", while according to the term taqwa is to carry out the commands of Allah subhanahu wataala and stay away from its prohibitions either in a hidden or overt state, and hafidz Hasan Al-mas'udy mentioned that taqwa will not be perfect except for a servant emptied his heart of all manner of despicement, and adorned it with all that is praiseworthy.

And this devotion is very influential on the journey of human life, both in this world and in the hereafter, many of the writings only explain the meaning of devotion, but no one has explained the impact of the effectiveness of devotion itself in life, therefore the writer here will focus on arranging the writing so that people better understand the benefits of the devotion they do, not just running without reason, But run because you can feel it.

RESEARCH METHODS

This type of research is qualitative research. This qualitative research is aimed at understanding social phenomena from the perspective of previous literature, the approach in this study is a literature study approach. Literature studies according to Moh. Nazir is a data collection technique by conducting a study of books, literature, records and reports that are related to the problem being solved.

Data collection in a study entitled The Function of Devotion in Life in the Qur'an, using the observation method. The data that has been obtained by researchers using the observation method will be processed or analyzed through existing data analysis techniques. The data analysis used by the researcher in the research on the function of devotion in life in the Qur'an uses the qualitative data analysis technique of the Miles and

Huberman model. In this model, it can be understood that there are three stages that are carried out in analyzing, namely data reduction, presentation and conclusion.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This research found that devotion is always required to be done by people who believe in Allah subhanaahu wataala as in the Qur'an Allah says

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

It means "O you who believe, be devoted to Allah, and do not die except in a state of faith and Islam".

And in the hadith of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

اتق الله حيثما كنت

It means "be devoted to Allah subhanahu wataala wherever you are". The author finds that this devotion functions and has an impact on the lives of the people who practice it, when studying from the verses of the Qur'an, muulai from the stories of the prophets and studying the verses of the Qur'an that explain with devotion, then the author concludes that all affairs in this world can be solved with devotion, the author hopes that with this writing, people especially those who believe in Allah Subhanahu Wataala, It can be more istiqomah in devotion to Allah, so that there is smoothness in the affairs of this world. Discussion

Meaning and Purpose of the Qur'an

Definition of the Qur'an

The original Qur'an is a noun derived from the root قرأ (already read); يقرأ (reading); قرأنا (collect); and قرأ means to collect, and قراءة means to combine letters and words in a reading. This is not said for every word gather, so you don't say قرأت القوم (I gather people). The Qur'an has been specifically designated as the book revealed to our lord Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), so that it has become like knowledge in relation to him. Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: If we have collected it and planted it in your hearts, then practice it.

In terms of the Qur'an is the word of Allah subhanahu wataala which was revealed to the close of the Prophets and Messengers of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), through the trusted angel Jibril alaihissalam, written in the Qur'an, conveyed to us through continuous transmission, the recitation of which is a worship, beginning with Surah Al-Fatihah and ending with Surah An-Nas.

The Purpose of the Qur'an

The typing of the Qur'an was revealed by Allah subhanahu wataala also stipulates what the purpose of the Qur'an was revealed, it is stated in the Qur'an that Allah says:

ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

It means "There is no doubt in this Book (the Qur'an); (it is) a guide for the righteous", And in another word it is stated:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ

It means "The month of Ramadan is (the month) in which the Qur'an is revealed as a guide for mankind and explanations of that guidance and the distinction (between the right and the wrong)". From the two verses above, it can be concluded that the purpose of the Qur'an revealed is to be a guideline for human life, especially for believers, talking about guidelines, a guideline is not only enough to be read but must be tadabburi and practiced what is in it, therefore the author is allowed to tadaburi and see the essence of several verses of the Qur'an related to piety.

The impact of piety on human life

After examining several verses of the Qur'an that have a relationship with piety, the author concludes that piety, has an important role in life both in this world and in the hereafter.

Life in the world

In the context of living in the world, there are at least four kinds of human needs, and all of these needs can be solved with piety.

1. Easy and smooth for all affairs. All humans who live in the world definitely want ease and smoothness in all their affairs, whether they work in the office, sell, teach, family affairs, neighbors' affairs, etc. And when every human being wants ease and smoothness in affairs, the Qur'an answers it by giving the key, which is to maintain piety, as Allah says in the Qur'an:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِّنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا

It means "Whoever fears Allah, He will make it easy for him in his affairs". So if every servant wants his affairs to be made easier and smoother, the key is to strengthen piety.

2. Getting out of the exams. All human beings living in the world must want to get out of all the mavam tests, be it the test of hunger, fear, loss of property, loss of life, loss of food, personal test, family test with wife, family test with child, test with neighbor, etc. And when every human being wants to get out of every test, then Islam gives an answer through the Qur'an, as Allah says in the Qur'an:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

It means "whoever is devoted to Allah subhanahu wataa'ala will be given a way out of every test". So if everyone wants to stay away from exams, and get out of exams, the key is to strengthen devotion.

3. Getting a lot of Rizki.

All mankind who live in the world must want a lot of sustenance, as well as halal, blessings, because life in the world, one of which requires sustenance to live its cycle, let alone living in the last days, everything must be paid, then all humans must have the same hope. So if all mankind expects abundant sustenance, as well as halal, and blessings, then Allah subhanahu wataa'ala answers it through His words in the Qur'an:

وَيَرْزُقُهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

It means "whoever is devoted to Allah subhanahu wata'ala will get sustenance from Allah from unexpected paths". So when someone wants to get a lot of rizki, halal blessings, then the key is to strengthen piety.

4. Gaining glory

All human beings who live in the world definitely want glory in the world, both those who have noble jobs and those who have simple jobs, surely all of them want glory, people who work hard to make money every day, if in the Question the answer must be that they want glory from their wealth, people who work hard want to get a position, if in the Question the answer must be to want from their position. However, Islam has another view for those who want glory, the Qur'an answers through the words of Allah which reads:

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاهُ

It means "verily the most noble among you for Allah subhanahu wataala is the most devout". So if people want glory then the key is to strengthen piety, because if glory is valued from wealth, then pharaoh is the most noble, if glory is valued from position, then qorun is the most noble, but both of them become the most despicable people in this world and get punishment from Allah subhanahu wataala, because in Islam glory is valued by the quality of piety.

Life in the Hereafter

Not only in this world, a person who is always pious will get his reward when he leaves this world, and what a pious person gets later in the hereafter is to prepare the paradise of Allah subhanahu wataala, and to be saved from his Hell, as the verses of the Qur'an make clear, Allah subhanahu wataala says:

وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمُوتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

It means "and the surge which is as wide as the heavens and the earth, prepared for the devout". And Allah said:

إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ

It means "indeed, for those who are devoted to Allah subhanahu wataala there are provided paradises full of pleasure".

And Allah said:

تِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي نُورِثُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا مَنْ كَانَ تَقِيًّا

It means "that is the paradise that we will inherit for the righteous". And Allah said:

ثُمَّ نُنَجِّي الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَنَذَرُ الظَّالِمِينَ فِيهَا جِثَّتَا

It means "then we will save the righteous, and we will let the righteous enter Hell on their knees".

An exemplary story of piety

In the experience of life in this world starting from the beginning of life to the present, even though the times are developing, but still devotion if held firmly will still be a helper in life, here are some life stories that are very influential because of piety.

1. The story of the prophet Noah (peace be upon him). The Prophet Noah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) was the first prophet sent in which there were people who committed shirk against Allah subhanahu wataala, in whose time the people began to worship idols, starting from drawing righteous people, making statues, to worshipping the statues, but the Prophet Noah remained in the stance of piety to Allah, and invited his people to return to piety. so that the prophet Noah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) preached 950 years, then when Allah subhanahu wataala sent down the Punishment to his people, the Prophet Noah and a handful of his people who were devout to Allah subhanahu wataala, were saved by Allah, even one of the sons of the prophet Noah who was not pious was still subject to punishment from Allah, this is proof that piety can always protect people in the world.
2. The story of the prophet Ibrahim Alaihi salam. Prophet Ibrahim (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) was one of the prophets who had many trials from Allah subhanahu wataala from the beginning facing his father who did not believe in Allah subhanahu wataala, but worshipped idols, even when the Prophet Ibrahim always reminded his father that his father said:

قَالَ أَرَأَيْتَ أَنْتَ عَنْ ءَالِهَتِي يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَهِ لَأَرْجُمَنَّكَ وَأَهْجُرَنِي مَلِيًّا

It means "Abraham's father said: do you hate the god my god, O Abraham? If you do not cease to preach to me, then I will stone you with stones, and leave me for a long time." But Prophet Ibrahim continued to pray for his father saying:

قَالَ سَلِّمْ عَلَيْكَ سَأَسْتَغْفِرُ لَكَ رَبِّي إِنَّهُ كَانَ بِي حَفِيًّا

It means "said Ibrahim: may salvation come to you, I will always ask for your forgiveness from Allah subhanahu wataala indeed, my Lord is very good to me". Then the second test was when the Prophet Ibrahim dared to destroy the idols that his people worshipped, then taught with his brain so that his people understood that the idols did not have any influence on his life, but the rulers were angry with him and wanted to burn him, because the Prophet Ibrahim still maintained his piety, so when it was burned Allah subhanahu wataala helped him by making the fire cold and saved, as in the Qur'an Allah says

قُلْنَا إِنَّا نُؤْتِي بَرْدًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

It means "we said: O fire, be cold and save Abraham". Then the third test that the Prophet Ibrahim (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) received was when he longed for a baby that he had been waiting for for decades, and when he was a little older, Allah tested him by ordering him to slaughter his son, Prophet Ismail (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), as reported in the Qur'an

فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ مَعَهُ السَّعْيَ قَالَ يَبْنَئِي إِيَّايَ أَرَىٰ فِي الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ فَانْظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَىٰ قَالَ يَٰأَبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ

سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ

"When the child reached the age when he was able to work with him, he (Ibrahim) said, "O my son, I dreamed that I was slaughtering you. Think about what you think?" He (Ishmael) replied, "O my father, do what (Allah) has commanded you! God willing, you will find me among the patient". And when Prophet Ibrahim remained steadfast in piety, Allah provided help by turning Prophet Ishmael into a sheep, as narrated in the Qur'an

فَلَمَّا أَسْلَمَا وَتَلَّهُ لِلْجَبِينِ

It means "when both of them have surrendered and the prophet Ibrahim has placed the prophet Ishmael to be slaughtered".

وَنَادَيْنَاهُ أَنْ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ

It means "we call him "O Ibrahim".

قَدْ صَدَّقْتَ الرُّؤْيَا إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ

It means "you have confirmed the dream and that is how we repay those who do good".

إِنَّ هَذَا هُوَ الْبَلَاءُ الْمُبِينُ

It means "indeed this is a real test".

وَقَدَيْنَاهُ بِذَبْحٍ عَظِيمٍ

It means "we redeemed him with a great slingshot". This is proof that with devotion it can always be maintained by Allah subhanahu wataala.

3. The story of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). There are a lot of times when we read the story of Our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) about how he could always be under the protection of Allah subhanahu wataala because he was always pious, here the author will only explain one story, which at that time in the Battle of Badr, the number of Muslims who were directly commanded by the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) was only 313 people, while facing the opponents of the infidels of the Qur'an which amounted to 1000 people. However, because of the power of piety, the Prophet's army won the war, this is also proof that piety can always protect humans.

CONCLUSION

The conclusions that can be obtained in writing this article regarding the function of piety in life in the Qur'an prefecture, namely:

1. The Qur'an ul Karim, which was revealed as a guide for human life that must be read, understood, and tadased or practiced, has explained several verses about the devotion of servants to Allah subhanahahu wataala, starting from the commandments, nature, to

the gifts that are obtained for the pious.

2. All human affairs in his life, both life in his world, and even until the afterlife of a servant, are all answered in the Qur'an with one solid answer, namely by being devoted to Allah subhanahu wataa'la.
3. Not only the explanation of his piety, the Qur'an also tells the events that have the impact of piety, especially the stories of the Prophets of Allah subhanahu wataala.

From the three conclusions above, it can be drawn that devotion is very functional and has an impact on the lives of all servants, because it is devotion that invites Allah's help, so a servant is not only obedient in carrying out devotion but must understand the function and impact of devotion itself so that people can sincerely carry out devotion, wallahu 'alam bisshowab.

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