

The Beautiful Name of Allaah *Ta'ala* *al-Hayyee* (The Shy One)

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1 - Allaah says:

<<Verily, Allaah is not ashamed to set forth a parable>>

[al-Baqarah: 26]

2 - What is mentioned in the hadeeth of Ya'ala bin Umayyah -*Radi Allaahu anhu*-:

that the Messenger of Allaah -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- saw a man bathing at an open place where there was no partitioning and without a wrapping garment, so the Messenger -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- climbed the *Mimbar*, and he praised Allaah and glorified Him and said:

‘Indeed Allaah – *Aẓẓa wa Jal* – is The Shy One, The One who Conceals, He loves modesty and covering up, so if one of you bathes (outside) then he should cover up.’

[Narrated by Abu Dawood and Nisaa’ee – authenticated by Albaani in ‘Irwa’ no. 2335]

3 - The hadeeth of Salman -*Radi Allaahu anhu*- who said: The Messenger of Allaah -*sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam*- said:

‘Indeed your Lord – *Tabaaraka wa Ta’ala* – is The Shy One, The Generous, Allaah is Shy from His slave if the slave raises his hands towards Him, that Allaah is Shy to give him nothing in return.’

[Narrated by Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi and Ibn Maajah – authenticated by Albaani in ‘Irwa’ no. 2335]

4 - The author Muhammad al-Hamood an-Najdi said:

‘Know – may Allaah have mercy upon me and you – that the greatest modesty which is necessary is modesty towards Allaah *Ta’ala*, He Who fluctuates His blessings and His virtue day and night. We cannot do without Him even for a blink of an eye. We are under His Hearing and Sight, and nothing of our condition, statements and actions is absent from Him.

Just like Allaah –*Azza wa Jal*- said:

<<Whatever you (O Muhammad) may be doing, and whatever portion you may be reciting from the Qur’aan, - and whatever deed you (mankind) may be doing (good or evil), We are Witness thereof, when you are doing it. And nothing is hidden from your Lord (so much as) the weight of an atom on the earth or in the heaven. Not what is less than that or what is greater than that

but is (written) in a Clear Record. >> [Yunus: 61]

[Summarised from ‘an-Nahaj al-Asma’ fee Sharh ‘Asmaa Allaah al-Hussna 3/99-]

5 - Shaykh Muhammad Khaleel Haraas -*Rabimullaab*- said:

‘The Name of Allaah Ta’ala *al-Hayyee* (The Shy One) is a Name which is appropriate to Him, and it is not like the *Hayya* (Modesty) of the creation, which has a change and effect, which seizes a person when he is frightened by that which brings him shame or fault. Rather it is leaving that which is not befitting with His abundant Mercy and His perfect Generosity and Kindness, and His great Pardoning and His Gentleness.

So the slave of Allaah openly sins although modesty is the thing that he is in most need of, and yet modesty is the weakest thing he has, and he uses Allaah’s blessings to sin. However, Allaah – *Subhanahu*– along with His perfection in not needing anything whatsoever and His complete ability over modesty, is Shy from the slave from removing his veil (which Allaah has covered him with) and humiliating him, so Allaah covers up the slave with a disguise in order to cover him up, then after that Allaah pardons his sins and forgives them.

Just like the hadeeth of Ibn Umar -*Radi Allaahu anhu*-:

‘Indeed Allaah comes close to the believer, and covers him then asks him,

between Himself and the slave: Did you not do such and such, on such and such day? Until the slave of Allaah acknowledges his sins, and is certain that he will definitely be destroyed and Allaah says to him: I covered up your sins in the *Dunyaa* and today I will forgive them for you.’

[Narrated by Bukhari and Muslim - Taken from ‘an-Nahaj al-Asma’ fee Sharh ‘Asmaa Allaah al-Hussna 3/103]

All Praise belongs to Allāh , may His Praise

and blessings be upon our final

Prophet Muhammad, his

family, his companions

and all those who

follow his

guidance.