

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

Reflections on

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

Hasbunallahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel

By Muqet Mujtaba Ali

Who doesn't need help, care, protection and victory?

Who doesn't feel weak, over-powered by difficulties, stress and worries?

In their quest for peace and tranquility, some affluent sections of society resort to sleeping pills, drugs and what not.

Poor curse their miseries and desire that they become rich.

They say grass appears greener on the other side!

But strange is the way of a true Muslim!

Here there is no question of the grass getting dry. His side of the grass is always greener. Subhaanallah!

The roots of this amazing grass are strong and deep. They are being continuously fed with the waters of Imaan.

Willing submission to the Master, the very Controller of all affairs, keeps the grass ever green.

Don't you find the presence of amazing dew drops on this amazing grass?

The dew drops of Contentment, Hope, Trust, Willingness to submit to the decree of Almighty Lord?

These dew drops in the life a Muslim contain miraculous elements to keep the grass greener even in the most harshest and cruelest of life's climates!

Read and reflect over this beautiful hadeeth:



Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) said: When (Prophet) Ibraheem was thrown into the fire, he said: "Allah (Alone) is sufficient for us, and, He is the Best Disposer of affairs." So did Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (sal-lal-laahu-alaihi-wa-sallam), when he was told: "A great army of the pagans had gathered against him, so fear them". But this (warning) only increased him and the Muslims in Faith and they said: "Allah (Alone) is sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)".[Al-Bukhari].

When Ibraheem alaihis salam was thrown in the fire by those who thought that they had power over all things, he made a supplication the effect of which made the world sit up and watch in amazement!

Fire getting cool! It could not burn even a hair of Prophet Ibraheem, Peace be upon him!

This is the effect of saying: **Hasbunallahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel!**

Allah (alone) is Sufficient for us, and what an Excellent Guardian He is! He is the Best Disposar of affairs!

In a seemingly overpowering situation, Prophet Muhammad, sal-lal-laahu-alaihi-wa-sallam, and his great companions declared that Allah is Sufficient for Help and Solace and that He is the Best Disposar of affairs for us!

الَّذِينَ قَالَ لَهُمُ النَّاسُ إِنَّ النَّاسَ قَدِ جَمَعُوا لَكُمْ فَآخِشَوْهُمْ فَزَادَهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَقَالُوا
حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

When people said to them: 'Behold, a host has gathered around you and you should fear them', it only increased their faith and they answered: 'Allah is Sufficient for us; and what an excellent Guardian He is!'

(Surah aal Imran: 173)

During the course of his Da'wah, when he encountered rejection from some people, Prophet Muhammad, sal-lal-laahu-alaihi-wasallam, was commanded by Allah to say: **Hasbiyaallahu laa ilaaha illa huw, 'alayhi tawakkaltu wa huwa rabbul 'arshil adheem:**

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ
الْعَظِيمِ

Yet, if they should turn away, then tell them: "Allah is sufficient for me; there is no true god but He. In Him I have put my trust. He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne."(Surah Tawbah: 129)

When his companions got scared of the coming of the Day of Judgement, Prophet Muhammad sal-lal-laahu-alaihi-wasallam instructed them to recite: **Hasbunallahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel.**

Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah said, "How can I feel at ease when the Angel of the Trumpet, (Israfil) has put his lips to the Trumpet and is waiting for the order to blow it". He (the Prophet) perceived as if this had shocked his Companions, so he told them to seek comfort through reciting: '**Hasbunallah wa ni'mal-Wakeel [Allah (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)]**'. (For Arabic Text, read Hadeeth No. 409 [here](#))

In the event of fear and anxiety one should seek the help of Allah and frequently recite this ayah of the glorious Qur'an "**Hasbunallahu wa ni'mal Wakeel" Allah (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us).**" (3:173).

وَلِيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ قُلْ أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ أَرَادَنِيَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ هَلْ هُنَّ كَاشِفَاتُ ضُرِّيهِ أَوْ أَرَادَنِي بِرَحْمَةٍ هَلْ هِيَ مُمْسِكَةٌ بِرَحْمَتِهِ قُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ يَتَوَكَّلُ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

If you ask them: "Who created the heavens and the earth?" they will surely answer: "Allah." Tell them: "What do you think, then, of the deities whom you call upon

instead of Allah? If Allah should will that an affliction befall me, will those deities remove the harm inflicted by Him? Or if Allah should will that I receive (His) Mercy, will they be able to withhold His Mercy from me?" Say: "Allah is sufficient for me; those who have to put their trust, let them put their trust in Him. (Surah Az Zumar: 38)

Reciting **Hasbunallahu Wa Nimal Wakeel** provides the **healing touch** that is very much necessary in one's life.

By putting one's complete Trust in Allah, by leaving matters unto Him, by seeking only His grace and mercy, by accepting His decree, by submitting to His Will – a Muslim can equip oneself to face the challenges of life.

And this one single verse **Hasbunallahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel** is a source of all strength, all comfort!

So let us make it a point to recite this morning and evening. Day and night. On and off. Once. Twice. A hundred times. As much as possible.

Let me conclude by quoting two inspiring verses from the glorious Qur'an:

He who fears Allah, He will find a way out for him, and will provide him sustenance from whence he never even imagined. Whoever puts his trust in Allah, He shall suffice him. Surely Allah brings about what He decrees; Allah has set a measure for everything. (Surah At-Talaaq: 2-3)

May Allah give us the guidance to follow His path until our last breath. Aameen.

Jazakallah Khayr.

Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer.....

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Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer

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Today (1st Muharram 1434), I would like to discuss on this very popular statement: **Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer!**

his statement is generally said immediately after yet another most inspiring statement: **Hasbunallahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel!**

Hasbunallahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel, Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer!

These two phrases/statements are mentioned separately in different Surahs in the Qur'an. The meaning and the context of these two statements are so striking that we notice many among Muslims uttering and proclaiming them together. While it is not 'a must' to say them together, yet the miraculous beauty of the Qur'anic words weaves a tapestry in the canvas of one's mind!
Subhanallah!

The word مولى (Maula) comes from the Arabic root و ل ي (w-l-y) which means:

to be near, be close, lie next, to adjoin, be adjacent, to border, to be a friend, to back up, to take control, helper, backer, guardian, benefactor, patron, companion, partner.

From the same root comes the word ولي (waliyy) which means:

near, adjacent, helper, supporter, benefactor, sponsor, friend, close associate, relative, patron, protector, ally.

In Surah al An-aam, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is commanded to ask the unbelievers:

فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَرَبِّكَ قُلْ أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ أَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ

'Say: 'Shall I take for my guardian anyone other than Allah – the Originator of the heavens and earth....." (Surah al An-aam 6: 14; Read the full verse [here](#))

In the verse next to the ayatul kursi in Surah al Baqarah, Allah says that He is the Waliyy of those who believe in Him:

اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَوْلِيَاؤُهُمُ
الطَّاغُوتُ يُخْرِجُونَهُم مِّنَ النُّورِ إِلَى الظُّلُمَاتِ أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا
خَالِدُونَ

"Allah is the Helper and Protector of those who believe in Him: He brings them out of the depths of darkness into the light. As for the disbelievers, they have taghut as their patron, who drives them out of light into the depths of darkness. These are the people who are doomed to the Fire, wherein they shall live for ever." (Surah al Baqarah 2: 257)

Allah, therefore, is **Al Waliyy**, the Protector, the Ally, the Helper:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُنَزِّلُ الْغَيْثَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا قَنَطُوا وَيَنْشُرُ رَحْمَتَهُ، وَهُوَ الْوَلِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٨﴾

“He is the One Who sends down the rain after they despair of it, spreading out His Mercy. He is the Protector, the Immensely Praiseworthy” (Surah Ash-Shura: 42: 28; Also read ayah 9 [here](#))

والي is another word that comes from the same root as of Waliyy and Maula. It means ‘protector, guardian, supporter, ally’.

Allah says وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَالٍ وَآلٍ “Apart from Him, they have no protector” (Surah Ar-Ra’d 13: 11)

In Surah Aal Imran, in addition to the word ‘Waliyy’, an interesting word - أَوْلَى - which means ‘more entitled, worthier, more deserving, more appropriate, more suitable, more adequate’ – coming from the same root as of Maula and Waliyy, is used in the context of one’s close relationship with Prophet Ibraheem, Alaihis Salam:

إِنَّ أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِإِبْرَاهِيمَ لَلَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُ وَهَذَا النَّبِيُّ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

﴿٦٨﴾

“Surely the people who have the best claim to a relationship with Ibraheem are those who followed him in the past, and presently this Prophet (Muhammad) and those who believe in him; Allah is the Guardian of the Men of Faith” (Surah Aal Imran 3: 68)

They say blood is thicker than water. We say: Faith is thicker than blood!

Back to **Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer.**

Allah is Maula for those who believe in Him and for the unbelievers there is no Maula!

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ مَوْلَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَأَنَّ الْكُفْرِينَ لَا مَوْلَى لَهُمْ ﴿١١﴾

“That is because Allah is the Protector of the believers whereas the unbelievers have none to protect them” (Surah Muhammad 47: 11)

Ni'ma means 'what a perfect.....!, wonderful.....!, truly, an excellent.....!'

As discussed before, Maula means:

“to be near, be close, lie next, to adjoin, be adjacent, to border, to be a friend, to back up, to take control, helper, backer, guardian, benefactor, patron, companion, partner”.

Allah is Near and close to us. He is adjacent to us. He is our Friend. Allah is our Back up. He is our Controller. He is our Helper.

Allah is our Guardian, our Benefactor, our Patron, our Companion, our Partner! Subhanallah!

Ni'mal Maula = What an Excellent Protector! What an Excellent Companion! What a perfect Controller! What a wonderful Companion!

Naseer almost carries the similar meaning: 'helper, supporter, defender, ally, protector'.

Ni'man Naseer = What an Excellent Defender! What a perfect Helper! What a wonderful Supporter!

Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer = What an Excellent Protector! What a perfect Helper!

The amazing thing is that the noun 'Maula' is mentioned with all pronouns in the Qur'an:

مولاه – **His** Protector. Read ayah 4 of Surah At-Tahreem [here](#)

مولاھم – **Their** Protector. Read ayah 62 of Surah al An'aam [here](#)

مولانا – **Our** Protector. Recall the last part of the famous du'aa أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ Read the details [here](#)

مولاكم – **Your** Protector. Read ayah 8 of Surah al Anfaal and 78 of Surah al Hajj mentioned below.

The phrase/statement "Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer" comes twice in the Qur'an.

1. Read this beautiful ayah of Surah al Anfaal wherein Allah, Maulakum, Ni'mal Maula, Ni'man Naseer are mentioned one after the other. What a flawless flow, Subhanallah!

وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَوْلَانَكُمْ نِعْمَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ ﴿٤٠﴾

"But if they turn away, then know well that Allah is your Protector – an excellent Protector and an excellent Helper" (Surah al Anfaal 8: 40)

2. In this ayah of Surah al Hajj, the words Allah, Huwa, Maulakum, FaNi'mal Maula, wa Ni'man Naseer are amazingly presented in the Qur'an's unique inimitable style:

وَجَاهِدُوا فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ ۗ هُوَ اجْتَبَاكُمْ وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ
مِّلَّةَ أَبِيكُمْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ۗ هُوَ سَمَّاكُمُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا لِيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ شَهِيدًا
عَلَيْكُمْ وَتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ هُوَ
مَوْلَاكُمْ فَنِعْمَ الْمَوْلَىٰ وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ ﴿٧٨﴾

“And strive for Allah with the striving due to Him. He has chosen you and has not placed upon you in the religion any difficulty. [It is] the religion of your father, Abraham. Allah named you “Muslims” before [in former scriptures] and in this [revelation] that the Messenger may be a witness over you and you may be witnesses over the people. So establish prayer and give zakah and hold fast to Allah. He is your protector; and excellent is the protector, and excellent is the helper” (Surah al Hajj 22: 78)

Please underline and underscore the fact that in both the places in the Qur'an wherein the phrase/statement **Ni'mal Maula Wa Ni'man Naseer** is mentioned, it is preceded by the command to perform Jihad.

That is to say: if you struggle in the way of Allah with all your might, then know that Allah is not only your *infinite* Protector, He *alone* is the Best to Protect, He *alone* is the Best to Help. And *what an Excellent Protector He is! What an Excellent Helper Allah is!!*

Let me conclude by quoting an amazing ayah wherein the word Nasir is used instead of Naseer:

بَلِ اللّٰهُ مَوْلَاكُمْ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ النَّاصِرِينَ ﴿١٥٠﴾

“But Allah is your Protector, and He is the Best of helpers”. (Surah Aal Imran 3: 150)

O Allah! help us to overcome all satanic temptations. Aameen. O Allah! guide us unto the Straight Path. Aameen. O Allah! Make us live as Muslims and take our souls in the state of Imaan. You are our Protector. Save us from the torment of the Hell-fire. Aameen.

A Request:

1. Please remember me in your du'aa.
 2. Visit my Qur'an Blog for more Reflections, Inshaa'Allah.
- Jazakallah Khayr.