

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوَلَدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ



TAFSIR OF AHLUS SUNNAH

Through the Centuries

Surah Al-Teen 95 : Verse No. 4



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لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ ﴿١٥﴾

We have indeed created man in the best shape.

Tafsir al-Qurtubi

تفسير القرطبي

ابن العربي: لَيْسَ لِلَّهِ تَعَالَى خَلْقٌ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ خَلَقَهُ حَيًّا عَالِمًا، قَادِرًا مَرِيدًا مُتَكَلِّمًا، سَبِيحًا بَصِيرًا، مُدَبِّرًا حَكِيمًا. وَهَذِهِ صِفَاتُ الرَّبِّ سُبْحَانَهُ، وَعَنْهَا عَبَّرَ بَعْضُ الْعُلَمَاءِ، وَوَقَعَ الْبَيَانُ بِقَوْلِهِ: [إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَلَقَ آدَمَ عَلَى صُورَتِهِ [يَعْنِي عَلَى صِفَاتِهِ الَّتِي قَدَّمْنَا ذِكْرَهَا].

Sayyiduna Ibn al-'Arabi – may Allah be pleased with him – said: There is no creation of Allah more beautiful than the human being, for indeed Allah Almighty created it alive, adorned with knowledge, capable, strong willed, with speech, hearing and seeing, intelligent and wise. These are the Attributes of Allah Almighty. Some Scholars have brought the Hadeeth of the beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – in its support:

Indeed Allah Almighty created Sayyiduna Adam – peace be upon him – upon His image i.e. His Attributes which we just mentioned.

كَانَ عِيسَى بْنُ مَرْيَمَ الْهَاشِمِيُّ يُحِبُّ زَوْجَتَهُ حُبًّا شَدِيدًا فَقَالَ لَهَا يَوْمًا: أَنْتِ طَائِقٌ ثَلَاثًا إِنْ لَمْ تَكُونِي أَحْسَنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ، فَتَهَضَّتْ وَاحْتَجَبَتْ عَنْهُ، وَقَالَتْ: طَلَّقْتَنِي! وَبَاتَ بِلَيْلَةٍ عَظِيمَةٍ، فَلَمَّا أَصْبَحَ غَدَا إِلَى دَارِ الْبَنَصُورِ، فَأَخْبَرَهُ الْخَبَرُ، وَأَظْهَرَ لِلْبَنَصُورِ جَزْعًا عَظِيمًا، فَاسْتَحْضَرَ الْفُقَهَاءَ وَاسْتَفْتَاهُمْ. فَقَالَ جَبِيْعُ بْنُ حَضَرٍ: قَدْ طَلَّقْتَ، إِلَّا رَجُلًا وَاحِدًا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ أَبِي حَنِيفَةَ، فَإِنَّهُ كَانَ سَاكِتًا. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْبَنَصُورُ: مَا لَكَ لَا تَتَكَلَّمُ فَقَالَ لَهُ الرَّجُلُ:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ: وَالتِّينِ وَالزَّيْتُونِ. وَطُورِ سَيْنِينَ. وَهَذَا الْبَلَدِ الْأَمِينِ. لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ. يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَأْمُرْ بِأَمْرٍ أَحْسَنَ الْأَشْيَاءِ، وَلَا شَيْءٍ أَحْسَنَ مِنْهُ. فَقَالَ الْبَنَصُورُ لِعِيسَى ابْنِ مُوسَى: الْأَمْرُ كَمَا قَالَ الرَّجُلُ، فَأَقْبِلْ عَلَى زَوْجَتِكَ. وَأَرْسَلَ أَبُو جَعْفَرٍ الْبَنَصُورُ إِلَى زَوْجَةِ الرَّجُلِ: أَنْ أَطِيعِي زَوْجَكَ وَلَا تَعْصِيهِ، فَبَا طَلَّقَكَ. فَهَذَا يَدُلُّكَ عَلَى أَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ أَحْسَنُ خَلْقِ اللَّهِ بَاطِنًا وَظَاهِرًا

Isa ibn Mossa used to love his wife dearly but one day he said to her, "If you are not prettier than the moon, I give you three talaqs." She got up and walked away, locked herself in and said, "You have divorced me!" And spent the lengthiest night but the next morning the husband went to the Caliph Mansoor and narrated to him the whole incident and cried to him profusely. He called the jurists then sought their verdict and all of them unanimously said that she has been certified as a divorced woman except one man who was from the companions of Imam Abu Hanifah – may Allah be pleased with him. He kept quiet. When Mansoor asked the reason for not talking, the man said to him:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ١

ALLAH in the name of, the Most Affectionate, the Merciful.

وَالتِّينِ وَالزَّيْتُونِ ٢

By the Fig and the Olive.

وَطُورِ سَيْنِينَ ٣

And by Mount Sinai.

وَهَذَا الْبَلَدِ الْأَمِينِ ٤

And by this city of Security.

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ ٥

Undoubtedly, We have made man in the fairest stature.

O the leader of Muslims, a human being is the most beautiful of all creations and nothing can compare to him/her. Khalifah Mansoor said to 'Isa ibn Moosa, "The matter is as this man just said. Go back to your wife." Abu Ja'fer sent the message to his wife to obey her husband and not to disobey him. He has not divorced you."

This will suffice to say that the humans are the most beautiful creation of Allah Almighty both internally (spiritually) and externally (physically).

Tafsir Qurtubi (Al-Jame' Li Ahkaam al-Quran) Imam Shamsuddin Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Qurtubi ر.ه. 671 A.H.