

Al-Jamil. The one full of beauty. The Most Beautiful.

Al-Jamil is mentioned in the Sunnah. It is not in the Quran.

The Hadith is

. عبد الله بن مسعود عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: لا يدخل الجنة من كان في قلبه مثقال ذرة من كبر، قال رجل: إن الرجل يحب أن يكون ثوبه حسناً ونعله حسناً، قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: إن الله جميل يحب الجمال، الكبر بطر الحق وغمط الناس

“No one enters Jannah if he/she has an atom weight of arrogance in his/her heart. So a man raised his hand and said “O messenger of God, every single one of us likes to wear good clothes and good shoes. Is this arrogance. The Prophet SAW replies. No for Allah is Beautiful and loves Beauty. But arrogance is to look down on people and to reject the truth when it comes.”

The Prophet SAW knew the Names of Allah and use them when the need arises, i.e. need to know basis. There are names that no one knows.

The hadith is

عن ابن مسعود رضي الله عنه ، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم ، قال : " ما أصاب عبداً همٌّ ولا حزنٌ فقال : " اللهم إني عبدك ، ابن عبدك ، ابن أمتك ، ناصيتي بيدك ، ماضٍ في حكمك عدلٌ في قضاؤك ، أسألك بكل اسم هو لك سميت به نفسك ، أو أنزلته في كتابك ، أو استأثرت به في علم الغيب عندك ، أن تجعل القرآن العظيم ربيع قلبي ونور صدري وذهاب همي ، إلا أذهب الله حزنه وهمه ، وأبدله مكانه فرحاً ."

The relevant part is that “I ask you using all your Names that you Named yourself, revealed in your book or kept for yourself”...

Applying the Al-Jamil Name to Allah, it has five connotations, i.e. five meanings:

First Meaning:

That Allah SWT himself is the pinnacle (قمة) of beauty and perfection. He himself is Al-Jamil. Nothing is more blessed or beautiful than himself. This is proven in the fact that the greatest reward that any believer will be given is not Jannah, Jannah is not the ultimate reward. There is a reward that is sweeter and more Holy than Paradise. Allah said in Surat Qaf (50:35)

لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ فِيهَا وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ

There will be for them therein all that they wish, and more besides in Our Presence.

What is more precious than the Jannah itself is evident from Surat Al-Qyama (20:22-23)

وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَّاضِرَةٌ {22}

Some faces, that Day, will beam (in brightness and beauty);

إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا نَاظِرَةٌ {23}

Looking towards their Lord;

Faces are shining light because they will be looking at the face of Allah. The most blessing and joy is to look at Al-Jamil. That joy will be so great that all the Paradise and its beauty is forgotten. It will be eclipsed. It will be set aside and discarded when the ultimate blessing is given. This blessing can't be given to anyone in the world because we can't withstand the beauty of the face of Allah. Allah is too powerful, too holy for our flesh and blood to see. We know the famous story of Musa AS in Surat Al-A'araf (7:143)

وَلَمَّا جَاءَ مُوسَىٰ لِمِيقَاتِنَا وَكَلَّمَهُ رَبُّهُ قَالَ رَبِّ أَرِنِي أَنظُرْ إِلَيْكَ قَالَ لَنْ نَرَاكَ وَلَكِن نُنظُرُ إِلَى الْجَبَلِ فَإِنِ اسْتَقَرَّ مَكَانَهُ فَسَوْفَ تَرَانِي فَلَمَّا تَجَلَّىٰ رَبُّهُ لِلْجَبَلِ جَعَلَهُ دَكًّا وَخَرَّ مُوسَىٰ صَعِقًا فَلَمَّا أَفَاقَ قَالَ سُبْحَانَكَ تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

When Musa came to the place appointed by Us, and his Lord addressed him, he said: "O my Lord! show (Thyself) to me, that I may look upon Thee." Allah said: "By no means canst thou see Me (direct); but look upon the mount; if it abide in its place, then shalt thou see Me." When his Lord manifested His glory on the Mount, He made it as dust, and Musa fell down in a swoon. When he recovered his senses, he said: "Glory be to Thee! to Thee I turn in repentance, and I am the first to believe."

Abo Thar asked the Prophet SAW if he has seen Allah during the trip of Isra and Miraj. He said no how can I see him, there were lights everywhere. The prophet was so close to Allah as mentioned in the Quran [53:7-9]

وَهُوَ بِالْأُفُقِ الْأَعْلَىٰ {7}

While he was in the highest part of the horizon:

نُمُّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّىٰ {8}

Then he approached and came closer,

فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ {9}

And was at a distance of but two bow-lengths or (even) nearer;

The Prophet went closer to anyone in humanity and he did not see him. He was blinded by the light of Allah's Hijab (veil). Allah's Hijab is noor. If He lifts the Hijab then his entire creation will burn because of His light.

The narrated Dua'a is

أخرجه أحمد والنسائي ، وفيه: ... وأسألك لذة النظر إلى وجهك، والشوق إلى لقائك في غير ضراء مضرة ولا فتنة مضلة.

I ask you for the sweetness of looking at your noble and beautiful face

Second Meaning:

The Names of Allah are Jamil, beautiful. Allah's actions, attributes and characteristics are Jamil.

Third Meaning:

Allah deals with us in a beautiful manner. He overlooks all of our sins, He forgives, He covers up our sins and erases them. He doesn't deal with us in an evil manner. He deals with us in the most beautiful manner beyond even what any human can do.

Allah SWT said in Surat Yunus (10:11)

وَلَوْ يُعَجِّلُ اللَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ الشَّرَّ اسْتِعْجَالَهُمْ بِالْخَيْرِ لَفُضِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ أَجْلُهُمْ فَنَذَرُ الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ

If Allah were to hasten for men the ill (they have earned) as they would fain hasten on the good, then would their respite be settled at once. But We leave those who rest not their hope on their meeting with Us, in their trespasses, wandering in distraction to and fro.

If every sin would be punished right away, then no one will remain alive. If he deals with us the way we deserve, then no single creature will remain above soil. But he doesn't because he is Al-Jamil and he deals with us in a beautiful manner. He is willing to forgive each and every sin if we turn to him and he rewards us much more than what we deserve. These are dealings with Jamal.

Fourth Meaning:

Allah SWT made his creation beautiful in itself. So Allah is Al-Jamil and he created the world in a beautiful fashion and manner. He created us in the most beautiful fashion. In Al-Tagabun (64:3)

خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ وَصَوَّرَكُمْ فَأَحْسَنَ صُوْرَكُمْ وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ

He has created the heavens and the earth in just proportions, and has given you shape, and made your shapes beautiful: and to Him is the final destination.

We see the images of nature, rivers, gardens, lakes, mountains, snow, water falls ...etc. They are so beautiful. Even if you have no faith, your heart is filled with a sense of appreciations.

A Christian cleric once said that one of the proofs of the existence of God is the fact that we as humans appreciate the beauty of creation. Because there is no reason for a biological entity without a God to appreciate beauty. The fact that we appreciate beauty indicates that God is beautiful and he created his creation beautiful, and he gave us the mechanism to recognize that beauty. Allah said in Al-Baqara (2:164)

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَالْفُلْكِ الَّتِي تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِمَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ مَاءٍ فَأَخْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَبَثَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَتَصْرِيفِ الرِّيَّاحِ وَالسَّحَابِ الْمُسَخَّرِ بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ

Behold! In the creation of the heavens and the earth; in the alternation of the Night and the Day; in the sailing of the ships through the Ocean for the profit of mankind; in the rain which Allah sends down from the skies, and the life which He gives therewith to an earth that is dead; in the beasts of all kinds that He scatters through the earth; in the change of the winds and the clouds which they trail like their slaves between the sky and the earth, (here) indeed are Signs for a people that are wise. All of us when we see the sunrise and the sunset, when we see the stars, when we see all of these beautiful places on our planet earth, we can't help it but to be overwhelmed with this beauty of Allah's creation because he is beautiful and he loves beauty.

Fifth Meaning:

Allah Jamil and he loves the Jamal. He loves to see us dressed in a beautiful manner. Allah SWT said in Surat Al-Araf (2:31)

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

O Children of Adam! Wear your beautiful clothes at every time and place of prayer: eat and drink: but waste not by excess, for Allah loves not the wasters.

Allah wants us to dress in beautiful manner without extreme, without arrogance and without show off. The Prophet SAW he has special clothes for guests and for Eid. He was very particular about smelling good, looking good and grooming himself. Some religions want you to look bad and smell bad. They say it is not appropriate to take baths. They insist that you should have a shabby look. You should be dressed down, or under dressed. You should wear torn garments. This

is not in our faith. Our faith does not want us to be flashy and overzealous but we are commanded not to under dress.

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم إن الله يحب أن يرى أثر نعمته على عبده

The hadith is that a man came to the Prophet SAW not dressed well and did not look well. So, the Prophet SAW asked him “did Allah bless you with wealth”, he replied yes, then the Prophet SAW said that Allah love to see the reflection of his blessings showing on his blessed slave.