

Our doors are open

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Our doors are open; some chose to watch from outside while others knocked and entered. Some of those who entered preferred to sit at the threshold in service of the household; it did not take them long to be admitted. Most of the visitors went in around the busied themselves in looking at the beauty of house. The first drink was offered but not of all of them took it, some felt not thirsty. Most of the ones who tasted it never had enough of it and stopped in the corridor asking for more. For them, it was the elixir; they, out of ecstasy, kept talking about the drink and asking for more of it till they were intoxicated and thus unable to attend the party. They forgot that the drink was just to welcome them in and the food was to be served afterwards and greater pleasures are anticipated. Those who went in and sat at the banquet had the greatest honour of the company of the landlord. The secrets were given to them, and the veils were removed for them and remained in the house while others were still in the open yard either amazed at the beauty of the house or intoxicated by the first cup.

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Through His Signs and Guides, Allah Almighty, says,

“Our Doors are always open,
Many wish to enter, but less try hard enough.
Some succeed and reach.
They knock, but we do not open.
The curious ones are turned away,
The serious ones remain at Our threshold
They find in it the best shelter.
So, persist with sincerity and humility,
If you want to be admitted.
Yet, the closer you are to Us the more diligent you must be.
Our Nearness is the greatest honour.
And our presence is best pleasure.
But without humility both are like fire.
Do not ask for our closeness if you are not ready to die.
Stay away with the commons, Who do not know Us.
Yearn to Us and hope to see Us from afar,
Sinning in our presence is dangerous.
Your minor sins in front of Us are major.
And the major sins are destruction

Challenging Us brings you our wrath.
Obeying Us bring you our pleasure.
Who are you to say in Our presence , “I want” ?
When Satan said “I” to us We expelled him.
He was close to Us, but his closeness did not save him,
Because his ego did not die.

Your Cure, if you ever wish to reach Us.
Is to die to your being,
to prefer Our choices to yours
And to surrender to Our will.
Do not question any command,
And do not present any demand,
We are calling upon you, and are waiting for you.
Travel to Us fast and steady.
Your mount is Our Remembrance.
Your wings are Our Book and the Sunna of Our Beloved.
Your Guides are Our friends.
Stay with one to reach the One
Give him your heart and your will.
Follow his commands and chose what he choses.
If want to love our Beloved more, then love your guide more.
Follow him and obey him,

He is your channels to Our Beloved.
When loving our Beloved (PBUH) overwhelms you,
We will show you Our eternal Love,
Then you will be qualified for our presence,
Indeed, the shortest way to Us goes through love.
Not any type of love, but true love,
The first fruit of which is absolute obedience,
The last is freedom from all other than Us.
You do not love Us if you witness others.
You do not love Us if you do not surrender to Our Beloved.

