130718 - The meaning of the name of Allah “al-Jabbaar”

the question

What is the meaning of the name of Allah “al-Jabbaar”?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The name “al-Jabbaar (the Compeller, the Omnipotent)” has three meanings:

1.

Might in the sense of power. Allah, may He be glorified and exalted, is al-Jabbaar, the One Who compels the tyrants and overwhelms them by His power and might. Every tyrant, no matter how powerful he is, is subject to the power of Allah, and his power is in His hand.

2.

Might in the sense of mercy. He, may He be glorified, helps the weak by making him independent and giving him strength; He helps the one who is fragile and scared by giving him safety; He helps the broken-hearted by removing that which causes their grief, bringing relief and bestowing peace of mind - as well as the reward and good consequences they will attain if they bear that patiently for His sake.

3.

Might in the sense of sublime greatness. He, may He be glorified, is far above His creation, yet despite His being exalted, He is close to them and hears all that they say and sees all that they do, and He knows what they are thinking.

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