

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters this is the month of fasting. The month of sabr. The month of taqwa. If you are successful in it, you will find that your Lord **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is more pardoning than any other time. You will find that your Lord **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is more forgiving than any other time and you will find that your Lord **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is more merciful in Ramadan than He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is outside of it. This is the month my brothers and sisters where He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** lets people into His Jannah and He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** saves people from the fire. So how can we give thanks? My brothers and sisters Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

“O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous” al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:183

By having taqwa of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, this is how you can give thanks to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** for reaching this month.

Taqwa my brothers and sisters, is to obey Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. Obey Him **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in your heart. Obey Him **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in your thoughts. Obey Him **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in your words and obey Him **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in your actions. And taqwa is to stay away from the disobedience to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in your heart. From the disobedience to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in your thoughts. From the disobedience to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in

your words and in your actions. If you have taqwa in this month, you will be successful and you will find that your iman will increase.

My brothers and sisters, what happens if you have taqwa? The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said in a hadith which is agreed upon by al Bukhari رَحِمَهُ اللهُ and Muslim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ:

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ، إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا، غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

“Whoever fasts Ramadan on two conditions: with iman and ihtisaab...” Iman- he knows that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has obligated upon him fasting. Ihtisaab- he is doing it sincerely for Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى - seeking what is with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى from His mercy and His rewards and His Jannah. “If a person fasts in this manner throughout the month, all of his previous sins will be forgiven”, this is because he has attained taqwa through his fasting and if he fasts and he fast well my brother and sisters.

In another hadith which is in Bukhari and Muslim, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى said to his Prophet, ‘to proclaim to his nation’, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى told his Prophet, to tell us:

قَالَ اللهُ: كُلُّ عَمَلٍ ابْنِ آدَمَ لَهُ

“Oh Muhammad! Tell your nation, that every single one of the actions that they do is for themselves”

Meaning, every other good deed that you do in your life, you will do this with some kind of reward in mind:

إِلَّا الصَّيَّامَ

"Except for fasting"

فَأِنَّهُ لِي وَأَنَا أُجْزِي بِهِ

"Fasting is for me"

Your Lord **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** told your Messenger **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** to tell us, that fasting, is for me. For Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will reward it. Meaning the person who was fasting and he fasts well, he doesn't even know the amount of generosity that he will attain as a reward from Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**; this is because he's doing it for Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will reward him, with a reward which cannot be measured.

But, we have an indication my brothers and sisters. We have another hadith which is agreed upon by al Bukhari **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ** and Muslim **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ** about the reward of the person who fasts and he fasts well, he said **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**:

مَنْ صَامَ يَوْمًا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

“Anyone who fasts one day...”, 10 hours, 11 or maybe more, مَنْ صَامَ يَوْمًا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ, “...he fasts for the sake of Allah”, meaning he does it sincerely and he fasts well, attaining taqwa look at the reward:

بَعَدَ اللَّهُ وَجْهَهُ عَنِ النَّارِ سَبْعِينَ خَرِيفًا

“Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى will distance the person who is fasting and he is fasting well, he will distance his face from the fire for each day, by 70 years”

Every single day that you are fasting, you are doing it sincerely for the sake of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. Every single day that you are fasting, you are attaining the taqwa of Allah وَتَعَالَى. For every single day, you are distanced from the fire from His سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى generosity with a distance of 70 years.

We also have another hadith my brothers and sisters, which indicates the rewards in the akhira for the person who fasts and he fasts well. He said صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in a hadith which is reported by Imam Ahmad رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ in his Musnad and made saheeh by Shaykh al Albani رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ, the Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

“Fasting will come in a form of an image on the Day of Judgement. Your deeds will have an image and fasting will be one of them and it will come on the Day of Judgement and it will call out to Allah, making dua for you”:



أَيُّ رَبِّ،

“Fasting, your fasting and if you fast well will say”:

أَيُّ رَبِّ،

“Oh Lord”

مَنْعَهُ الطَّعَامَ وَالشَّهَوَاتِ بِالنَّهَارِ

“I stopped him from food and desires during the day in Ramadan”

فَشَفِّعُنِي فِيهِ

“So let me intercede for him”

Your fasting will stand between you and the hellfire and it will supplicate to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, and it will supplicate to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** for you to enter into Jannah, as a barrier between you and the hellfire, interceding for you on your behalf and this is from the Justice of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** my brothers and sisters.

For those who fasted and they fasted well, on the Day of Judgment, their fasting will make to dua for them and from the Justice of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** for those people who fast and they fast well their dua in the dunya will not be rejected. He said **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in a report that has been collected by at Tirmidhi and classed as saheeh by Shaykh al Albani **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ**:

ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا تُرَدُّ دَعْوَتُهُمْ :

“There are three people, their dua is not rejected” a guarantee from the Messenger **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** for those people who are fasting and they are fasting well and he mentioned from them:

الصَّائِمُ حَتَّى يُفْطَرَ

“A person who is fasting his dua is not rejected and this continues the period of acceptance until he breaks his fast” and perhaps the greatest of rewards for fasting and for those people who do it well my brothers and sisters is the reward when you meet Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. In a hadith which is reported by al Bukhari **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ** and Muslim **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ** also, he said **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**:

لِلصَّائِمِ فَرَحَتَانِ يَفْرَحُهُمَا :

“For the fasting person, he has two joyous moments in his existence and these two joyous moments are extremely happy for him:



إِذَا أَفْطَرَ فَرِحَ ،

“When he breaks his fast, he becomes happy. He becomes content. He has done a good deed and he has accomplished it. He can now finally eat and drink and all restrictions have lifted from him. He becomes happy, but look at the relationship between this and when you meet Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، he said: وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

وَإِذَا لَقِيَ رَبَّهُ فَرِحَ

“When he meets his Lord, he will be happy”

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى the most merciful of those who show mercy and the most generous of those who have generosity, will accept this person and he will have a reward which will make him even more ecstatic than the day of Eid, than the day when he used to break his fasts.

My brothers and sisters, fasting is a pillar of Islam for a reason as you can see; it is a fortress which protects you. It is a shield from the fire. In fasting and if you do it well, there is a forgiveness for your sins and anyone who fasts with emam, ihtisaab, will have the greatest success. He will enter into Jannah through a door which is specifically allocated for them, so fast this month correctly my brother and sisters because whatever difficulty you face right now will go away. Whatever difficulty you face right now, it's just temporary. The recompense of your actions are engraved for a permanent state.

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us, “not to be of those people who forgot and then they became sinful”:

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ أَنْفُسَهُمْ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ١٩

“And be not like those who forgot Allah , so He made them forget themselves. Those are the defiantly disobedient” al-Hashr (Exile, Banishment) 59:19

Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, Ramadan is a month where Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى revealed the Qur'an and some of the scriptures from before:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ

“The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it...” al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:185

Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه he narrates to us in a hadith which is agreed upon in al Bukhari and Muslim in describing Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in how he was generally and how he was specifically in this month

he said, that “the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was the most generous of people صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ”:

وَكَانَ أَجْوَدَ مَا يَكُونُ فِي رَمَضَانَ حِينَ يَلْقَاهُ جِبْرِيلُ

“For his generosity, he used to exceed in Ramadan”

حِينَ يَلْقَاهُ جِبْرِيلُ

“In a month when he used to meet Jibril عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ on a regular basis”

Meaning, in the month of Ramadan, he was even more generous. He was even more merciful. He was even more subservient to his Lord تَعَالَى وَتَعَالَى in worship and doing goodness, than he normally used to be outside of it صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

وَكَانَ يَلْقَاهُ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ

He used to meet Jibril عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ every single night in Ramadan:

فَيَدَارِسُهُ الْقُرْآنَ

“Every night, they used to recite the Qur’an”

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with Jibril عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, studying it and revising it. So he goes on to say, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

أَجُودُ بِالْخَيْرِ مِنَ الرِّيحِ الْمُرْسَلَةِ

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was generous. He was forthcoming in good deeds, like a cool wind صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ .

In this my brothers and sisters, we learn that Ramadan is a time where you sacrifice your days but you also sacrifice your nights and if you do this and you do this well we have a hadith again which is agreed upon, from the Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَنْ قَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا

“Whoever stands each night reciting the book of Allah [as he used to do himself صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ] with iman [he knows this to be good], with ihtisaab [seeking sincerely the reward with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى]:

غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

"All of his previous sins will be forgiven" so on the day of Eid, there will be no sins left.

My brothers and sisters, this is Islam rolled up into 30 days: in this month, you ikhlaas and sincerity to Allah *سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى*; in this month you have taqwa, doing that which is good and staying away from that which is bad the way that we should be outside of Ramadan; in it is akhlaaq and good manners; in it is ihsaan, being good to Allah *سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى* and being good to others - controlling yourself and benefiting yourself; in this month is Ubudiyyah to Allah *سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى*, servitude and poverty in front of Him *سُبْحَانَهُ*, wanting that which is with Him which is of goodness and seeking His generosity and pardon. All of this is Islam collected for us in 30 days and if a person was to do this and he does it well listen to this hadith which is reported by Ibn Khuzaymah and classed as saheeh by al Albani *رَحِمَهُ اللهُ*:

A man from the Qud'ah tribe, he came to the Messenger *صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* and he said:

"Oh Messenger of Allah - what do you think if I bear witness to the Oneness of Allah that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that you are His Messenger and I prayed my five daily prayers and I fast the month of Ramadan and I prayed qiyaam in Ramadan, tara'weeh and tahajjud and I pay my za'kat, what do you think of me Ya Rasool'Allah? What would be my reward? H says *صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* in a response that we hope that we are included in, every single one of us, he *صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* says:

من مات على هذا كان من الصديقين والشهداء



“Whoever dies doing this: tawheed; following the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ; establishing your salawat; fasting Ramadan and fasting it well; and giving the poor and the needy their rights from your wealth:

هذا كان من الصديقين والشهداء

“This person will be from the sidiqoon” from the truthful and from the martyrs, so when they are resurrected, these people will be safe.

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