

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** existed by Himself, He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** had no partners. And to show us His greatness **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, His power and ability, He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** then created the creation, so vast, travel from the tip of the heavens down to earth is a hundred years worth of man's travel:

وَإِنَّ يَوْمًا عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ كَأَلْفِ سَنَةٍ مِّمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ۚ ۷

**“And indeed, a day with your Lord is like a thousand years of those which you count”**

**al-Hajj (The Pilgrimage) 22:47**

Then man was placed on the speck of Allah's ability, so that they could be tested, but when they arrived, they behaved arrogantly, wandering on it as if they own it. Acting on it boastfully in their disobedience to their Master, however our Lord **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is Greater than our sins and He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is kind to the believers, hence He has named Himself as al-Afw, the Pardoner.

Ibn Taymiyyah **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ** says, **العفو**, pardoning:

مُتَّصِمًا لِإِسْقَاطِ حَقِّهِ

“Is when someone has a right over you, but they don't take that right”

وَمُسَامَحَتِهِمْ بِهِ،

Actually, “they relieve you of any kind of responsibility”

Our poverty of His pardon, is best put by Mutarrif, one of our predecessors رَجِمَهُ اللهُ، he says:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ لَمْ تَرْضَ عَنَّا

“Oh Allah, if you are not pleased with us”

فَاعْفُ عَنَّا

“Then at least pardon us”

فَإِنَّ الْمَوْلَىٰ قَدْ يَعْفُو عَنْ عَبْدِهِ، وَهُوَ عَنْهُ غَيْرُ رَاضٍ

“Because surely the Master forgives the poor servant, even if He isn't pleased with him”

It's true my brothers and sisters, we didn't think about Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** when we were fugitive from His obedience, but being servants they will always return to the doors of the one who owns them and the servant will always ask for pardon. Now we come to the statement of the Messenger of Allah **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** my brothers and sisters. A statement which brings about hope. A statement which increases desperation for His pardon here, before it's too late in the akhira. He **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said to Ali bin Abi Talib **رضي الله عنه** :

مَا عَفَا اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا

“Whatever Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** pardons in the dunya”

فَاللهُ تَعَالَى أَحْلَمُ مِنْ أَنْ يَعودَ بَعْدَ عَفْوِهِ

“Allah the Most High, is more forbearing and patient than to return back to it once He has pardoned it”

Reported by Ahmad in Musnad and classed as saheeh by adh-Dhabibi **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ**.

## Khutbah - Masters Pardon

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My brothers and sisters, you do not know where your sins are taking you. You cannot count your sins but He knows them full well. You cannot see the effects of the sins that you have committed on your life, but He knows what you are doing to yourselves, so now we can understand why He pardons. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** pardons, because He loves to pardon and because He doesn't want to punish us. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** loves to pardon, because He wants us to succeed.

Ibn Rajab al Hanbali **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ** said:

“If sinners didn't have a way out through the pardon of Allah, if sinners didn't have a way out through the pardon of Allah, their hearts would cease to exist. Their hearts would cease to exist. They would be destroyed by their despair from the mercy of Allah, however when they realise that Allah pardons, they find ease again.”

Hence, the best thing a person can do on these nights my brothers and sisters is to seek Allah's **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** pardon. Worship Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** standing in front of your Master with your gaze lowered. Bowing in front of your King and praising Him. Prostrating in front of the One who owns you **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. Raising your bare empty hands, in His direction, cuffed together like a servant; begging and pleading. Reciting His speech that He has sent to you as a mercy from Him. Praising Him for all of those times that He has made His Perfection clear to you in dhikr of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. Seeking istigfaar for all your acts of defiance as a lowly slave, asking for His Afuw with your tongue. Asking for His Afuw with your heart and asking for His Afuw with your actions.

Our mother, A'isha رضي الله عنها she said:

إِنِّي لَوْ عَرَفْتُ أَيَّ لَيْلَةٍ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ؛

“For me, if I knew which night is going to be Laylah al-Qadr”

مَا سَأَلْتُ اللَّهَ فِيهَا إِلَّا الْعَافِيَةَ

“The only thing that I would ask for Allah is His pardon and His protection”

And she was the one who asked the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

“If I think it is Laylah al Qadr, what should I say?” and he was the one that taught her to say during these ten nights:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفْوٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ، فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

“O Allah, you are the One that pardons and You love to pardon, so pardon me”

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My brothers and sisters, these nights are for begging and if you beg sincerely long into the night, it might just be that your Master responds to your inadequacies with His pardon.

وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِّنْ مُّصِيبَةٍ فَبِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُوا عَنْ كَثِيرٍ ۝ ٣٠

**“And whatever strikes you of disaster - it is for what your hands have earned; but He pardons much” ash-Shura (Council, Consultation, The Counsel) 42:30**

Second Khutbah

My brothers and sisters, these nights, are nights for seeking Allah's سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى pardon. But Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى pardon is sought by His peace and His peace by His pardon.

Ibn Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ he explains the name of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, "As - Salaam". He says:

وَالسَّلَامُ يَتَّصِفُ بِسَلَامَةِ أَعْيَالِهِ مِنَ الْعَبَثِ

"The meaning of the word As-Salaam for the name of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and His attributes is that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is perfect in all of His actions. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is free from doing anything without a valid reason."

سَلَامَةٌ مِنَ الظُّلْمِ وَخِلَافِ الْحِكْمَةِ

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is Salaam, He is free from oppression and He frees from anything which defies wisdom.

My brother and sister is therefore, anything which is decreed on the night of qadr is because Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is As-Salaam, He won't decree anything unless if there is a reason for it. He won't decree anything except if it is Just. So He describes this night سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى by saying:

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

“Peace it is until the emergence of dawn” al-Qadr (Power, Fate, The Majesty) 97:5

Ibn Uthaymeen رَحِمَهُ اللهُ said:

“This is a night where the believers don’t fear anything because Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is As-Salaam”

لَكثْرَةَ مَنْ يُعْتَقُ فِيهَا مِنَ النَّارِ،

“Because of the large number that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى frees from the fire on that night”

وَيَسْلُمُ مِنْ عَذَابِهَا

“And He brings them, His servants to safety by His Salaam, from His punishment”



## **Khutbah - Masters Pardon**

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My brother and sisters, tomorrow you will return to your Master but you haven't packed enough good deeds to enter into Jannah. How many have entered into these last ten and instead of finding retribution for what they were lacking in, have instead found a pardoning and peace from Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**.

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