

First khutbah

My brothers, prepare for yourselves a questioning because you need to answer. And prepare for your answers, a reward.

My brothers, Ramadan has shown us that we are more than capable of accounting ourselves. You know how to become a better version of yourself.

A report in al-Bukhari and Muslim, Aisha رضى الله عنها once asked the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

أَيُّ الْأَعْمَالِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ؟

“What action does Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى love the most?”

Now pay attention to this my brothers, because last week we was seeking Allah’s pardon, now she’s asking, “which action is most beloved to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى from all of this?” In all of your lives. In all of your months. In all of your situations. He responds صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

قَالَ : أَدْوَمُهَا وَإِنْ قَلَّ

He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

“Those actions which are done consistently, even if they are slight”

My brothers, take a portion of Ramadan with you and carry on with it because this is beloved to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ** وَتَعَالَى. It is more beloved that you remain consistent in doing good deeds than standing one night of the year asking for Afuw and then leaving it.

In another hadith also al-Bukhari and Muslim, Aisha رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was asked the same question she asked the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, she was asked the same question that she asked the Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Her student Alqamah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, he said:

هَلْ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

يَخْتَصُّ مِنَ الْأَيَّامِ شَيْئًا ؟

“Did the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to have specific actions that he used to do on specific days and specific months?”

She said, “no”

And then she gave the same answer that she heard from the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ from his statements from what she observed from him in his actions. She said رضى الله عنها:

كَانَ عَمَلُهُ دِيمَةً

“He was consistent in doing acts of worship throughout the year”

My brothers and sisters, Al-Hasan al-Basri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ said something which we can all benefit from. He says:

إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ

أَحْسَنَ الظَّنِّ بِرَبِّهِ

“The believer has good thoughts of his Lord”

Meaning, the believer knows that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى will look after him. He will look after him in his Dunya and he will look after him in the Akhirah; nothing is wasted with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, because he has good thoughts with Allah:

فَأَحْسَنَ الْعَمَلِ

“He does good deeds whilst he can” he remains consistent on them. Not just for one day, or one month in a year.

وَإِنَّ الْفَاجِرَ أَسَاءَ الظَّنِّ بِرَبِّهِ

“As for the sinful person, he has bad thoughts of his Lord. He thinks that he’s going to miss out from the dunya. He thinks he’s going to lose out by doing good deeds.”

فَأَسَاءَ الْعَمَلِ

“So he does bad deeds instead”

So have good thoughts in Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and carry on. And if you find yourself going back to the way you were before Ramadan, then ask Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** to help you to get close to Him.

My brothers, the Salaf were **رحمة الله عليه**, used to be like they were inside of Ramadan, outside of Ramadan, because Ramadan was a lesson for them. And when they experienced Ramadan, benefitted from Ramadan, those benefits remained within them for the rest of their lives.

Mua’alla bin Fadl **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ** one of the Ulema of the Salaf, he said:

كَأَنَّهُمْ يَدْعُونَ اللَّهَ

سِتَّةَ أَشْهُرٍ أَنْ يُبَلِّغَهُمْ رَمَضَانَ

“The Salaf [meaning the Companions and the students of the Companions, the Imams] they used to supplicate to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** for six months.”

For six months they used to make dua, “Oh Allah, give us another Ramadan”. And when they experienced Ramadan, for the rest of the year:

ثُمَّ يَدْعُونَهُ سِتَّةَ أَشْهُرٍ

أَنْ يَتَقَبَّلَهُ مِنْهُمْ

“They used to supplicate for the rest of the year, “Oh Allah, accept it from us, Oh Allah, accept it from us””.

My brothers, the Ulema from before and the leaders, they were thinking about Ramadan all year round, because they know, how their deeds will be accepted. They knew, how to prepare for what is about to happen in our lives ahead. By accounting themselves now and being consistent after Ramadan.

My brothers, what excuses do we have left? All of them are unacceptable, because the worst thing a person can do is benefit from Ramadan, beg Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** for Jannah, be obedient for one month and then after that month is over, not care about it.

In al-Bukhari and Muslim, the Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said to Abdullah bin Amr **رضي الله عنه**, he said:

، يا عبدَ الله لا تكُنْ مِثْلَ فُلَانٍ كَانَ يَقُومُ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ

“Don’t be like such and such person, who used to stand the nights [just like we all did]”

فَتَرَكَ قِيَامَ اللَّيْلِ

“Then he left it off completely” [after a period of time, not interested in it anymore]

Yes my brothers, we make exceptions in Ramadan, we change our routines, but Ramadan is actually the easy part compared to the rest of our lives.

Umar bin Abdul-Aziz said **رحمة الله** he said:

أَفْضَلُ الْأَعْمَالِ

We heard from the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

“The best of deeds that are beloved to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى are those which are consistent”

Umar bin Abdul-Aziz said رحمه الله one of the Ulema from the Salaf also, he said:

أَفْضَلُ الْأَعْمَالِ

مَا أُكْرِهَتْ عَلَيْهِ النَّفْسُ

“That which you force yourself to do”

It's easy for us to do good deeds in Ramadan because everyone is doing them. Even the person who is not practising outside of Ramadan, inside of Ramadan, finds himself practising. They manage to do good deeds.

The real work my brothers, the real work is once Ramadan has gone. And this is the most beloved to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى.

Another one from the Ulema of the Salaf, Qatadah رحمه الله he said:

ابْنُ آدَمَ

“Oh Son of Adam!”

إِنْ كُنْتَ لَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ تَأْتِيَ الْخَيْرَ إِلَّا بِنَشَاطٍ

“If you are waiting, for the right moment, if you are waiting to have energy to do good deeds, then realise”

فَإِنَّ نَفْسَكَ إِلَى السَّامَةِ

“You have to realise, your soul is more inclined towards boredom”

وَأِلَى الْفَتْرَةِ

“Towards laziness”

وَأِلَى الْمَلَلِ أَمْيَلُ،

“Towards boredom and to choosing things that they really don't benefit from”

The time will never be right. That's what your soul will tell you.



وَلَكِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنُ هُوَ الْمُتَحَامِلُ

“However, for the believer, he is someone who pushes himself”

My brothers, every year we say to ourselves when Ramadan comes, “I’m going to do such and such”, when Ramadan leaves, you have not met your targets. Why is that the case?

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى will only allow you to have a good Ramadan, a beneficial Ramadan, a fruitful Ramadan if you are sincere and if you have consistency throughout the year. Because our Ramadan is actually a reflection of how we spend the rest of the months.

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tell us:

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَكُنْ مِنَ السَّاجِدِينَ ٩٨

“So exalt [ Allah ] with praise of your Lord and be of those who prostrate [to Him]”

al-Hijr (The Rock, Stoneland, Rock City) 15:98

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وَأَعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ ٩٩

**“And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (death)” al-Hijr (The Rock, Stoneland, Rock City) 15:99**

Second Khutbah

My brothers, Ramadan isn't just about worship. It's about how less we can take from the dunya. We gave up food, we left the dunya. We gave up sleep and our desires because we chose the akhira instead.

Another important lesson we can take from Ramadan, is that we must leave from the dunya that which will not benefit us and this is also a part of taqwa and this is from the objectives of Ramadan.

In a hadith in at-Tirmidhi which is classed as Saheeh by al-Albani رَجِمَهُ اللَّهُ, Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه he said,,  
“we were sitting with the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and a person burped, in the presence of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, so he said:

كُفَّ عَنَّا جُشَاءَكَ ؛

“Keep your burps away from us”

فَإِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَبَعًا فِي الدُّنْيَا

“Those people who eat the most in the Dunya”

أَطْوَلُهُمْ جُوعًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

“Will be the hungriest in the for the longest on the Day of Judgement”

This man, he ate so much that he annoyed the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He took from the dunya, too much, more than he needed. More than, that he could benefit from and Al-Munawi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, one of the Ulema, he explained this hadith, he said:

“Those people who eat a lot and drink a lot, they will end up sleeping a lot”

لأن من كثر أكله كثر شربه فكثير نومه

“He will be hungry on the Day of Judgement, because he used to eat too much, he used to drink too much, he used to sleep too much”

فكسل جسمه

“Then that person will become lazy and that person will become lethargic; he has taken too much from the dunya, and he has not benefited in his akhira”

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My brothers, after Ramadan, some people run back to the dunya after giving it up. Some people go back to haram. Some people indulge in halal, they became healthier in Ramadan, they became fitter, not only just in their eman, but in their bodies, but just like forgetting the akhira makes you weak in your eman, forgetting the akhira and having too much of the dunya will make you weka in your body as well.

My brothers, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gave us Ramadan because it helps prepare for the rest of our lives, not just in our eman, but in our connection to the dunya, so the whole of your life if you think about it, is Ramadan and your true day of Eid is when you meet your Lord. Without Ramadan we would carry on with not much worship and a lifestyle full of desires, but Ramadan taught us how to account ourselves.

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