

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, man has never existed except that they had commands, so Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says about the first of them:

وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ٣٥

"And We said, "O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat therefrom in [ease and] abundance from wherever you will. But do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers" al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:35

The father of mankind, Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام slipped up and he ate from the tree, so Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى described him as forgetting.

فَنَسِيَ وَلَمْ نَجِدْ لَهُ عَزْمًا ١١٥

"... but he forgot; and We found not in him determination"

But before him my brothers and sisters, we have Iblees. Some from the Ulema consider him as the father of the Jinn and he too was commanded:

وَأَذُنَّا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ أَسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ ۝ ٣٤

"And [mention] when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam"; so they prostrated, except for Iblees. He refused and was arrogant and became of the disbelievers" al-Baqarah

(The Cow) 2:34

All of them were told to make sujood to Adam عليه السلام, not out of worship, but out of respect except Iblees - he refused and he was arrogant. And he was from the disbelievers.

Ibn Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ says:

“Oh person who is deluded, because he thinks he is safe, Iblees was cursed, he was dropped from a position of honour, because he abandoned just one sajdah that he was commanded with”

And then our Father عليه السلام he was told, “do not eat from the tree and because of one morsel of food, because of one morsel of food, as soon as he placed it on his lips, he was taken out of Jannah. One bite, one sajdah. And then man came down with his sworn enemy and Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى from his favour upon mankind sent Prophets and Messengers, but mankind and Jinn rejected those Prophets and Messengers and from the first of them was Nu'h عليه السلام. Nu'h عليه السلام remained patient with their mistakes for 950 years. Sabr. Calling them to the Oneness of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. Calling them to obey Him, but they refused. They mocked at him. They were stubborn and they didn't want to prepare in their return back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى.

So now my brothers and sisters we learn another mistake, but this time a punishment which would cover the whole of the dunya. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى describes the flood:

وَفَجَّرْنَا الْأَرْضَ عُيُونًا فَالْتَقَى الْمَاءُ عَلَى أَمْرٍ قَدْ قُدِرَ ۙ ۱۲

"And caused the earth to burst with springs, and the waters met for a matter already predestined" al-Qamar (The Moon) 54:12

And the only ones that survived, the only ones that survived with Nu'h عليه السلام on the ark, or very small in number:

وَمَنْ ءَامَنَ ۖ وَمَا ءَامَنَ مَعَهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ۙ ٤٠

"But none had believed with him, except a few" Hud (Hud) 11:40

Mankind was mistaken again and only a few saved. And mankind after Nu'h عليه السلام continued to fail with each Prophet and each Messenger, they continued to fail, until we have the last one and the best of them, he said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as a conclusion of the state of our affairs of mankind, in a hadith which is reported by at Tirmidhi and classed as hasan by Albani رَجَمَهُ اللهُ. He said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ :

لُ ابْنِ آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ

"Every son of Adam sins, and the best of the sinners are the repentant."

He said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, "all human beings are going to make mistakes, from Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, from the people that Nu'h عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was sent to, from the Messengers and the Prophets, all of those Nations every single one of us, until the last of us every single one of us are going to make mistakes, but وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ, but they're the best of those who make mistakes are those who make tawbah. Those who regret what they have done. Those who learn from their mistakes and they have a firm intention never to repeat it.

One of the scholars, Mulla Ali al - Qari Hanafi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ he says:

"These are the people that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ describes, as those people who make they make mistakes, but these are the good ones. These people, they make mistakes but they are still described as being the good ones. Why? Because they go back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. They change their bad deeds for good ones. They change their negligence to getting closer to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and from now on remembering Him and this is the mercy of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى over us".

My brothers and sisters, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى knows every single one of us have mistakes, but He is patient, but once you know, you know. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said in a hadith which has been collected by ibn Majah and classed as hasan by Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ. He said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ :



“Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has overlooked for my Ummah, their mistakes. The things that they do out of forgetfulness and those things that they are forced to do”.

Imam as Sa'di **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ** said in commentary:

“Surely Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is the most Just of those who are Just. He is the most Just of those who show Justice. No one will be punished until the message reaches him, until he knows what he is doing which is wrong, but then when he knows that he is making a mistake, the excuses are now over, then does he become eligible for punishment”.

My brothers and sisters, all of us have mistakes. Parents have mistakes. Children have mistakes. Siblings have mistakes. All of us have errors. Sometimes these are genuine errors and sometimes it is done out of weakness, but all of these are tolerated by Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** because He is the most merciful on one condition, that the person learns and he benefits and he makes tawbah and he returns back to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**.

My brother and sister's, one mistake, one mistake took the race of man and Jinn out of Jannah and now we are all walking back to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. If you're improving and dropping off your bad habits on the way, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will help you to remove those mistakes and from His mercy upon you is that He will change those mistakes into good deeds instead. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says:

إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَعَمِلَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ۝ ٧٠

“Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful” al-Furqan (The Criterion, The Standard) 25:70

Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, checking your mistakes is a sign of iman. Checking your mistakes is a sign of iman. It is a sign that you are truthful. It is a sign that you are sincere. As for those who don't check themselves and they treat their mistakes like a fly on the tip of their nose, Ibn Qayyim رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ says:

“Life which has no response to Allah تَعَالَى and His Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, life which has no response to Allah تَعَالَى and His Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, this life is not a life. This is because the person is not learning from his mistakes” and he goes on to continue to describe them:

“These people are already dead, because of their mistakes they are already dead even if their bodies appear as if these people are alive” and then he goes on to describe them رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ, “these people because of their mistakes they will live a life of sadness. Life of illness. Life of depression and fear, constantly panicking. Constantly worried. Constantly thinking that things are unfair. They have no peace, this is because they do not submit to Allah تَعَالَى with their weaknesses and their mistakes.

My brothers and sisters Hasan al Basri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ said on his deathbed, in his dying moments, he said:

“Be careful where you come from and where you are going. Be careful where you come from and where you are going”

Qatadah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ another one from the Salaf said:

“You will find some people by Allah, he knows all of the mistakes of other people in detail but he is oblivious to his own”

I'm most worrying my brothers and sisters if you don't care about your mistakes and you don't see yourself changing or at least you don't ask Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى to help you against them, then this is actually a sign that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has already left you. This is a sign that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has abandoned you.

Another one from Salaf, Bakr ibn 'Abdullah al-Muzani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ said:

“If you see a person he is entrusted upon himself the faults of other people, but he has forgotten his own mistakes, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is plotting against this person”

My brothers and sisters Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى hasn't created you to be infallible, had we all been infallible without mistakes, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى would have removed us and he would have brought a group of people that would have made mistakes and would have made tawbah to Him.

The mistakes aren't the problem my brothers and sisters, the problem, or our success is in our reaction.

Khutbah: Mistakes [based on al-Fawa'id by Ibn Qayyim]

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