

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, we are all alone in this dunya and our loneliness is made plain and clear for us all to recognize when we were created alone. We will be buried alone and we will stand for questioning alone, but from the mercy of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is that He has made in this dunya provisions and the best of those temporary provisions and the best of those temporary provisions is companionship.

The Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said in a hadith which is reported by Muslim in his Sahih:

**الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ**

“The dunya is provisions”

**وَحَيْرُ مَتَاعِ الدُّنْيَا الْمَرْأَةُ الصَّالِحَةُ**

“And the best of those provisions is a pious woman”

And this is what Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** chose for His Prophets **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says:

وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَى ۝۸

**“And He found you poor and made [you] self-sufficient” ad-Dhuha (The Morning Hours,  
The Early Hours, Morning Bright) 93:8**

Imam al Qurtubi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ in his tafsir, he says:

“He was destitute with the lack of companionship”

فَأَغْنَاكَ بِخَدِيجَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا

“And we enriched you with the companionship of your wife, Khadija رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا”

And the other way around, for women, the best of the dunya is found in a companionship with a pious man, so when Subay’ah bin al-Harith was widowed, she came to the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for advice, so he says to her صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in advice:

إِنْ وَجَدْتِ رَوْجًا صَالِحًا فَتَزَوَّجِي

“If you find a pious man, then marry him”

Reported by him ibn Majah and classed as saheeh by al - Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ

And for parents, there is companionship too; children crave a sense of belonging as well and this is important because Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى describes this as being a zeenah:

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

**“Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life” al-Kahf (The Cave) 18:46**

In companionship, there is a passing beauty to the life of this dunya. In fact without companionship, my brothers and sisters, there is only decline.

Imam Ahmad رَحِمَهُ اللهُ said:

إِذَا مَاتَ أَصْدِقَاءُ الرَّجُلِ

“If a person’s friend or a beloved one passes away”

ذَلَّ

“He is reduced”

Understanding this, we also have to understand my brothers and sisters, that nothing destroys a person’s dunya and the akhira more than a foul companionship. Nothing destroys a person’s dunya and their akhira more than a foul companionship.

Ibn al-Arabi al-Maliki رَحِمَهُ اللهُ he said:

وَإِذَا لَمْ يَبْعَثْ اللهُ سُبْحَانَهُ لِلرَّجُلِ زَوْجَةً صَالِحَةً

“If Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى did not make for man companionship found in a pious woman”

فَأِنَّهُ لَا يَسْتَوِيحُ أَمْرَهُ

“Then his life will not be stable”

إِلَّا بِذَهَابِ جُزْءٍ مِنْ دِينِهِ،

“He will have no choice except to compromise some of his religion in order to find what he is missing out from that companionship, to find fulfilment in his life”

And this has increased in the days that we live in my brothers and sisters; relationships are only increasing people in their loneliness and to find piety mixed with companionship has become something strange.

Reported in al - Musnad and classes as saheeh by al - Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ، the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

طوبى للغرباء

“Good news to the strangers”

“Good news to the strangers”, meaning those who have no companions. So they asked him رضي الله عنه, “Who are the strangers?” He says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

أُنَاسٌ صَالِحُونَ،

“A group of pious individuals”

فِي أُنَاسٍ سُوِّءٍ كَثِيرٍ،

“Whilst most people are not pious at all”

Hence my brothers and sisters, if you have taqwa, you will be part of an elite group that is never alone despite how Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** tests you. Despite you being physically alone. Despite being perhaps mentally alone. Even if you never speak to another living soul for the rest of your life, you still belong.

And without religion my brothers and sisters, there is no companionship except that will increase a person in more isolation.

الأَجْدَاءُ

“Friends that were close to one another”

يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ

“On that day they will be enemies to one another”

إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ

“Except for the people of iman and taqwa”

My brothers and sisters we are all living our separate individual lives. Every single one of us have a separate book of decree, but Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** tells us that the companionships that He has made for us has no other objective except for it to clean and to wash and to purify our hearts. Ibraheem **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ** makes a dua:

وَلَا تُخْزِنِي يَوْمَ يُبْعَثُونَ

“Do not humiliate me on the Day of Judgment my Lord”

يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ

“On a day where no wealth and no child in companionship can benefit me”

**Khutbah: Companionship**

**Ustadh Ariff Olla**

14/07/2023



إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ

“Except for the one who has a clean heart”

AHLE DHIKR  
INSTITUTE



Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, man's need for pious companionship is confirmed by the truest of all human beings, reported in at - Tabarani and made saheeh by al - Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Messenger of Allah said:

مَا مِنْ الْقُلُوبِ قَلْبٌ

“There is no heart that turns”

إِلَّا وَلَهُ سَحَابَةٌ كَسَحَابَةِ الْقَمَرِ

“Except that that heart has a cloud that covers it, like the moon that is covered”

بَيْنَمَا الْقَمَرُ مُضِيءٌ

“This is despite the fact that the the moon and the heart is a source of light”

إِذْ عَلَتْهُ سَحَابَةٌ فَأَظْلَمَ ،

“But when it becomes cloudy, the heart becomes dark”

إِذْ تَجَلَّتْ عَنْهُ فَأَضَاءَ

“And when the cloud is lifted, there’s light again”

What does this mean my brother and sisters?

There is a secret that every single Prophet and Messenger, no, every single pious successful person knew, but the rest of mankind were oblivious. Let Ibn Rajab رَحِمَهُ اللهُ explain, he said رَحِمَهُ اللهُ:

وَقَدْ أَشَارَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَى سَبَبِ بَرَاءَتِهِ مِنْ خَلَّةِ الْمَخْلُوقِينَ،

“Towards the end of his life صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ indicated to us as a reason for his seclusion from people”

وَهُوَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ اتَّخَذَهُ خَلِيلًا لِنَفْسِهِ

“It is because Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى took him as a close friend for himself”

A companionship my brothers and sisters, that possesses all honor. A companionship which is the solution to every single problem. A companionship which brings about contentment and ease. A companionship with all-purpose:

وَمَنْ كَانَ خَلِيلًا لِلَّهِ

“And whoever is a companion with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, whoever finds companionship with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى”

فَلَا يَصْلُحُ لَهُ أَنْ يُخَالِلَ بَشَرًا

“It is not befitting that person depends upon the creation for companionship”

And then he continues to give us an example رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ, Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was commanded to sacrifice his own son, what's the secret?

لِتَفْرِغَ قَلْبِهِ

“So that his heart is emptied”

حَتَّى لَا تُزَاجِمَ خَلَّةَ الْوَاحِدِ الْأَحَدِ مَحَبَّةَ الْوَالِدِ.

“So that love and companionship to al - Wahid, al - Ahad cannot be shared with anyone from the creation,  
not even his own son”

My brothers and sisters, words from a man who found all of his comfort in the companionship with Allah  
سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى .

Ibn Taymiyyah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ he says:

فَالْقَلْبُ لَا يَصْلِحُ

“The heart cannot rectify”

وَلَا يَفْلَحُ،

“And will not find success”

وَلَا يَلْتَذُّ

“And will not taste joy”

وَلَا يَسْكُنُ

“And it will not settle”

وَلَا يَطْمَئِنُّ

“And it will not find comfort”

إِلَّا بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ،

“Except in the worship of its Lord”

## Khutbah: Companionship

Ustadh Ariff Olla

14/07/2023



Except with the companionship with Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and if they seek this companionship from the creation:

لَمْ يَطْمَئِنِّ، وَلَمْ يَسْكُنْ،

“It will not find comfort and it will not settle”

إِذْ فِيهِ فَقْرٌ دَاتِيٌّ إِلَى رَبِّهِ

“This is because the heart has a self-poverty which is found in the companionship with his Lord”

My brothers and my sisters our Lord hasn't made the dunya an empty place, but all of us are alone in our groups and from His names and His attributes is that He is al - Wali, He is the Mawla; He befriends and He protects. So in this, so in this my brother and sister's true loneliness is when a person has been abandoned from the greatest of all companionships, given a choice between the akhira, his last words **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ** :  
وَسَلَّمَ :

“I choose the highest companion”

**Khutbah: Companionship**

**Ustadh Ariff Olla**

14/07/2023



**As you learn and benefit from Ustadh Ariff Olla's jumu'ah sermons from which are these notes- don't keep it to yourself! Share & teach these notes - please do not edit or manipulate this content.**

**"One who guides to something good has a reward similar to that of its doer"- Saheeh Muslim vol.3, no.4665.**