

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has created the dunya and everything that is good within it is either commanded or made permissible. But there are things which have been placed as obstacles and tests and these are either forbidden or they could appear to be harmless but the wise one knows to stay away from them because of the outcome. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in describing his Messenger **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ**:

**وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ**

**“and makes lawful for them the good things and prohibits for them the evil” al-A`raf (The Heights, The Elevated Places) 7:157**

He came **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ** to make permissible the tayyib, the things which are nice and make unlawful, haram and forbidden the things which are bad.

After this my brother and sister's man has been left to seek his way. Hasan al Basri **رحمه الله**, he said:

**لو كان العقل يُشترى**

“If intellect and common sense was something that we could buy”

لَتَعَالَى النَّاسُ فِي ثَمَنِهِ،

“Then people would make intellect and common sense very expensive”

وَالْعَجَبُ

“So what’s strange”

مَمَّنْ يَشْتَرِي بِمَالِهِ مَا يُفْسِدُ عَقْلَهُ

“What is strange is that you will find person buying something with his wealth that which will corrupt his intelligence and his common sense”

From that which corrupts a person’s dunya and their akl is smoking cigarettes and vaping and that which is stronger than these.

My brothers and sisters, smoking has become acceptable now even by people who appear to be religious, but in the Sharia there is a principle; anything which harms the body is haram. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** tells us in the Qur’an:

وَلَا تُفْثِقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ

“... and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]”

And in smoking subhanallah this is exactly what's happening. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى also says:

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا ۚ ٢٩

“... and do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, Allah is to you ever Merciful”

an-Nisa` (Women) 4:29

Therefore after Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has completed for you your creation and completed for you your intellect and completed for you your religion, corrupting or polluting any of these becomes haram and a sin.

But also my brothers and sisters and my sons and my daughters, take this advice, be careful, be careful on how you spend your time and be careful on how you spend your wealth. Do not be wasteful. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ commands us not to, prohibits all forms of wastefulness, He says سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى:

وَلَا تُبْذِرْ تَبْذِيرًا ۚ ٢٦

**“and do not spend wastefully” al-Isra` (Children of Israel, The Israelites) 17:26**

Mujahid رحمه الله said:

ولو أنفق مَدًا في باطل كان تبذيرًا-

“Even if you were to spend a handful, not a lot, just a small amount on something which is not good then you are considered as being wasteful”

After knowing that wastefulness is not something which is allowed in our religion, let's look at the rest of the description, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى then says:

إِنَّ الْمُبْذِرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيْطَانِ ۗ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ

**“Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devils” al-Isra` (Children of Israel, The Israelites)**

**17:27**

## Khutbah: Smoking and vaping

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Those who are wasteful in their wealth, in their health, they are the allies and the brothers of the Shayateen and the Ulema of tafsir have said:

“Such people are influenced by the Shayateen. They listen to the Shayateen and their desires obey him, the Shaytan”

My brother and sisters smoking is harmful. Smoking is wasteful. But, a person might argue that vaping doesn't use tobacco and it's not the same as cigarettes and with this justification perhaps we now we can understand why a growing number of our children are now vaping.

A growing number of our children are now vaping to the point that the experts in medicine are actually worried, nearly 10% of secondary school children have admitted to vaping and the number is increasing, to the point now that they are doing this on purpose. They have colourful packets. They have disposable vapes. They have sweet flavours, all of this to trick our children and the volume of nicotine within these vapes are not only harmful, but they are not regulated, meaning they can put whatever in there and your child can smoke or vape whatever chemical that they've put in there. So if nicotine is addictive and harmful for adults, how about young children with healthy body's and minds that shouldn't be exposed to this?

My brothers and sisters, this is clearly all from the plots of the Shayateen who are working day and night to deviate us and our children and our families. Look what Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says about addictions, nicotine is a clear addiction, look what Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says about alcohol and gambling, He says **سُبْحَانَهُ**:

رَجَسٍ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ٩٠

“defilement from the work of Satan, so avoid it that you may be successful” al-Ma'idah

(The Table, The Table Spread) 5:90

That these addictions are from the ways of Shaytaan and how he can overcome you. So then Allah سُبْحَانَهُ says, فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ, وَتَعَالَى says, “stay away from it so that you’ll be successful” and then in the next ayah Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says that:

“The Shaytaan wants to create anger and hatred and make it common amongst you”

وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ ٩١

“... and to avert you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer” al-Ma'idah (The

Table, The Table Spread) 5:91

With these toys that he will use as addictions, he wants to stop you from remembering Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and from establishing the salat and then Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى asks you a question:

فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُوْنَ ۙ ۙ ۙ

**“So will you not desist” al-Ma'idah (The Table, The Table Spread) 5:91**

When this ayah was revealed, the Ulema have said that the streets of Madina were flowing with alcohol and the Companions were raising their voices saying:

انتھینا، انتھینا

“We have stopped! We have stopped”

My brother and sister smoking is also the opposite of what we find in eman; the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

الطهور شرط الإيمان

“Eman, cleanliness is half of your faith”

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The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ liked to be in pleasant environments, with pleasant smells, so he gave us a principle صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, your goodness, your eman will take you to your Companions. Your goodness and your eman will take you to your environments.

He said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

فَإِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ تَتَأَذَى مِمَّا يَتَأَذَى مِنْهُ بَنُو آدَمَ

“The Angels are harmed by that which what harms the son of Adam”

So if you're smoking or vaping, this is not only harmful to yourself but this is harmful to the people around you. Then we realise that it is possible that whilst the person is smoking or vaping or doing anything stronger or worse, then the Angels will not be in that person's presence, in that person's company. So what will replace the company of the Angels except for the company of the Shayateen?

My brother and sisters, smoking and vaping only brings about destruction. It clogs up your heart and it destroys your eman, but Islam is the opposite. Islam gives you purity and maturity, so that a person doesn't live in addiction to obeying his desires but he lives in submission to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, and enslavement to سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. He says in His book:



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كَذَلِكَ يُتِمُّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُسْلِمُونَ ۝۸۱

**"... Like this He completed His favours for you, so that you would submit (as Muslims)"**

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Second Khutbah

My brothers and sisters, all of us are tested by the decree of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has already decreed His decrees. He has decreed that which is good and He has decreed that which is bad and everything is written and recorded, but now it's up to you. Are you going to submit? Or it could be that your desires, your environment, your lifestyle would mean that you either accept the qadr of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** or reject it. Some people accept it as soon as they learn of something which is good or bad. They accept the decree of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and they are the forefront of accepting it, even if it's reluctantly. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says about these people:

**إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ٥١**

**"The only statement of the [true] believers when they are called to Allah and His Messenger to judge between them is that they say, "We hear and we obey." And those are the successful" an-Nur (The Light) 24:51**

But there are people who will not accept the decree of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. They will not accept that something is halal or something is haram, something is commanded or something is forbidden. They may even make excuses to feed their desires or they may even have hope in being accepted by the creation. Ultimately, such people have failed in accepting the decree of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and such people you will even find exposing themselves in front of all of the creation, sinning openly.

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But, there is always hope my brother and sisters and there is no room for despair in Islam, how can we? When we have a Lord who is caring and He is kind! His Mercy is found in all places and He repairs after our hearts and our organs have been blackened and darkened! He brings about life and hidayah and noor because His repentance stretches out by day and by night.

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