

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, in this life of this dunya, no one person remains the same. Every one of us will have his life changed on a regular basis and this is the reality of the dunya.

وَتِلْكَ الْأَيَّامُ نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ

**“And these days [of varying conditions] We alternate among the people” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:140**

You will be shifted from bad to good and then good to bad. From fear to security. From closings to openings. From difficulty to ease. This is because nothing remains the same in the life of this dunya, so for whoever is pleased with the situation realize that he will be tested. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says:

لِيَجْزِيَ اللَّهُ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ

**“So that Allah will recompense every soul for what it earned. Indeed, Allah is swift in account” Ibrahim (Abraham) 14:51**

If a person looks at what has passed from yesterday, he's not able to take it back and sometimes the pain remains or sometimes he looks back and the enjoyment is quickly forgotten, but if he looks forward to his tomorrow, he will look through a lens of uncertainty and uncertainty that he can't trust.

So my brothers and sisters, this dunya, you are stuck between a quick passing and an impending hope. Imam al Bukhari رحمه الله reports in his Sahih, that the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم took Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه by his shoulder and the reason why he grabbed his shoulder before he said what he was going to say صلى الله عليه وسلم is because what was about to follow was extremely important. Words of salvation, he wanted his undivided attention, so he takes his shoulder صلى الله عليه وسلم and he says to Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه:

كُنْ فِي الدُّنْيَا كَأَنَّكَ غَرِيبٌ أَوْ عَابِرُ سَبِيلٍ

“Be as though you are a stranger or if you're just passing by”

Sincere advice, from the most sincere who ever spoke صلى الله عليه وسلم, but that sincerity was passed on as a amanah and a trust, so Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه advised to us too, he said after he narrated this hadith:

إِذَا أُمْسَيْتَ فَلَا تَنْتَظِرِ الصَّبَاحَ،

“If you meet the evening, do not expect to see the morning”

وَإِذَا أَصْبَحْتَ فَلَا تَنْتَظِرِ الْمَسَاءَ،

“And if you meet the morning, don’t wait to expect to see the evening”. This is because my brothers and sisters, the days of the dunya are quick to turn.

My brother and sisters, Ali ibn Abi Talib رضي الله عنه he said:

الدنيا

“The life of this the dunya”

دارُ الممرِّ لا دارُ المقرِّ

“Is a place of passing and it’s not a place of residence”

والناس فيها رجلان

“And people within it are two types of people”

رجل باع فيها نفسه فأوبقها

“Either there is a man who sold himself to the dunya, so he was then destroyed”

ورجل ابتاع نفسه فأعتقها

“Or a man who bought himself so he was free”

The dunya my brothers and sisters, it begins with crying and weakness, then there is a period of desires and troubles and then you get old and there is removal.

The dunya my brothers and sisters, it's halal you will be questioned for and it's haram there is a punishment for.

The dunya my brothers and sisters, whoever indulges in it will be trialled and whoever doesn't want it, remains unsettled, for wallahi my brothers and sisters there is no one that ran after the dunya except that they didn't get it and when they thought they had it, they wept in loss. This is because this is the reality of the dunya my brothers and sisters, its days don't stop turning. It keeps coming at you, yet it is not permanent. The dunya comes beautiful and attractive with its pleasure, but it has repercussions and its people won't remain.

So what is there from this dunya except that it is all temporary, for by Allah my brothers and sisters, none is given the dunya except that there is something more elsewhere. A lifespan in this dunya, except that there is more elsewhere.

The dunya my brothers and sisters, none laughs in it except that it comes with tears. This dunya, none has experienced joy in it except that they will be tested with that joy.

The dunya my brothers and sisters, none has it expanded for him, except that eventually it will close on him. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gives a description of the life of this dunya:

أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَلَهُمْ زِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ وَتَكَاثُرٌ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ

**“Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion and adornment and boasting to one another and competition in increase of wealth and children...” al-Hadid (The Iron) 57:20**

Number one, it is play. It is idle. It is just something which appears to be attractive and it is a means for you to become arrogant and boast over one another and competition in wealth and in children and then Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gives us the reality of this dunya:

كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيجُ فَتَرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ حُطَمًا ط

**“... like the example of a rain whose [resulting] plant growth pleases the tillers; then it dries and you see it turned yellow; then it becomes [scattered] debris” al-Hadid (The Iron) 57:20**

It is like a seed that is planted into the ground, then it becomes green and it looks nice, but then it shrivels and it shrinks and it is carried away by the wind.

A life of this dunya my brothers and sisters which starts off green with the birds chirping and it ends with dark darkness, with no sound and everything carried away as if it wasn't there in the first place.

My brothers and sisters, the One who created it knows best about it. He described it as a theatre of laugh and play but He has made it also below our feet, so that we walk on top of it. Man picks his rizq from it, he eats, he sleeps, he sits on top of it, this is because the dunya is below us, but then when you are time to move on, and you are buried within it, you leave with your hands empty. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says:

وَمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَهْوٌ وَلَعِبٌ وَإِنَّ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ لَهِيَ الْحَيَوَانُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ٦٤

**"And this worldly life is not but diversion and amusement. And indeed, the home of the Hereafter - that is the [eternal] life, if only they knew” al-'Ankabut (The Spider) 29:6**

Second khutbah

My brother and sisters, the dunya is not mentioned in the Qur'an except that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى follows it up with criticism, so He says for example:

﴿قُلْ أَوْفَيْتُكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْ ذَلِكَمُ ۚ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَأَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ وَرِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ۝ ١٥﴾

**“Say, “Shall I inform you of [something] better than that? For those who fear Allah will be gardens in the presence of their Lord beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally, and purified spouses and approval from Allah . And Allah is Seeing of [His] servants” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:15**

The dunya my brother and sisters, is labelled as a place of testing and action, but a complete land and a land of completion is with the pleasure of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and His mercy in a place where only those who are chosen will enter. This has been described to us in an eloquent way by the famous Companion Abu ad - Darda رضي الله عنه, he says:

مَنْ هَوَانَ الدُّنْيَا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ لَا يُعْصَى إِلَّا فِيهَا،

“The dunya is so irrelevant with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, He has made this the place where people have the choice of obedience or disobedience, in the akhirah, there is no such thing as disobedience to Allah”

وَلَا يُنَالُ مَا عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِتَرْكِهَا

“However no one will gain the good of it, for the life of this and the goodness of the akhirah, except if he leaves what the dunya is calling him to”

My brothers and sisters, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى commanded the pious Believers at the time of revelation رضي الله عنهم, He speaks to them and He says سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى:

وَابْتَغِ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا

**“But seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world” al-Qasas (The Story, Stories, The Narrative) 28:77**

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is telling them, seek the akhirah, but don't forget the dunya, but today my brothers and sisters, we have strayed far, far away, the affair is opposite so that means our advice has to be opposite, we will say, “Yes, seek the dunya, but don't forget your share of the akhirah”.

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