

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, there is something which our religion teaches us, something that we all need that we all depend upon, whether a person is rich or poor, this is the concept of sadaqah.

My brother and sister sadaqah is an act of goodness that you do for someone else. Sometimes people think sadaqah is only financial, but sadaqah in our religion teaches us that it is any act of goodness. It could be a word. It could be an action of kindness. It could even just be a smile on the face and for the people of sadaqah Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** promises a number of great rewards, He says **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**:

تُمْ لَا يَتَّبِعُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا مَنًّا وَلَا أَذًى لَّهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ

“...then do not follow up what they have spent with reminders [of it] or [other] injury will have their reward with their Lord...” al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:262

Number 1, the people of sadaqah, the people of kindness, the people of goodness, the people who work in charity, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will give them an ajr, a reward and if you notice here my brothers and sisters, that Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** He says that He will reward them, but the reward has not been limited. Most good deeds we know the reward for them, as for sadaqah in this ayah, it has been left open; there is no telling how much reward you can get from the dunya or in the akhirah, because Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says:

لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ

“They will have their reward from their Lord” al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:262

My brother and sisters may Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** bless us all and give us sidq, another characteristic and a reward given for the people of sadaqah is that they will not be scared. No fright touches these people because Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** goes on to say:

وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ

“...and there will be no fear concerning them...” al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:262

Meaning anything in the dunya or anything in the akhirah which could bring about fright for the Believer, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is promising, **وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ**, a complete guarantee of protection from anything which they are afraid of.

Also my brothers and sisters, may Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** grant us success, Allah goes on in this ayah and He says:

وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ٢٦٢

“...nor will they grieve...” al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:262

These people may be trialled but sadness and depression will not reach the people of goodness and sadaqah because Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى our Lord, says:

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And that there is no trial that will make them feel sad.

Also from the benefits and the rewards and the virtues of the people of goodness and kindness in sadaqah is that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى He loves these people. These people are beloved to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and because they are beloved and their action is beloved, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى accepts their sadaqah and He takes it upon Himself سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى to replace what they have given from themselves with an exchange with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. He says:

وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ

“...But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it...” Saba` (Saba, Sheba) 34:39

He is the One that will accept it and He is the one even though He is not in any need of it, He will replace it for you and then He completes the ayah by saying:

وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّزَاقِينَ

“and He is the best of providers” Saba` (Saba, Sheba) 34:39

al-Kalbi رحمه الله one of the Ulema of the Salaf in explaining this ayah he says:

فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ عَلَى الْمُنْفِقِ ،

“Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى will replace it for the one who spends”

إِمَّا أَنْ يُعَجِّلَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا

“Except that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى might reward this person with a replacement in the dunya”

وَإِمَّا أَنْ يَدَّخِرَهُ لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ

“Or that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى will store something which is better than the small amount of charity that he has given for something which is far greater in the akhirah”

From the rewards and the virtues for the people who are kind and those people who have the characteristic of giving in sadaqah, that person is exchanging something with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى promises to replace it and promises to take it upon Himself to give you that substitution.

Also my brothers and sisters when you give in sadaqah, you are not giving to others, you are not parting with your wealth so that your wealth is then decreased. Our religion actually tells us something which is strange that you will probably not find in any other religion; when you give in sadaqah, when you are being kind to others, when you are sharing any kind of goodness, you are actually sharing that goodness for yourself. You are the first person that will benefit from it. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us in the Qur'an:

وَمَا تَنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَلِأَنْفُسِكُمْ ۗ

“And whatever good you [believers] spend is for yourselves...” al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:272

Whatever you spend of goodness, it is not for the poor and the needy, the person who directly benefits is yourself. The return comes back to you. An increase of goodness. An increase of barakah. An increase of health. An increase of eman. All forms of goodness are then sent back to the person who shows this kindness.

But also my brothers and sisters, sadaqah has an amazing way of repelling difficulties. There is not any one of us except that they are facing some kind of difficulty. The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ talking about the greatest Day of greatest difficulty yawmul qiyamah, he says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

كُلُّ امْرِئٍ فِي ظِلِّ صَدَقَتِهِ

“Every single person will be under the shade of his sadaqah on yawmul qiyamah”

حَتَّى يُفْصَلَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ

“Until Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has passed judgement over all of the creation” that person will remain safe under the barrier and the protection of his sadaqah.

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My brothers and sisters, there are plenty of opportunities for us to benefit ourselves and benefit other people and as the Ulema have mentioned that the word sadaqah comes from sidq, that when a person parts with any kind of charity that he wants to give, it comes from the goodness of the person that he has within.

Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, something from the unseen, there is not a day in your life, in any one of our lives except that two Angels come down and they make dua for the person who gives in sadaqah and they make dua against the person who doesn't give in sadaqah. The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has encouraged us to give in sadaqah and he has come to explain to us and remove jahaliyyah from us, so he says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ

“When you give in charity, the common misconception of banu adam is that when you give something away, you become poorer”

But, from the guidance of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ tells us, no, this is not the case and he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ spoke the truth and he is trustworthy in conveying the message, he says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

“Your wealth is not decreased when you give in sadaqah”

And he spoke the truth. How? Here we have Abu Masood al-Ansari رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ he said:

“At the time of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ”

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُأْمُرُ بِالصَّدَقَةِ

“He used to command us and order us to give in sadaqah”, so this Companion is explaining how it was in Medina at that time. So Abu Masood رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ he said:

“Some of us used to give a lot, some of us used to give little and some of us could only afford to give as little as a mudd of wheat”. A mudd is roughly around 700 grams of wheat, today's conversion, roughly about one or two pounds worth of food, but they used to do it because nothing was too small. But then Abu Masood al-Ansari رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ he said:

“Today” [meaning after the passing of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and after some time] he says, “One of us now can give up to 100, 000 in sadaqah”.

They used to give one or two pounds at the time of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ from the truthness of themselves, wanting to benefit themselves wanting to get closer to Allah تَعَالَى and benefit their Muslim brothers and sisters, nothing was too small. Allah تَعَالَى increased them and as the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has told us, “That when you give in sadaqah, nothing is decreased”.

He says [Abu Masood al-Ansari رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ]: “Not many years later, when we used to give one or two pounds in the equivalent of, now, we are giving hundreds and thousands in sadaqah”.

Shaqqeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ one of the narrators he says:

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“It is as if Abu Masood al- Badri al -Ansari was talking about myself”

What does that mean? Shaqeeq is saying here, this is not only something that he has witnessed himself, Shaqeeq رضي الله عنه says that this is something that I can witness too as well.

My brothers and sisters may Allah purify us and make us of those people who are purified, we live in a time where there is a lot of uncertainty. There are a lot of calamities befalling upon us as individuals, as the ummah and our communities, hence one of the symbols of our religion and it is part of our aqeedah is to give in sadaqah and when you do that, you will see khayr spreading and you will see yourself benefiting and when you're giving sadaqah no one is losing.

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