



First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has chosen Prophets from mankind and he has chosen families to give Prophethood to, and from those families, is the family of Imran. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us in the Qur'an:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ آدَمَ وَنُوحًا وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ وَآلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلَ عِمْرَانَ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ٣٣﴾

“Indeed, Allah chose Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of 'Imran over the worlds” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:33

Imran عليه السلام, my brothers and sisters, his name was Imran ibn Matan and he was married to a woman called Hannah ibn Faqudh. They had two daughters, one was called Esha and the other one was called Maryam, both of them were born from a woman. None of them were divine. Both of them were siblings. Both of them needed tarbiyyah. Both of them needed feeding and looking after until Maryam عليه السلام became of age and the family of Imran عليه السلام decided that she is going to be a devotee to remain behind in masjidul Aqsa. And she was then to be looked after by her uncle who was also her Prophet Zakariyyah عليه السلام:

﴿وَكَفَّلَهَا زَكَرِيَّا ۝﴾

“...and put her in the care of Zechariah” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:37

She was pious. She was chaste. She was noble and she was a worshipper of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. She used to preserve Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** used to preserve her, to the point where she said about herself:

فَقَبَّلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٍ حَسَنٍ وَأَنْبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا حَسَنًا وَكَفَّلَهَا زَكَرِيَّا كُلَّمَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا زَكَرِيَّا الْمِحْرَابَ وَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا رِزْقًا قَالَ يَلْمِزِيكَ أَنْ لَيْكَ هَذَا قَالَتْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ٣٧

“So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance and caused her to grow in a good manner and put her in the care of Zechariah. Every time Zechariah entered upon her in the prayer chamber, he found with her provision. He said, "O Mary, from where is this [coming] to you?" She said, "It is from Allah . Indeed, Allah provides for whom He wills without account” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:37

She didn't work, but she used to receive provisions from Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** day and night. Some of the ulema have mentioned in tafsir, she used to receive the provisions of summer in winter and the provisions of winter in summer and this made Zakariyya عليه السلام marvel even more, “Where did you get the fruits of winter in summer and the fruits of summer in winter?” but it was in winter, in winter the season that we are in, that Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** chose for this woman to receive a miracle. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** makes an account of this:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاكِ وَطَهَّرَكِ وَأَصْطَفَاكِ عَلَى نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ ٤٢

“O Mary, indeed Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the worlds” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:42

My brothers and sisters, winter is a time where acts of worship are made easier and when Zakariyya عليه السلام saw that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has chosen her and is providing for her, he then took reflection. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى describes Zakariyya عليه السلام as calling onto Allah وَتَعَالَى :

إِذْ نَادَى رَبَّهُ نِدَاءً خَفِيًّا ۝ ۳

“When he called to his Lord a private supplication” Maryam (Mary) 19:3

Spending all night making dua and dhikr of Allah وَتَعَالَى in these winter months until the Malaika descended in the depths of the night, when the nights are long and they said to him:

يٰۤزَكَرِيَّا إِنَّا نُبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَامٍ اسْمُهُ يَحْيَىٰ لَمْ نَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ سَمِيًّا ۝ ۷

“[He was told], "O Zechariah, indeed We give you good tidings of a boy whose name will be John. We have not assigned to any before [this] name” Maryam (Mary) 19:7

But how and when did he receive receive his answer:

فَنَادَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَهُوَ قَائِمٌ يُصَلِّي فِي الْمِحْرَابِ

“So the angels called him while he was standing in prayer in the chamber...” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:39

Winter is a time my brothers and sisters of acts of worship where the people before us benefited from, but the same glad tidings was for Maryam عليه السلام also. She was told that she is going to give birth without being married. She's going to give birth, a virgin birth - never been seen before and never will be seen again after:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكَ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنْهُ اسْمُهُ الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ

“O Mary, indeed Allah gives you good tidings of a word from Him, whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran)

3:45

So she delivers this kalimah and this word and this decree from Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. A Prophet, a maseeh called Esa ibn Maryam and in a land which we call Palestine today. This young man was calling to people to tawheed in the West Bank in what we call the West Bank today. Calling them to the Oneness of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى:

وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكُمْ فَأَعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ٣٦

“[Jesus said], “And indeed, Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is a straight path” Maryam (Mary) 19:36



This is the right way. Calling them to have taqwa of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى to obey Him and to stay away from His disobedience سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى :

وَأَتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنجِيلَ فِيهِ هُدًى وَنُورٌ وَمُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَهُدًى وَمَوْعِظَةً لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ٤٦

"and We gave him the Gospel, in which was guidance and light and confirming that which preceded it of the Torah as guidance and instruction for the righteous" al-Ma'idah (The Table, The Table Spread) 5:46

A reminder, and a call for the people who want to have taqwa.

Over a thousand years after Musa عليه السلام where the laws gradually from the Torah had been abandoned or corrupted, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has now sent another Messenger with another book to establish the truth upon Banu' Israel.

But my brothers and sisters, Esa ibn Maryam عليه السلام and his mother, and his family were persecuted for calling to tawheed. Esa ibn Maryam عليه السلام and his mother and his family were persecuted for telling people to obey Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى in what we call Jerusalem today. In their own scripture he was known as Yahshua which translate to be the chosen one. They rejected him and they said that he is a magician and they said that we disbelieve in him and the reason why and one of the reasons why, is because they started to say that he is creating division and fitnah between the leaders and the common folk and this is because the people in charge at that time used religion as a means of maintaining power.



So Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** makes mention of this, that Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says that these people:

“They stuck to what was lies eating up the wealth of the people to control society”

So if Esa **عليه السلام** was correct, all of this would be demolished and they couldn't have that:

“They turned away from Esa and they were not Believers”

But another reason why they rejected Esa **عليه السلام** is they said to Esa **عليه السلام**:

“We know that the Messiah is coming, but your description does not fit the description as to what we believe”, they said that, “Our Messiah is going to come and he is going to make our nation great again. As for you, you only have a handful of followers and another reason why we will not accept you as being our Messiah is because the Messiah has promised us the promised land. This is going to be our land once again but you are not doing that”.

So they didn't believe in him and he carried on calling to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. Ibn Abbas **رضي الله عنه** he said:

“The more he called to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, calling to tawheed, calling to His ibadah, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** gave him another miracle to show that he is truthful, but this only increased them in rejection and rage”



Until there was a man called Yahuda, he made a plot and a plan:

وَمَكَرُوا وَمَكَرَ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَكْرِينِ

“And the disbelievers planned, but Allah planned. And Allah is the best of planners”

al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:54

He went to the polytheistic Roman government at that time because they were not in control of Jerusalem, it was the Romans and he asked for permission to kill this man, Esa عليه السلام because what he was saying is he's dividing society with his new brand of innovations. With this Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى preserved Esa عليه السلام, Jibreel عليه السلام descended and he informed Esa ibn Maryam عليه السلام of the plot one.

Wahb ibn Munabbih رحمه الله, one of the ulema of the Salaf, he describes what happened that night, he said, Esa عليه السلام called his Companions and they were 17 in number to his home because Jibreel عليه السلام has already informed him that this is the night that they are planning to kill me. He prepared food and they ate together and then he asks them, “Have I not come with the truth?” and they said, “We bear witness!” Then he said Esa عليه السلام, “Then realise that I leave for you an example”. Meaning, he is preparing them that he is about to leave so he says, “I have left you an example, so stick to it. Stick to the Oneness of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ and His obedience. Do not transgress against one another and do not forsake one another”.

Wahb ibn Munabbih رحمه الله, he said that, there was one of his Companions who was not there and his name was Shamoun, he was not there and the reason why is because he had been arrested in the depths of the night in what we call Palestine, the West Bank today and they said this man he is a follower of Esa

عليه السلام . So they took him and they arrested him whilst he was not present with Esa عليه السلام . Esa عليه السلام then slept and then he woke up and he spent the rest of the night in worship to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى . Then he calls out to his Companions who he had invited earlier, he said:

“Oh my disciples and my followers and my Companions, which one of you would like to be my companion in Jannah?”

Imam at Tabari رحمه الله says that, one of his Companions stood up and he said I would like to be your Companion in Jannah. Then he said, a miracle was given in order to protect Esa ibn Maryam عليه السلام either this man, his image was changed to resemble Esa عليه السلام, or that whenever the enemy looked at him, they saw Esa عليه السلام but the rest of the people did not see Esa عليه السلام. Either way Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى preserved Esa عليه السلام and gave a miracle to his Companion; protection upon protection. Jibreel عليه السلام informing him and then Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى protection was complete over him. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says:

يَعِيسَى إِنِّي مُتَوَفِّيكَ وَرَافِعُكَ إِلَيَّ وَمُطَهِّرُكَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا

“O Jesus, indeed I will take you and raise you to Myself and purify you from those who disbelieve” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:55

My brothers and sisters, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى lifted Esa عليه السلام and he was saved and this man who resembled him was arrested and similar to what is happening until today, he was punished. He was tortured. He was mutilated. He was mocked. He was ridiculed and then he was crucified until he died.



This man my brothers and sisters, to the rest of the world he is being punished but for him in his aqeedah, he knew that his Prophet has promised him a place in Jannah in the highest level of Jannah next to Esa عليه السلام, but the opposite started to boast with arrogance. They said:

إِنَّا قَتَلْنَا الْمَسِيحَ عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

"Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah"

an-Nisa` (Women) 4:157

This side in Jannah and that side with pride and arrogance boasting about their oppression.

My brothers and sisters, the conclusion what we learned from this, is not in the dunya, this is because the conclusion is yet to come in the akhirah.



Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, this is a story from what we call Palestine, not in 2023 but over 2,000 years old, but in this story, we learn that Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** wants something from us, not just entertainment or passing of time. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has granted support and wants from us at taqwa. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says within the context:

وَجَاعِلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوكَ فَوْقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

“...and make those who follow you [in submission to Allah alone] superior to those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:55

We have made the followers of Esa **عليه السلام** and this includes the of Muhammad **صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم** victorious and over those people who have disbelieved, the people of taqwa until yawmul qiyamah.

My brothers and sisters from this great affliction comes great reward. How many people have been murdered and killed and mutilated, yet the Prophet **صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم** has told us that with eman and taqwa, this person will be successful to the point that in the akhirah, he would love to go back into the dunya and do it all over again.

Khutbah: A Story from the West Bank

Ustadh Ariff Olla

15/12/2023



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.