

Khutbah: Wisdom is a gift of Allah's love

Arshad Gamiet

"A-úthubillaahi minash shaytaanir rajeem. Bismillaahir Rahmanir Raheem Alhamdu lil Lahi nahmaduhu wanasta'eenahu, wanastagh-firuhu, wanatoobu ilayhi, wana'oothu Billaahi min shuroori an-fusinaa, wamin sayyi aati a'maalinaa. May-Yahdillahu fa huwal muhtad, wa may- yudlill falantajidaa lahu waliyan murshida. Wa ash-hadu an Laailaaha ill-Allah, wahdahoo laa shareekalah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhoo warasooluh"

All Praise is due to Allah, We praise Him and we seek help from Him. We ask forgiveness from Him. We repent to Him; and we seek refuge in Him from our own evils and our own bad deeds. Anyone who is guided by Allah is indeed guided; and anyone who has been left astray, will find no one to guide him. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, the Only One without any partner; and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ, peace and blessings on him, is His servant, and His messenger.

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ)

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem! Ya Ay-yuhal-latheena 'aamanut taqul-laaha, haqqa tuqaatihee walatamu tun-na, il-la waantum Muslimoon."

O You who believe, - Be aware of Allah, with correct awareness, an awe-inspired awareness, and die not except as Muslims.

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا)

Ya Ay-yuhal-latheena 'aamanut taqul-laaha, waqooloo qawlan sadeedaa. Yuslih-lakum a'malakum wayaghfir lakum thunoobakum, wamay yu-til-laaha warasoolahu, faqad faaza fawzan atheemaa."

O You who believe, - Be aware of Allah, and speak a straightforward word. He will forgive your sins and repair your deeds. And whoever takes Allah and His Prophet as a guide, has already achieved a mighty victory.

In the opening verse of Sura An-Nisaa', Allah says:

يَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا

كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴿١﴾

"Ya ay-yhan naasut-taqoo Rabbukumul lathee khalaqakum min nafsin waahidati(n) wa khalaqa minha zawjaha wabath-thamin huma rijaalan katheeran wanisaa-aa. Wat-taqul-Laahal lathee tasaa-aloon bihee walarhaam. Innal Laaha kaana 'alaykum raqeebaa."

"O mankind! Show reverence towards your Guardian-Lord Who created you from a single person, created, of like nature, his mate and from the two of them scattered (like seeds) countless men and women. Be conscious of Allah, through Whom ye demand your mutual (rights) and (show reverence towards) the wombs (that bore you): for surely, Allah always watches over you."

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

These days, our beloved family and friends normally send us Jumu'ah Mubarak greetings on WhatsApp. There are wise quotes and video clips that share inspiring thoughts. Recently, I received a video clip that grabbed my attention so that I watched it again. Then I decided to transcribe the audio and share it with you. I have no idea who the speaker was, but these were his wise words:

"If Allah is on your side, then who can harm you? No one! And if Allah is against you, then who can defend you? No one! And if you have earned the love of Allah, then what did you lose? Nothing! And if you lose the love of Allah, then what did you really gain? Nothing!

Allah's love has can benefit you in endless ways! To mention just a few....

If Allah loves you, He will place your love in the hearts of the people. And if the people love you, that's priceless. Imagine being loved by everyone around you!

When Allah loves you, He grants you Wisdom! And whoever is granted wisdom, certainly has been given a lot of goodness. A wise person will manage and be happy with a small income. But without wisdom, a person could be miserable with a huge income. A wise man will be happy and content with an average wife. But an unwise man could be miserable with a first-class wife! A wise person can turn enemies into friends. But an unwise person could turn friends into enemies!

In short, one is granted priceless gains if one is granted wisdom from Allah. And wisdom from Allah is granted to believers as a reward for their faith and right conduct. That's only one of the gains of Allah's love, that He grants you wisdom.

When Allah grants you wisdom, He blesses you with sakeena (peace and tranquillity). Sakeena is a high status that gives you contentment, happiness, optimism, strength, self-confidence, the right perspective. Sakeena, (inner peace and tranquillity) will give you happiness even if that's all you possess. But if you lose it you will be miserable, even if you possess everything else.

You could be blessed with health, wealth and intelligence, but if you lack wisdom, you'll surely be miserable. It's narrated that Allah grants health, wealth, intelligence, and beauty to many people, but Allah grants wisdom only to his chosen believers!"

Do you not wish to become one of Allah's chosen believers? I do!

Read how Sura Al-Anfal, describes this special category of the True Believers: (Quran 8:2, 8:3 and 8:4.):

"The 'true' believers are only those whose hearts tremble at the remembrance of Allah, whose faith increases when His revelations are recited to them, and who put their trust in their Lord.

'They are' those who establish prayer and donate from what We have provided for them.

It is they who are the true believers. They will have elevated ranks, forgiveness, and an honourable provision from their Lord."

To sum up, we must train ourselves to love Allah, to obey Allah and His messenger, sws, with complete and loving obedience. There should be no resistance in our hearts. No ifs, buts or maybes. If we're chosen by Allah for his special favour, Allah blesses us with wisdom.

InnAllaha wamalaika tahu yusallúna alannabi. Yá ay yuhal latheena ámanu sallúalayhi wasallimú tasleema. Allahumma salli alá Muhammad, wa ala áli Muhammad, kamasalayta ala Ibrahim, wa ala ali Ibrahim. Allahumma barik ala Muhammad, kamabarakta ala Ibrahim, wa ala aliibrahim. Fil álameen, innaka hameedunmajeed.

Second Khutbah:

*Sub' hanallahi walhamdulillah, wala hawla wala quwwata illah billah yualthiyu
altheem*

*Glory to Allah! Praise to Allah! There is no power and no strength except from
Allah!*

My dear respected sisters and brothers,

According to Abu Hurairah, the Messenger of Allah, sws, said that:

"A word of wisdom is the lost property of the believer. Whoever finds it is most
deserving of it."

In Sura Al Baqara (2:269) Allah gives us a beautiful reminder:

يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا وَمَا
يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٣٦﴾

*Yu'tī l-ḥikmata man yashā'u wa-man yu'ta l-ḥikmata fa-qad 'ūtiya
khayran kathīran wa-mā yadhdkkaru 'illā 'ulū l-'albābī*

(Roughly translated, this means that)

"He (Allah) gives wisdom to whom He pleases; and those to whom wisdom
is given has received indeed a benefit overflowing; but no-one will grasp
the Message except people of understanding."

Clearly, Allah's wisdom will only be conferred on those of us who use their
intellect, those who ponder, who contemplate on Allah's abundant signs in the
world around us and the world within us. This regular exercise of deep
contemplation must inevitably lead us to appreciate how much Allah loves us, how
much Allah loves His entire creation.

Let's sum up the key points of our khutbah today.

- We can enjoy lasting peace and contentment (*sakeena*) if we have wisdom.
- Wisdom is a gift from Allah to the most devoted believers.
- The believers love Allah more than anything and anyone else.
- Our love for Allah is the natural outcome of recognising and appreciating Allah's love for us.

My dear brothers and sisters, to conclude our khutbah:

"Surely Allah commands justice, good deeds and generosity to others and to relatives; and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, so that you may be reminded."

Allah says: "and remember Me: I will remember you. Be grateful to Me, and do not reject faith." "and without doubt, Remembrance of Allah is the Greatest Thing in life, and Allah knows the deeds that you do."

InnaAllaha, Yamuru biladel, wa lihsaan, waeetaa-izilqurba; wayanha anil fuhshaa-i, walmunkariwalbaghi; ya-idzukhum lallakum tathak-karoon. (Sura 16:90),

*Fadthkuroonee adthkurkum, wash kuroolee wala takfuroon [2:152].
walathikrul-Laahi akbar, Wal-Laahu ya'lamu maa tasna'oon." [29:45].*

Ameen. Aqeemus salaah!

*(If you found this khutbah useful, please leave your comments here:
mail@khutbahbank.org.uk. Your feedback is important to us. We use it to improve future khutbahs. Also, tell us about your Jumu'ah congregation, its size and location, your Muslim community, city and country.
Jazak Allah khairan. – Editors)*