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**Friday Sermon**

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**Being Humble Towards Allah s.w.t**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْغَنِيِّ الْحَمِيدِ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ الْمَبْعُوثُ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَالْقَوْلِ السَّدِيدِ، اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Blessed Friday jemaah,

It was narrated that during the rule of Sayyidina Umar al-Khattab r.a. while he was patrolling the city to observe the town and the residents under his care, he heard the Quran recited from a house he was passing. The verses read were verses 7-8 of Surah At-Thur:

إِنَّ عَذَابَ رَبِّكَ لَوَاقِعٌ ﴿٧﴾ مَا لَهُ مِنْ دَافِعٍ ﴿٨﴾

Which means: *“Indeed, the punishment of your Lord will occur. Of it there is no preventer.”*

Upon hearing the verses Sayyidina Umar stopped in his tracks and felt his knees weaken. He fell to the ground and cried, and had to be assisted back home.

Jemaah, what caused such a strong leader to be so sorrowful? It was the realisation of how small he was compared to the might of Allah s.w.t. When he heard the verses being recited, Sayyidina Umar r.a. felt as if they were directed at him and that he was the person who would be punished by Allah. Thus, it made him worry about the sins that he might have done, and did not look at the sins of others.

Subhanallah, jemaah! This was Sayyidina Umar ibn Al-Khattab. Was he not promised Jannah (Paradise)? Despite his standing in the sight of Rasulullah s.a.w. he wasn't proud or arrogant. And he could feel fear in his heart when he heard verses about Allah's punishment because he looked at himself first and focused on his own weaknesses. If this is the reaction of a man guaranteed Jannah, what about us? Mere servants of Allah without any guarantee of a place in Allah's Paradise. Hence, do not feel arrogant towards Allah.

Blessed jemaah,

We've discussed quite a bit about tawadhu or humility in the earlier sermons. Besides being humble with others, the most important aspect of tawadhu that we need to embrace and

appreciate is humility to Allah s.w.t. When we are humble to Allah s.w.t. – lowering our hearts and ourselves to Allah - then we will be better servants of Allah s.w.t, with more piety in our hearts. Rasulullah s.a.w. said:

مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ وَمَا زَادَ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلَّا عِزًّا وَمَا تَوَاضَعُ  
أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ إِلَّا رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ

Which means: “Charity does not decrease wealth, no one forgives another except that Allah increases his honour, and no one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises his status.” [Hadith reported by Imam Muslim and At-Tirmizi]

Hence, as we strive to achieve our goals in life, we should never forget to put our trust and dependence on Allah s.w.t. by making supplication (doa). While we work hard to get a promotion, or while we study hard to succeed in school, we should never forget to seek Allah’s help and His pleasure. At the end of the day, whatever successes we attain, it is all Allah’s blessing. Allah s.w.t says in surah Al-Mu’min verse 60:

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ  
عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

Which means: “And your Lord says, “Call upon Me; I will respond to you.” Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible.”

The verse that I have just recited refers to those who refuse to pray to Allah s.w.t., and do not want to bow to Allah and give himself to Allah because they are arrogant and their punishment in the hereafter will be Allah's contempt.

Why does the verse equate making doa to Allah as worshipping Him? It is because when we seek Allah's help, we are in fact realizing and accepting that Allah s.w.t has control over everything. When we seek His help, we are admitting that we are weak and small, and are just mere human beings and servants of Allah, and that only Allah is able to do everything and we are unable to do so.

Not making doa to Allah is a form of arrogance because we are not accepting Allah's might. Not making doa means we feel we are able to do everything without help from others, including help from Allah s.w.t. Not making doa is a sign of arrogance and pride towards Allah s.w.t. *Na'uzu billahi min zalik.*

Jemaah,

To ensure that we are always humble towards Allah s.w.t., we must always spend time reflecting on ourselves (muhasabah) and reflect upon our weaknesses and mistakes. Do not forget to make istighfar and seek Allah's forgiveness. If Sayyidina Umar r.a., a man with such strong iman and steep in acts of worship,

could cry when thinking of how his fate would be when he meets Allah s.w.t., what more ourselves!

Hopefully by instilling humility towards Allah s.w.t., it will help us to be humble with others. May we be able to live our lives in accordance to Allah's commands as taught by Rasulullah s.a.w., and may our families succeed in a community that upholds good manners and performs many good deeds and acts of worship. Amin ya rabbal alamin.

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا  
فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.