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Understanding The Rahmah of The Prophet s.a.w.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا
وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ
وَصَفِيُّ اللَّهِ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبُهُ إِمَامُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَسَيِّدُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ اللَّهُمَّ
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,

Let us strive to maintain our devotion to Allah by obeying all of His commands and abstain from His prohibitions. May Allah s.w.t. grant us deep faith and conviction in His deen. Amin!

Dear Jemaah,

Last week, we discussed what it meant by Allah's rahmah which encompasses all of His creations. Today, we will learn about rahmah as one of the characteristics of our beloved

messenger, Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. by understanding the rahmah or mercy that he radiated to the world. Allah s.w.t. says in the Quran:

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا
عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ
رَّحِيمٌ

Meaning: *“There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful.”*
[Surah At-Taubah:128]

Beloved Jemaah,

The verse that was just recited records the sincerity of the Prophet’s love and his mercy to all of humanity. Rasulullah s.a.w. hoped that all of his ummah will be safe in this world and the hereafter. There is a hadith that described the love Rasulullah s.a.w. had towards his ummah: *“My life is a great good for you: you will relate about me and it will be related to you. And my death is a great good for you, your actions will be presented to me and if I see goodness I will praise Allah for it, and if see any evildoing I will ask forgiveness (of Allah) for you.”*
[Hadith reported by Al-Bazzar & Al-Haitsami]

Look at how great Rasulullah's mercy for his ummah was! He was always thinking of his ummah and prayed for everyone's prosperity. His love, care and concern was for all of humanity.

Jemaah,

The Qur'anic verse and hadith above are just some of the many evidences that show the merciful character of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. and his love for others. For those among us who read and study those texts, surely we wonder what are the benefits to us in understanding this characteristic of his?

The objective of doing so is to reflect upon ourselves, and help us emulate the Prophet s.a.w. in spreading mercy to all. In fact, a believer (Mukmin) who claims to love Rasulullah s.a.w. will strive to uphold his sunnah. That is the true meaning of love. The Prophet s.a.w. stated: *"Whoever upholds my sunnah, that is a sign of his love for me. And whoever loves me, he will be with me in Allah's paradise"* [Hadith narrated by At-Tirmizi]

Blessed Jemaah,

Rasulullah s.a.w. repeatedly reminded us of the importance of good akhlak in our daily interactions with others. Among the *prophetic traditions* that state this, one carries this meaning: *"He is not of us who does not have mercy on young children, nor honour the elderly."* [Hadith reported by At-Tirmizi]

If the hadith that I have just shared emphasises the importance of akhlak with others, let us reflect upon another hadith that emphasises good akhlak with our closest family members. The Prophet s.a.w. said: *“The best of you is he who is best to his family, and I am the best among you to my family.”* [Hadith reported by At-Tirmizi]

In his interactions with his wife and children, Rasulullah s.a.w. was merciful toward them by joking in a friendly manner, giving gentle advice and helping out his wife and children at home. If the Prophet s.a.w. who was extremely busy with many responsibilities was still able to help his wife with household duties, we should also be able to do so.

Let us reflect upon the noble and beautiful character of Rasulullah s.a.w. that attracted many to Islam. His face calms those who see it, his gentle and kind demeanour encourages others to emulate him. Such was his admirable conduct.

Jemaah,

Whenever we witness or read about the different crises happening around the world, we would often ask ourselves, how can we extend help to the victims, regardless of their religious beliefs. How can we spread mercy to this group who is in dire need of assistance?

Jemaah, there are many ways to spread mercy. One is to continuously remember them in our doa, as well as to raise awareness about their plight and the challenges that they face. We can also extend help through official channels and organisations that are recognised by the government, for example, the Rahmatan Lil 'Alamin fund, to ensure that the contributions reach the intended recipients.

If we are able to appreciate and understand the noble and merciful akhlak of Rasulullah s.a.w., then our lives will be more beautiful for us as well as those around us. We are definitely nowhere close to the Prophet s.a.w.. But we should be grateful to Allah s.w.t. for the blessing of being part of the ummah of Rasulullah s.a.w., hence we should strive to spread mercy as reflected by our beloved messenger. May Allah s.w.t. grant us, and our families, his Rahmah, Insyallah. Amin Ya Rabbal Alamin.

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