

**"UNDERSTANDING REWARD AND SIN"**

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْتَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُم بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ ءَالِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَموتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ .

Dear blessed Muslims,

Today, I would like to sincerely appeal upon my dearest audience to always strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently fulfilling all of His Commands and earnestly avoid all of His prohibitions. May we all be spared from the Wrath and Punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Let us truly internalize upon today's *khutbah* titled **"UNDERSTANDING REWARD AND SIN."**

Dear blessed audience,

As Muslims, we are required to have certainty and *imaan* (faith) in the Last Day, in which there will be absolute justice and recompense. We are certain and truly believe that all of our deeds in this worldly life will be accounted for, whether as good or bad, and it will all be recompensed with full justice. This is to test and gauge as to who is best in deed. This is the actual purpose of life for mankind in this world, who will taste death, and then resurrected to a life that is everlasting in the Hereafter. This reality was mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the 2nd verse of soorah al-Mulk:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيٰوةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ



"[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving."

¹ an-Nahl 16:97



Verily, a person's deed is a depiction that manifests one's true level of servitude to Allah, whether one performs a good deed and earns its reward, or committing disobedience and earns its sin.

To comprehend the matter regarding reward and sin, let us scrutinize the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu 'anh* where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ هَمَّ بِحَسَنَةٍ فَلَمْ يَعْمَلْهَا كُتِبَتْ لَهُ حَسَنَةٌ وَمَنْ هَمَّ بِحَسَنَةٍ فَعَمِلَهَا
كُتِبَتْ لَهُ عَشْرًا إِلَى سَبْعِ مِائَةٍ ضِعْفٍ وَمَنْ هَمَّ بِسَيِّئَةٍ فَلَمْ يَعْمَلْهَا لَمْ تُكْتَبْ
وَإِنْ عَمِلَهَا كُتِبَتْ.

"He who intended to do good, but did not do it, one good was recorded for him, and he who intended to do good and also did it, ten to seven hundred good deeds were recorded for him. And he who intended evil, but did not commit it, no entry was made against his name, but if he committed that, it was recorded."

(Muslim)

Dear Muslims,

Look at the vastness of the mercy of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon the *ummah* of Nabi Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. By just having the *niyyah* (intention) to do good, one is rewarded with full reward. If one actually performs the good deed, he will be rewarded ten times, which can go up to 700 times the reward. On the other hand, an evil deed intended will not be deemed as a sin. It is only when it has been performed that it is counted as one sin. Verily, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is the Most Gracious to His slaves for the rewarding of good deeds begins with the intention, as opposed to sins that begins with the action.

The question is, why are there still individuals that have failed to appreciate all of the blessings and favors from Allah? Surely it is due to the deficiency of *imaan* and the failure to comprehend the actual reality regarding reward and sin in their worldly life. It must be remembered and given attention that perfect *imaan* must be accompanied with righteous deeds, not just *niyyah* and false imaginations. However, it does necessitate *niyyah* and righteous deeds.

Dear beloved audience,

Al-Qur'an has clearly stated that the Muslim *ummah* must perform as many good deeds possible for it can expiate the minor sins committed. This means that righteous deeds will rescue a person from the punishment and torment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 114 of soorah Hood:

إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ أَلْسِيئَاتِ ۚ ذَلِكَ ذِكْرِي لِلذَّكْرَيْنِ ﴿١١٤﴾



"...Indeed, good deeds do away with misdeeds. That is a reminder for those who remember."

Indulging in sinful acts will actually incur calamity and the Wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 40 of soorah al-'Ankaboot, reminding us regarding this threat:

فَكُلًّا أَخَذْنَا بِذَنبِهِ^ط فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ حَاصِبًا وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَخَذَتْهُ الصَّيْحَةُ
وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَغْرَقْنَا^ج وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ
لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

"So each We seized for his sin; and among them were those upon whom We sent a storm of stones, and among them were those who were seized by the blast [from the sky], and among them were those whom We caused the earth to swallow, and among them were those whom We drowned. And Allah would not have wronged them, but it was they who were wronging themselves."

Hence, the calamity that befell mankind from the past serves as reminder from Allah that it was all due to the sins and mankind's disobedience to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Sins will also interrupt the tranquility within our souls for the soul will become restless and agitated with the burden of sinning.

An-Nawwaas bin Sam'aan *radiallaahu 'anh* reported that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

الْبِرُّ حُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ وَالْإِثْمُ مَا حَاكَ فِي صَدْرِكَ وَكَرِهْتَ أَنْ يَطَّلِعَ عَلَيْهِ

النَّاسُ.

"Piety (al-birr) is good manner, and sin (al-ithm) is that which creates doubt and you do not like people to know of it."

(Muslim)

Dear blessed audience,

To end today's *khutbah*, let us take several essential points as useful guide in ensuring the wellbeing of our lives, among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have firm belief that all of its deeds, whether good or bad, will be accounted for in the Hereafter.



2. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that good deeds yield tremendous reward and will be rewarded with Paradise, while bad deeds will yield sins and rewarded with the Hellfire.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always remain passionate in performing righteous deeds, and always remain determined to increase its deeds, so as to ensure blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنْ تَجْتَنِبُوا كَبَائِرَ مَا تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَنُدْخِلْكُمْ مُدْخَلًا

كَرِيمًا ﴿٤٣١﴾

"If you avoid the major sins which you are forbidden, We will remove from you your lesser sins and admit you to a noble entrance [into Paradise]."

(an-Nisaa' 4:31)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنْ
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala*. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ اعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ



سَلَاعُور، تَعَكُو أَمِير شَاه، إِبْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِی
أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِیَةِ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا،
مُصْلِحِیْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفِیْنِ وَالرَّعِیَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِیقِ الْهُدٰی وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that this state has become an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا
ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ
فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِيكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
