

Types of People after Ramadan

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Verily, all praise is for Allah. We praise Him, we seek His assistance and we ask for His forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Him from the evils of our selves. Whoever Allah guides, none can misguide. Whoever He misguides, none can guide. And I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His servant and messenger.

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ) [آل

عمران:102]

Al Imran(3) 102 : **O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam.**

Oh Believers:

Be conscious of Allah, for Taqwa (consciousness of Allah) is your way to Paradise and protection from the wrath and punishment of Allah Almighty.

People after Ramadan, the season of goodness and blessing, are either of two types.

The first type is the one whom Allah has given success in Ramadan, the month of Quran, kindness and goodness, to worship Him and perform the obligations; And to avoid sins and the evil of his inner self; Such that he perfected his deeds. It is necessary for this type of person to be grateful to

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His Lord, remember His Lord's graces upon him and be joyous of His Lord's bounties upon Him. Allah Almighty said:

وَمَا بِكُمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ - النحل: 53

An Nahl (16) 53: **And whatever you have of favor - it is from Allah.**

And he should be steadfast in the obedience of Allah and distance himself from the forbidden. And Allah commanded to be steadfast on the straight path until death. Allah said:

وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ - الحجر: 99

Al Hijr (15) 99: **And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty [i.e., death].**

Therefore, the believer performs righteous deeds and thinks well of Allah Almighty. And the offender performs bad deeds and wishes to be secure from the punishment of Allah.

The one who;

- Was blessed with righteous deeds in the noble month
- Who accumulated many hours in his balance of good deeds
- Who illuminated his heart with verses of Quran
- Who purified his tongue and limbs by reciting his Lord's Book and performed deeds bringing him closer to His Creator
- Who distanced himself from what the Almighty has prohibited

Should not replace an act of obedience with a sin. And should not exchange the illumination of insight with the darkness of vain desires and doubts. And should not replace the purest moments with the turbulence of this worldly life and negligence of the heart. And should not follow the good deeds with bad deeds. For how wonderful is a good deed

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performed after a good deed. And how ugly is a bad deed performed after a good deed.

Indeed good deeds wipe away sins as Allah said:

إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ ذَلِكَ ذِكْرَى لِلذَّاكِرِينَ - هود: 114

Hud 114: Indeed, good deeds do away with misdeeds. That is a reminder for those who remember.

On the other hand, sins performed after the good deeds diminish the reward of the deed and could even cancel the entire righteous deed. Allah said:

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ اتَّبَعُوا مَا أَسْخَطَ اللَّهَ وَكَرَهُوا رِضْوَانَهُ فَأَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ - محمد: 28.

Mohammad (47) 28: That is because they followed what angered Allah and disliked [what earns] His pleasure, so He rendered worthless their deeds.

In Ramadan satan was expelled. And the devils were chained so that they could not corrupt the deeds of the Muslims. And after Ramadan they were released from the chains so turn them back away from you disappointed, rejected and disgraced by always seeking refuge in Allah from them, being steadfast upon Islam in every situation, seeking assistance from Allah in obeying Him and refraining from sins and having patience in performing acts of worship and good deeds and in facing difficulties and in controlling vain desires. Allah said:

رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فَاعْبُدْهُ وَاصْطَبِرْ لِعِبَادَتِهِ - مريم: 65

Maryam (19) 65: Lord of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them - so worship Him and have patience for His worship.

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For one should worship, love, have hope in, fear, revere, venerate and think well of the Allah Almighty in all the months and all of the years. It was said to Bishr Al H7aafy that there were a people who only worshipped Allah in Ramadan and left doing so after Ramadan. He said: What a miserable people who only know Allah Almighty during Ramadan.

The believer continues performing righteous deeds at all times and never dares to transgress the boundaries of Allah. He is hopeful of his Lord and fears sinning. And realizes that no one enters the paradise because of their deeds as the Prophet ﷺ said:

لن يدخل الجنة أحد منكم بعمله))، قالوا: ولا أنت يا رسول الله؟ قال:
((ولا أنا إلا أن يتغمّدني الله برحمته)) رواه البخاري ومسلم،

There is no one who enter paradise by virtue of his deeds.” They said: “Not even you, O Messenger of Allah?” He said: “Not even me. Unless Allah encompasses me with His mercy.” [alBukhari 5673 and Muslim 2816]

And if a person knew with certainty what paradise holds of everlasting bliss, joy, happiness, comfort and whatever the souls desire and delights the eyes; they would know that the righteous deeds are not sufficient for admission into paradise. The Almighty Lord, Most benevolent and generous, through His Mercy, admits the believer into the eternal paradise. Indeed, righteous deeds and following the Prophet ﷺ were made a means to attaining the pleasure of Allah and entering paradise.

And if a person knew the intensity of the torment of fire, he would flee from sins like fleeing from a fierce lion. And he would hate the sins as he hates the smell of a stinking corpse. And Allah Almighty made the fire of

this world as an example for those who reflect. Can anyone withstand the fire of this world for an hour let alone months and years?

And the Prophet ﷺ said:

نَارُكُمْ هَذِهِ جِزْءٌ مِنْ سَبْعِينَ جِزْءًا مِنْ نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ

This fire of yours is one part from seventy parts of the fire of Hell

[alBukhari 3265]

The second type of person is the one who fell short in the past days and was heedless in the past years. This type of person must hasten to sincerely repent to his Lord. And to save himself from the severe torment and fire whose occupants do not die such that they could relax. And they will not have any comforts. Rather they are subjected to different types of torments and punishments. Allah Almighty said:

وَجِيءَ يَوْمَئِذٍ بِجَهَنَّمَ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَتَذَكَّرُ الْإِنْسَانُ وَأَنَّى لَهُ الذِّكْرَى يَقُولُ يَا لَيْتَنِي
قَدَّمْتُ لِحَيَاتِي فَيَوْمَئِذٍ لَا يُعَذِّبُ عَذَابَهُ أَحَدٌ وَلَا يُوثِقُ وِثْقَهُ أَحَدٌ-

الفجر: 23-26

Al Fajr (89) 23-26: (23) And brought [within view], that Day, is Hell - that Day, man will remember, but how [i.e., what good] to him will be the remembrance? (24) He will say, "Oh, I wish I had sent ahead [some good] for my life." (25) So on that Day, none will punish [as severely] as His punishment, (26) And none will bind [as severely] as His binding [of the evildoers].

So until when will the heedless be deceived by the extended term, health and wellbeing? Does he think that his term is not fixed and that he will live forever in this world? Rather, if he thought about the number of people

between him and Adam (peace be upon him) who have already passed that would have sufficed him as reflection. And to drive him from insisting on disobeying Allah Almighty. The sinner should not despair from the mercy of Allah. For He the Exalted opens the doors of mercy for His servants at all times and promised them with forgiveness if they return and repent . Allah said:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ-

الشورى: 25

Ash-Shurah (42) 25: **And it is He who accepts repentance from His servants and pardons misdeeds, and He knows what you do.**

So whoever has squandered in what has passed should ask themselves if they want to meet Allah without repenting or whether they want to turn a new page, repent, and look forward to meeting Allah Almighty.

أَقُولُ مَا تَسْمَعُونَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ

I say what you have heard and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and you from every sin. So seek forgives from Him, Verily He is Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

All praise is to Allah, and peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah, and I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His slave and messenger.

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Be grateful for the apparent and hidden favors of Allah. And praise and thank Allah for Iman (faith). Were it not for Iman (faith), man would have been lower than cattle. Not knowing Halal (permitted) or Haram (prohibited). And he would not worship Allah Who created everything. Rather he would worship his whims. Allah said:

إِنَّ شَرَّ الدَّوَابِّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ - الأنفال: 55

Al Anfal 55: Indeed, the worst of living creatures in the sight of Allah are those who have disbelieved, and they will not [ever] believe

And praise and be grateful to Allah for the blessing of the fasting and voluntary night prayer. And repeatedly request Allah to accept from you and all Muslims. For Allah accepts from those conscious of Him. And Allah is with those who are conscious of Him. So be grateful to Allah Who has abundantly bestowed upon you His favors, both apparent and hidden. And Allah has promised that being grateful to Him will increase the favors. Allah said:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ -
إبراهيم: 7

Ibrahim 7: And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.'"

And being grateful constantly for Allah's favors, both apparent and hidden will preserve the favors and cause them to increase. And showing gratitude is through being steadfast in acts of obedience, leaving the prohibited, enjoining good and forbidding evil, and realizing the servitude

to Allah alone and combatting the different forms of shirk (association of others with Allah).

Following a good deed with another deed is an increase in reward. And indeed the Messenger of Allah ﷺ has ordained fasting six days from the month of Shawwal. The Prophet ﷺ said:

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ وَأَتْبَعَهُ سِتًّا مِنْ شَوَّالٍ فَكَأَنَّمَا صَامَ الدَّهْرَ كُلَّهُ - رواه مسلم

Whoever fasts during the month of Ramadan and then follows it with six days of Shawwal will be (rewarded) as if he had fasted the entire year. [Muslim 1164]

Good deeds are rewarded ten-fold. So fasting Ramadan is equivalent in reward to fasting ten months. And fasting six days is equivalent in reward to fasting two months.

We ask Allah Almighty to make us steadfast in performing good deeds sincerely for His sake and following the Sunnah of His beloved Prophet ﷺ until we meet Him.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى نَبِيِّكُمْ كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ بِذَلِكَ رَبُّكُمْ , فَقَالَ

I conclude with this and send prayers of blessings and peace upon your Prophet as your Lord commanded:

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

Al Ahzaab (33) 56: Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنَا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنَا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِيمَا
أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنَا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ لَا يَذِلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ
تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ

O Allah, guide us with those whom You have guided, grant us well-being among those You have granted well-being, be an ally to us along with those whom You are an ally to, and bless what You have bestowed upon us, and save us from the evil of what You have decreed. For verily You decree and none can decree over You. He whom You support can never be humiliated. Glory is to You, our Lord, You are Blessed and Exalted.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنَ الشَّرِّ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا
سَأَلَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَادَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ
الْجَنَّةَ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ
عَمَلٍ وَنَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ كُلَّ قَضَاءٍ قَضَيْتَهُ لَنَا خَيْرًا

O Allah, We ask You for all that is good, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we seek refuge with You from all evil, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we ask You for the good that Your servant and Prophet has asked You for, and we seek refuge with You from the evil from which Your servant and Prophet sought refuge. O Allah, we ask You for Paradise and for that which brings one closer to it, in word and deed, and we seek refuge in You from Hell and from that which brings one closer

to it, in word and deed. And we ask You to make every decree that You decree concerning us good.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُم لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

Servants of Allah. Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا يَجْعَلْ
لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا ، وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

Remember Allah, the Great - He will remember you. Thank Him for His favors - He will increase you therein. And seek forgiveness from Him - He will forgive you. And be conscious of Him - He will provide you a way out of difficult matters. And, establish the prayer.