

KHUTBA

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Fear of Allah

Summary of today's Khutba:

- 1- Daring to commit sins.
 - 2- Fearing Allah is an ability of the believers, and will vary according to their faith.
 - 3- Grades of fear.
 - 4- How to show people about God fearing.
 - 5- What scared the wise old men, in the past?
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Today we see that people are far away from what Allah (SWT) has ordered us, committing lots of sin on a daily basis. The fact that people dare to commit lots of sins inadvertently, needs attention.

What makes the believers more special is that they only fear Allah (SWT), and nobody else but Him.

Al-Fadhil said: «Nothing will hurt those who only fear Allah. Those who fear other than Allah, will not receive any help from Allah».

In the Quran we read: «**So fear not mankind, but fear Me.**» (Almaidah 44)

And: «**Fear them not; fear Me, if ye are true believers.**» (Al Imran 175)

We will talk about the meaning of fear, and how it affects our relationship with Allah (SWT). To have fear of Allah leads a person closer to Allah.

Allah's fear is a form of solid barrier against desire which will give people purpose of life and prevent them from lustful behaviour.

The fear is encouraging people to be obedient to the will of Allah, and to avoid sinning. Consequently the increased faith in the hearts of the Muslims will lead to establishing the fear of Allah, and preserving it.

This fear vary among people, and wise men (men of wisdom within religion) has a large part of it. Allah (SWT) says: «**It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allah**». (Fatir 28)

Large scale of God fearing is especially with men of knowledge, while other people have it, but in less quantity. It is attached to the amount of knowledge one hold. The Prophet (SAAW) said: «**I am the one who fear Allah most, and I have more knowledge than you all**», Bukhari and Muslim.

He (SAAW) also said: «**If you knew what I got to know, you would laugh less and cry more**».

Imam Ahmed said: «The more knowledge people had about Allah, the more fear of Allah they had».

Fear is interference in the heart, and continuous fear of Allah's punishment. Usually people run away from what they fear, but not in regards to Allah's fear. In fact, one runs towards Allah, which leads to peace and tranquility. In the Quran we read: «**Therefore fly to Allah, surely I am a plain warner to you from Him**». (Ath-thariyat 50)

Abu Suleiman said: «When fear leaves the heart it destroys it». And Ibrahim bin Sufian said: «When fear is established in the heart it burns away desire».

Ibn Taymiyah told: «Recommended type of fear is the one who prevents from what Allah forbids».

Those who fear Allah in this way will be prevented from sinning, at the same time it will encourage them to pray regularly in the Mosque, in congregation (Jamah).

The Prophet (SAAW) said: «**The one who has fear strive hard untill he reaches his goal. Allah's merchandise is expensive, and it is Paradise (Jannah)**». Tidmidhi. The meaning of this hadith is to stimulate people to hurry up and be obedient, since the Paradise has a high price, and those who choose the Right Path will get there. Insha Allah.

Therefore the wise men of the past gave a warning; Since the only thing attaching faith in our hearts is to know for certain that there is another life (Akherah), even if many incidents have been shocking lately. To believe in the Hereafter present a stable motive, and make people awake and resolute.

A wise man was asked: «Why are your eyes never dry?» He answered: «Allah has promised to jail the disobediant in Hell, and I swear, if He jailed me in the bathroom I would cry». Al-hassan was also asked: «Why do you cry?». He said: «I am scared to end up in Hell». Therefore, those who fear Allah in the earth life (Dunya) will be settled good in the Hereafter.

Allah (SWT) says in Qudsi hadith: «I have promised not to give both of My fear and My safety to My slaves, those who fear Me in the earth life, will find safety in the Hereafter. Those who only seek safety in the earth life, they will fear Me in the Hereafter».

When Judgement Day arrives, it is a tremendous event, shaking people and disturbing the hearts. Allah (SWT) has warned us in the Quran: «**Verily, the Torment of your Lord will surely come to pass.**» (Attour 7)

In previous times the Muslims were living with a certaintess about paradise and hell, and perceived it as a significant reality. In sahih Bukhari we read: "Then Allah's Apostle said, "**By Him in Whose Hand my life is, Paradise and Hell were displayed before me across this wall while I was praying, and I never saw such good and evil as I have seen today**".

Al-hassan told: «People before you have believed they would not enter Paradise, even if they had given large amounts of money in charity, as much as the gravel».

In Tidimthi hadith, the Prophet (SAAW) said: «**Those who see Hell will sleep and run away from it, and those who see Paradise will sleep and prolong for it**».

The old wise men worshipped Allah and cried of fear and longed for His contentment. This is illustrated in the Quran: «**Verily, they used to hasten on to do good deeds, and they used to call on Us with hope and fear, and used to humble themselves before Us**». Alanbiyaa 90. The messengers describes: «**And they fall down on their faces weeping and it increases their humility**». Alisraa 109

The believers collect goodness and act of God fearance, while the hypocrites collects sins and act of safety.

Prophet Mohammed (SAAW) told us: «**Those who fear Allah will get shadow from Allah's shadow on Judgement Day when there is no shadow**». The Prophet (SAAW) also said: «**A man who starts crying when he remember Allah**».

O Allah, let us be of those who fear You and gather us with the Messengers and the believers... Ameen

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