

# KHUTBA

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English

## Sweetness of faith

The sweetness of faith as we know it can easily be lost for the believer.

The believer will not find peace before he gets it back. It is the most studied theme in Islam and still examined by Muslim scholars. We are constantly reminded about the importance to keep it in our hearts.

The sweetness of faith is very important for a Muslim believer. He achieves qualities that make him different from others (for example non-Muslims), he feels inner peace, doesn't feel lonely, and he achieves his wishes.

Ibn Taymiah (RA) said: **"There is a Paradise in this worldly life (i.e. the mention of Allaah); he who does not enter it, will not enter the Paradise of the Hereafter."**

By this he means the sweetness of faith. If this is inside our hearts, we also find peace in our soul.

Sofian Eth-Thawri said: **"If kings could sense the goodness, the total tranquility and our contentment, they would have attacked with swords to get it."**

We must struggle to achieve this level which others will envy us.

Allah (SWT) says: ***"As for those who strive hard in Us (Our Cause), We will surely guide them to Our Paths (i.e. Allah's religion - Islamic Monotheism). And verily, Allah is with the Muhsinun (good doers)."*** [Koran, 29:69]

Allah has promised to help His slave to achieve his goals, if his efforts are done with good intentions.

Scholars say that faith is built on pillars and fruit. Some of these fruits are feelings which the believer gets.

There are several means that can lead the believers to their goal. Some of them are mentioned by Bukhari and Muslim, for example in the following hadith:

Anas reported that the Prophet said, **"There are three things which cause anyone who takes refuge in them to experience the sweetness of belief - that Allah and His Messenger are more beloved to him than anything else; that he loves a man only for Allah; and that he dislikes the thought of reverting to disbelief as much as he would dislike being cast into the Fire."** [al-Bukhari & Muslim]

The Messenger of Allah said, **"None of you will believe until I am more beloved to him than his children, his father and all people."** [al-Bukhari]

There are criteria for how to love Allah and His messenger; we must obey Allah and His messenger by doing what they command us to do, and stop with what we are asked to stop with.

Allah (SWT) says: ***"If you (really) love Allah then follow me (i.e. accept Islamic Monotheism, follow the Qur'an and the Sunnah), Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."*** [Koran, 3:31]

Ibn Al Qayem (RA) mentioned several reasons which lead to love for Allah (SWT) after Faraidh.

Koran recitation

Nawafil

Adhkar

To love Allah more than our self

Associate with the honorable

Distance from all that can be a hindrance between us and Allah (SWT)

This leads to love the Prophet (SAAW):

Believe in the message he brought

Wish to see him

Practice the message

Practice Sunnah

Often say: "Salla Allaho aleihim wa salam"

Live up to his good order/character

Love his companions

Study his (SAAW) biography

In addition is the claim to love all the believing Muslims. This has a great reward.

The Prophet (SAAW) said: **"Allah will give shade, to seven, on the Day when there will be no shade but His..."**

**... two persons who love each other only for Allah's sake and they meet and part in Allah's cause only."**

In addition to:

Help each other

Protect each other's weaknesses

Forgive each other when conflicts arise

Strive to be the one who first greet others

Give good advice

If these elements exist in believing Muslims, verily the sweetness of faith will be felt, and real friendship will be felt around you.

O Allah, help us to love You, and love us back, guide us with good actions which make us feel the sweetness of faith. O Allah help us to love You more than our self and others.

Amin.