

# KHUTBA

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**English**

## Follow not your lusts

Dear Muslims,

Allah Almighty has warned us from the diseases of the hearts. One of these diseases, probably one of the most serious, is following the desires or lusts. This attribute «**hasn't been mentioned in Quran without being defamed.**» as said Ibn Abbas.

*...Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest ye swerve, and if ye distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily God is well-acquainted with all that ye do. [4:135]*

*O ye who believe! stand out firmly for God, as witnesses to fair dealing, and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear God. For God is well-acquainted with all that ye do. [5:8]*

*O David! We did indeed make thee a vicegerent on earth: so judge thou between men in truth (and justice): Nor follow thou the lusts (of thy heart), for they will mislead thee from the Path of God: for those who wander astray from the Path of God, is a Penalty Grievous, for that they forget the Day of Account. [38:26]*

The reason for defaming this attribute is that it results in bad consequences as it lead one to commit many bad things such as perjury (bearing false witness), obsession, not believing in Allah, sins, Bida'ah (creation or addition of any religious matter which was not originally found in Islam) ... etc.

*Then seest thou such a one as takes as his god his own vain desire? God has, knowing (him as such), left him astray, and sealed his hearing and his heart (and understanding), and put a cover on his sight. Who, then, will guide him after God (has withdrawn Guidance)? Will ye not then receive admonition? [45:23]*

*But if they hearken not to thee, know that they only follow their own lusts: and who is more astray than one who follows his own lusts, devoid of guidance from God? For God guides not people given to wrong-doing. [28:50]*

Al-Shaabi (one of the great scholars) once said: “**Allah has commanded the ruler three things: not to follow their desires, not to fear anyone but Him and not to sell His verses for a miserable price**”.

Allah Almighty put the one who follow his lust in the same category with animals.

*If it had been Our will, We should have elevated him with Our Signs; but he inclined to the earth, and followed his own vain desires. His similitude is that of a dog: if you attack him, he lolls out his tongue, or if you leave him alone, he (still) lolls out his tongue. That is the similitude of those who reject Our Signs; so relate the story; perchance they may reflect. [7:176]*

He Almighty also warned his prophet from those who follow their lusts and ordered him not to accompany them.

*And keep thy soul content with those who call on their Lord morning and evening, seeking His Face; and let not thine eyes pass beyond them, seeking the pomp and glitter of this Life; nor obey any whose heart We have permitted to neglect the remembrance of Us, one who follows his own desires, whose case has gone beyond all bounds. [18:28]*

*Therefore let not such as believe not therein but follow their lusts, divert thee there from, lest thou perish! [20:16]*

In turn, Prophet Mohamed urged us not to follow lusts. In *hadith* narrated by Ahmad the prophet said: «**I fear for you the illusive stomach and sexual lusts and the misleading desires.**»

Dear Muslims,

Lusts are a trap that devil lead you into in order to commit sins and abandoned the right way. When you are in this trap you don't have clear visions anymore and you commit sins, and bad deeds following your desires and wills. This, in turn, will lead you to fail in your life, as people will abandon you due to your behavior, and face the punishment in the Judgment day.

Remember this life is fleeting and soon you will stand in front of your lord to be ask about your deeds. Then ask yourself what you will answer if He asks you: «Why didn't you follow my order? Why did you follow your desires? »

So follow not your lusts and desires in order to get the great rewards in the next life.

*And for such as had entertained the fear of standing before their Lord's (tribunal) and had restrained (their) soul from lower desires, \* Their abode will be the Garden. [79:40-41]*

In the *Hadith* where the prophet said: «**There are seven whom Allaah will shade in His Shade on the Day when there is no shade except His Shade**» one of them was «**a man who is called by a woman of beauty and position [for illegal intercourse], but he says: 'I fear Allaah'.**»

O Allah, we ask You to save us from following our lusts, to forgive our sins and to grant us Paradise.

Amen

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