

KHUTBA

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English

Fear Allah

All thanks are due to Allah, the Most-Generous. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except him. He has no partners. May Allah send peace and blessings upon his final messenger.

Fear your lord, and do not fear anyone else. Allah says: *“That is only Satan who frightens (you) of his supporters. So fear them not, but fear Me, if you are (indeed) believers.”* (3:175)
“And among people and moving creatures and grazing livestock are various colors similarly. Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Forgiving.” (35:28)

Dear Brothers and Sisters! I will talk today about the fear of Allah, and why I choose this topic is what I see and watch about the daring of people to command sins. The good wanted fear is the fear preventing you from commanding sins and pushing you towards obeying Allah and not this fear that lead to despair and hopelessness. The required fear will lead to taking account of the self, Umar ibn Khattaab advised: **“Call yourselves to account before you are called to account.”**

O Muslims! Pay attention to the following story and look how fear from Allah saves this person at Hereafter:

Narrated Abu Said: The Prophet (saws) mentioned a man from the people of the past or those who preceded you. The Prophet (saws) said a sentence meaning: «Allah had given him wealth and children. When his death approached, he said to his sons: ‘What kind of father have I been to you?’ They replied: ‘You have been a good father.’ He told them that he had not presented any good deed before Allah, and if Allah should get hold of him He would punish him. ‘So look!’ he added, ‘When I die, burn me, and when I turn into coal, crush me, and when there comes a windy day, scatter my ashes in the wind.’ The Prophet added: ‘Then by Allah, he took a firm promise from his children to do so, and they did so. (They burnt him after his death) and threw his ashes on a windy day. Then Allah commanded to his ashes: ‘Be’, and behold! He became a man standing!’ Allah said: ‘O My slave! What made you do what you did?’ He replied: ‘For fear of You.’ Nothing saved him then but Allah’s Mercy (so Allah forgave him).” (Sahih Bukhari)

O Brothers and sisters! Look at the fear of our mother Aisha, may Allah bless her, from Allah:

Narrated Ibn Abu Mulaika: Ibn 'Abbas asked permission to visit Aisha before her death, and at that time she was in a state of agony. She then said: “I am afraid that he will praise me too much.” And then it was said to her: “He is the cousin of Allah’s Apostle (saws) and one of the prominent Muslims.” Then she said: “Allow him to enter.” (When he entered) he said: “How are you?” She replied: “I am Alright if I fear (Allah).” Ibn Abbas said: “Allah willing, you are Alright as you are the wife of Allah’s Apostle and he did not marry any virgin except you and proof of your innocence was revealed from the Heaven.” Later on Ibn Az-Zubair entered after him and 'Aisha said to him: “Ibn 'Abbas came to me and praised me greatly, but I wish that I was a thing forgotten and out of sight.” (Sahih Bukhari)

If this is the fear of our mother Aisha, may Allah bless her, so the most important question is what about us and what about our fear from Allah?! And what about taking account of ourselves?!

O Muslims! Fear of Allah is the way to survive in our life and hereafter and pay attention to this story and know how fear from Allah survived them:

'Abdullah b. 'Umar reported that Allah's Messenger (saws) said: Three persons set out on a journey. They were overtaken by rain and they had to find protection in a mountain cave where at its mouth there fell a rock of that mountain and thus blocked them altogether. One of them said to the others: Look to your good deeds that you performed for the sake of Allah and then supplicate Allah, the Exalted, that He might rescue you (from this trouble).

One of them said: 0 Allah, I had my parents who were old and my wife and my small children also. I tended the flock and when I came back to them in the evening, I milked them (the sheep, goats, cows, etc.) and first served that milk to my parents. One day I was obliged to go out to a distant place in search of fodder and I could not come back before evening and found them (the parents) asleep. I milked the animals as I used to milk and brought milk to them and stood by their heads avoiding disturbing them from sleep and I did not deem it advisable to serve milk to my children before serving them. My children wept near my feet. I remained there in that very state, and my parents too until it were morning. And (0 Allah) if Thou art aware that I did this in order to seek Thy pleasure, grant us riddance from this trouble. (The rock slipped a bit) that they could see the sky.

The second one said: 0 Allah, I had a female cousin whom I loved more than the men love the women. I wanted to have sexual intercourse with her; she refused but on the condition of getting one hundred dinars. It was with very great difficulty that I could collect one hundred dinars and then paid them to her and when I was going to have a sexual intercourse with her, that she said: Servant of Allah, fear Allah and do not break the seal (of chastity) but by lawful means. I got up. 0 Allah, if Thou art aware that I did this in order to seek Thy pleasure, rid us from this trouble. The situation was somewhat eased for them.

The third one said: Allah, I employed a workman for a measure of rice. After he had finished his work I gave him his dues (in the form of) a measure of rice, but he did not accept them. I used this rice as seeds, and that gave a bumper crop and I became rich enough to have cows and flocks (in my possession). He came to me and said: Fear Allah, and commit no cruelty upon me in regard to my dues. I said to him: Takeaway this flock of cows and sheep. He said: fear Allah and do not make a fun of me. I said: I am not making a fun of you. You take the cows and the flocks. So he took them. 0 Allah, if Thou art aware that I did it for Thy pleasure, ease the situation for us. And Allah relieved them from the rest of the trouble. (Sahih Muslim).