

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Khutbah 30/6/17 – Taqwa

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

O mankind, have taqwa of your Lord who created you from a single self and created its mate from it and then disseminated many men and women from the two of them. Have taqwa of Allah in whose name you make demands on one another and also in respect of your families. Allah watches over you continually.

{ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ }

You who believe! have taqwa of Allah with the taqwa due to Him and do not die except as Muslims.

{ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا }

You who believe! have taqwa of Allah and speak words which hit the mark. He will put your actions right for you and forgive you your wrong deeds. All who obey Allah and His Messenger have won a mighty victory.

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Taqwa is a verbal noun which derives from *wiqāyah* (preserving, guarding). The letter *tā* gives it the sense of protecting yourself.

Its meaning is fear, clinging to obedience to Allah and abandoning disobedience of Him. It is the sum of all good.

وتكلم عنه في ثلاثة فصول: الأول في فضائلها المستنبطة من القرآن وهي خمس عشرة

We will discuss *taqwā* in three sections. First, concerning its virtues derived from the Qur'an, which are fifteen:

الهدى كقوله ^ هدى للمتقين ^

- guidance because of His words “*guidance for those who have taqwa*”¹;

والنصرة لقوله ^ إن الله مع الذين اتقوا ^

- help because of His words “*Allah is **with** those who have taqwa of Him*”²;

¹ Sūrat al-Baqarah ayah 3.

² Surah an-Nahl, ayah 128.

والولاية لقوله ^ الله ولي المتقين ^

- close friendship and protection (*wilāyah*) because of His words, “*but Allah is the Protector of those who have taqwa*”³;

والحبة لقوله ^ إن الله يحب المتقين ^

- love because of His words, “*Allah loves those who have taqwa*”⁴;

والمغفرة لقوله ^ إِنْ تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ^

- and forgiveness because of His words, “*You who have iman! if you have taqwa of Allah, He will give you discrimination and erase your bad actions from you and forgive you*”⁵;

والمخرج من الغم والرزق من حيث لا يُحْتَسَبُ لقوله ^ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

- and a way out from unhappiness, and provision from where one does not expect because of His words, “*Whoever has taqwa of Allah – He will give him a way out and provide for him from where he does not expect.*”⁶; Talaq

وتيسير الأمور لقوله ^ ومن يتق الله يجعل له من أمره يسرا ^

- the facilitation of affairs because of His words, “*Whoever has taqwa of Allah – He will make matters easy for him*”⁷; Talaq

وغفران الذنوب وإعظام الأجور لقوله ^ ومن يتق الله يكفر عنه سيئاته ويعظم له أجرا ^

- full covering over of wrong actions and magnification of rewards because of His words, “*Whoever has taqwa of Allah – He will erase his bad actions from him and greatly increase his reward*”⁸;

وتقبل الأعمال لقوله ^ إنما يتقبل الله من المتقين ^

- acceptance of actions because of His words, “*Allah only accepts from people who have taqwa*”⁹;

والفلاح لقوله ^ واتقوا الله لعلكم تفلحون ^

- success because of His words, “*and have taqwa of Allah; so that hopefully you will be successful*”¹⁰;

والبشرى لقوله ^ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَى فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ ^

- good news because of His words “*those who have iman and show taqwa, there is good news for them in the life of the dunya and in the akhira*”¹¹;

³ Surah Jathiyah, ayah 19.

⁴ Surah at-Tawbah, ayat 4 & 7.

⁵ Surah al-Anfal, ayah 29.

⁶ Surah at-Talaq, ayah 2.

⁷ Surah at-Talaq, ayah 4.

⁸ Surah at-Talaq, ayah 5.

⁹ Surah al-Ma'idah, ayah 27.

¹⁰ Surah Ali 'Imran, ayah 200.

¹¹ Surah Yunus, ayah 64.

ودخول الجنة لقوله [^] إِنَّ لِمُتَّقِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ [^]

• entrance into the Garden because of His words “*The people who have taqwa will have Gardens of Delight with their Lord*”¹²;

والنَّجَاةَ مِنَ النَّارِ لقوله [^] ثُمَّ نُنَجِّي الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا [^]

• and salvation from the Fire because of His words “*Then We will rescue those who had taqwa*”¹³.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلِكُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

الفصل الثاني البواعث على التقوى عشرة

Second Section

There are ten things which awaken taqwa:

خَوْفُ الْعِقَابِ الْآخِرِيِّ

• fear of punishment in the next life;

وَخَوْفُ الْعِقَابِ الدُّنْيَوِيِّ

• fear [of punishment in] this life;

وَرَجَاءُ الثَّوَابِ الدُّنْيَوِيِّ

• hope of worldly reward;

وَرَجَاءُ الثَّوَابِ الْآخِرِيِّ

• hope of the reward of the next world;

وَخَوْفُ الْحِسَابِ

• fear of the reckoning;

وَالْحَيَاءُ مِنْ نَظْرِ اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مَقَامُ الْمُرَاقَبَةِ

• shyness and bashfulness before the gaze of Allah, and this is the station of fearful watchfulness (مُرَاقَبَةٌ);

وَالشُّكْرُ عَلَى نِعْمِهِ بِطَاعَتِهِ

• showing gratitude for His blessings by obeying Him;

وَالْعِلْمُ لِقَوْلِهِ [^] إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ [^]

¹² Surah al-Qalam, ayah 34.

¹³ Surah Maryam, ayah 82.

• knowledge, because of His words, “Only those of His slaves with knowledge have fear of Allah”¹⁴;

وتعظيمُ جلالِ الله وهو مقامُ الهيبة

• exalting and honouring His majesty, and it is the station of awe (هَيْبَة);

وَصِدْقُ المحبة لقول القائل

تعصي الإلهَ وأنت تُظهرُ حبه

هذا لعمري في القياسِ بديعٌ

لو كانَ حُبُّكَ صادقاً لأطعتهُ

إنَّ المحبَّ لمن يُحبُّ مطيعٌ

• sincerity in love because of the words of al-Mahmud ibn al-Hassan al-Warraaq who said:
“You disobey God while you profess that you love Him,
By my life! this is a new premise.
If your love were sincere you would have obeyed Him,
For the lover is obedient to the one he loves.”¹⁵

الفصل الثالث درجات التقوى خمس

The Third Section. There are five degrees of taqwa:

أن يتقيَ العبدُ الكفرَ وذلك مقامُ الإسلام

• that the slave should protect himself from kufr – covering over the truth, disbelief, ingratitude, and denial – and that is the station of Islam;

وأن يتقيَ المعاصي والحرمات وهو مقامُ التوبة

• and that one should protect oneself from acts of disobedience and forbidden things, and it is the station of turning to Allah or repentance (تَوْبَة);

وأن يتقيَ الشُّبهاتِ وهو مقامُ الورع

• and that one should protect oneself from doubtful matters, and that is the station of scrupulousness (وَرَعٌ);

عن أبي عبد الله النعمان بن بشير رضي الله عنه ، قال : سمعت رسول الله ﷺ يقول: { إن الحلال بين ، وإن الحرام بين ، وبينهما أمور مشتهيات لا يعلمهن كثير من الناس ، فمن اتقى الشبهات فقد استبرأ لدينه وعرضه }

¹⁴ Surah Fatir, ayah 28.

¹⁵ These are the words of the poet al-Mahmud ibn al-Hassan al-Warraaq.

Abu ‘Abdullah an-Nu’man ibn Bashir رضي الله عنه said, “I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ saying, “The halal is clear and the haram is clear and in between them are ambivalent matters which many people do not know. Whoever guards himself against ambivalent matters has secured his deen and his honour.”

وَأَنْ يَتَّقِيَ الْمُبَاحَاتِ وَهُوَ مَقَامُ الزَّهْدِ

- and that one should protect oneself from even those things that are permitted, and that is the station of doing without (زُهْدُ);

قَالَ ﷺ { لَا يَبْلُغُ الْعَبْدُ أَنْ يَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ حَتَّى يَدَعَ مَا لَا بَأْسَ بِهِ حَذْرًا لِمَا بِهِ بَأْسٌ. }

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "The slave will not attain to be one of the people of *taqwā* until he gives up that in which there is no harm for fear of that in which there is harm."

وَأَنْ يَتَّقِيَ حُضُورَ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ عَلَى قَلْبِهِ وَهُوَ مَقَامُ الْمَشَاهِدَةِ

- and that one should protect oneself from the presence of other than Allah in one's heart, and it is the station of witnessing (مُشَاهَدَةٌ).