

الخطبة الأولى (ألا تحبون أن يغفر الله لكم)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْكَرِيمِ الْوَدُودِ، الْمَلِكِ الْمَعْبُودِ، الْمَعْرُوفِ بِالْعَفْوِ وَالْكَرِيمِ
وَالْجُودِ، أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ عَلَى مَا أَنْصَفَ بِهِ مِنْ صِفَاتِ الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ، وَأَشْكُرُهُ عَلَى مَا أَسْدَاهُ مِنْ جَزِيلِ الْفَضْلِ وَالْإِنْعَامِ، وَأَشْهَدُ
أَنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا،
أَمَّا بَعْدُ:

فَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ
تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ) .
عن الحسن بن أبي الحسن، قال: لَمَّا فَتَحَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ مَكَّةَ دَخَلَ
الْبَيْتَ، فَصَلَّى بَيْنَ السَّارِيَتَيْنِ، ثُمَّ وَضَعَ يَدَيْهِ عَلَى عِضَادَتِي الْبَابِ،
فَقَالَ: «لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ، صَدَقَ وَعْدُهُ، وَنَصَرَ عَبْدَهُ، وَهَزَمَ
الْأَحْزَابَ وَحْدَهُ، مَاذَا تَقُولُونَ، وَمَاذَا تَظُنُّونَ؟» قَالُوا: نَقُولُ خَيْرًا وَنَظُنُّ
خَيْرًا، أَخٌ كَرِيمٌ، وَابْنُ أَخٍ كَرِيمٍ، وَقَدْ قَدَرْتَ فَأَسْجِحْ، قَالَ: فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ
كَمَا قَالَ أَخِي يُوسُفُ: {لَا تَتْرِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ
الرَّاحِمِينَ} . الأزرق وغيره .

All praises are due to Allah the Most Generous and Beneficent, The Owner of the Universe and the One whom we direct our worship, The one who is infinitely and endlessly generous, benevolent and praised. Whomever Allah guides no one can misguide them and whoever is misguided only Allah can guide them to the truth. May Allah mention the Prophet Muhammad's name in the heavens and send blessings upon him, upon his family and his followers.

I advise all of you to have fear of Allah and be conscious of Him, as Allah tells us in the Quran: O you who believe fear Allah and do not die except in a state of Islam.

On the authority of Alhasan ibn Abee Al Hasan who said: When the Prophet Muhammad conquered Makkah and entered the Ka'bah he prayed between the two pillars inside the Ka'bah, then he put his hands on the two door frames and said: 'There is no diety worthy of worship except Allah alone, who fulfilled His promise, and aided his servant, and defeated the confederates all by himself...then he said to the people of Makkah: What do you all have to say about that, what do you all think about this? They replied: We say nothing but good and think nothing but good, a generous brother and the son of generous brother you are definitely appreciated so please say something nice to us. So the Prophet Muhammad said: Indeed I say to you all what my brother Prophet Yusuf said to his brothers: "There is no blame on you today. May Allah forgive you! He is the Most Merciful of the merciful".

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ: خَصْلَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ مِنْ خِصَالِ الدِّينِ الرَّفِيعَةِ الْعَلِيَّةِ، وَخَلَّةٌ مُبَارَكَةٌ جَاءَ التَّنْوِيهِ بِهَا، وَالْحَثُّ عَلَيْهَا، وَالتَّرْغِيبُ فِي فِعْلِهَا، وَذِكْرُ عَظِيمِ ثَوَابِ أَهْلِهَا، وَجَزِيلِ أَجُورِهِمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ -تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى- فِي مَوَاضِعَ عَدِيدَةٍ مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى، وَمِنْ سُنَّةِ رَسُولِهِ ﷺ؛ إِنَّهَا شِعَارُ الصَّالِحِينَ الْأَتْقِيَاءِ الْأَنْقِيَاءِ. إِنَّهَا خَصْلَةُ الْعَفْوِ وَالصَّفْحِ .
 الْعَفْوُ وَالصَّفْحُ مَقَامٌ عَظِيمٌ، وَمَنْزِلَةٌ رَفِيعَةٌ، وَهُوَ صِفَةُ نَبِيِّنا ﷺ وَصِفَةُ اتِّبَاعِهِ بِإِحْسَانٍ؛ فَعَنْ أُمِّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَائِشَةَ -رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا وَأَرْضَاهَا-، وَقَدْ سُئِلَتْ عَنْ خُلُقِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ فَقَالَتْ: (لَمْ يَكُنْ فَاحِشًا، وَلَا مُتَفَحِّشًا، وَلَا صَخَابًا فِي الْأَسْوَاقِ، وَلَا يَجْزِي بِالسَّيِّئَةِ السَّيِّئَةَ، وَلَكِنْ يَعْفُو وَيَصْفَحُ) التِّرْمِذِيُّ وَغَيْرُهُ وَصَحَّحَهُ الْأَلْبَانِيُّ.

Servants of Allah, one of the greatest principles, acts, and teachings that we find within our deen which raises the persons status amongst humans and even in the sight of Allah, that our deen highly and continuously encourages, and reminds us of the great rewards of it are found in numerous verses in the Quran and throughout the sunnah, it is from the manners and symbols of the righteous and pious, indeed it is forgiving and pardoning others... Pardoning and forgiving others has one of the highest places in islam, it is a trait and characteristic of our Prophet Muhammad and his followers. As our mother Aishiah said when she was asked about the character and manners of the Prophet Muhammad she said: "Allah's Messenger (Allah bless him and give him peace) was neither obscene, nor utter obscenities, nor boisterous in the markets, and he would not repay a misdeed with a misdeed, but would pardon and forgive."

Servants of Allah, pardoning and forgiving others is one of the biggest doors of goodness and perfecting one's deen, as Allah tells us in the Quran:

(فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاصْفَحْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ)

"Pardon them and don't blame them, indeed Allah loves the good doers"

Pardoning and forgiving others is one of the master keys to acquire the mercy and forgiveness of Allah, as Allah tells us:

(وَإِنْ تَعَفُّوا وَتَصْفَحُوا وَتَغْفِرُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ)

"And if you pardon, avoid blaming, and forgive them, for indeed Allah is all forgiving and merciful."

Pardoning and not blaming others is what will fill our accounts in the hereafter with lots of rewards as Allah says:

(فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ).

“So whoever pardons and reconciles, then his reward is with Allah”.

Pardoning and avoiding blaming others is one of the acts that can aid us in entering in to the Paradise, and earning Allah’s pleasure and satisfaction, as Allah tells us:

(وَسَارِعُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ الَّذِينَ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَالْكَاطِمِينَ الْغَيْظَ وَالْعَافِينَ عَنِ النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ).

“And Hasten to the forgiveness of your Lord and His paradise which is more expansive than the heavens and the earth and is prepared for the pious. Those who spend their wealth in times of ease and hardship, who control their anger, and those who pardon the people...Indeed Allah loves the good doers.”

Those who pardon and forgive others are those who are closest to attaining true ‘taqwa’ and piety, as Allah tells us:

(وَأَنْ تَعْفُوا أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَى).

“And if you forgive, then this is closer to piety”

Brothers and sisters in Islam, human beings have a natural desire to seek revenge or get back at someone who has wronged them, even if they are reminded to forgive and pardon others who have wronged them, they feel as if they’ve been chumped or played, or taken advantage of...These are the majority of those whose hearts

and souls have been tarnished by false ideas and ideologies foreign to Islam. As for the one whose heart, mind and soul has been adorned with Quran and Sunnah, and loves the truth and is satisfied with it, then you will find it is easy for him/her to be reminded about the importance of pardoning and forgiving others. If they are reminded of the great rewards and blessings they will receive for doing so, then you will find that this will be a constant trait found within that individual. The Prophet Muhammad said:

قَالَ ۞: (مَنْ كَظَمَ غَيْظًا وَهُوَ قَادِرٌ عَلَى أَنْ يُنْفِذَهُ دَعَاهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَى رُءُوسِ الْخَلَائِقِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حَتَّى يُخَيِّرَهُ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْحُورِ الْعِينِ مَا شَاءَ) أبو داود وغيره وحسنه الألباني.

If anyone suppresses anger when he is in a position to give vent to it, Allah, the Exalted, will call him on the Day of Resurrection over the heads of all creatures, and ask him to choose any of the bright and large eyed maidens he wishes.

The Mother of the Believers, Aishiah said:

وعن عائشة رضي الله عنها قالت: (فَلَمَّا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ هَذَا فِي بَرَاءَتِي، قَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ الصِّدِّيقُ ۞ وَكَانَ يُنْفِقُ عَلَى مِسْطَحِ بْنِ أَنَاثَةَ لِقَرَابَتِهِ مِنْهُ وَفَقْرِهِ: وَاللَّهِ لَا أَنْفِقُ عَلَى مِسْطَحٍ شَيْئًا أَبَدًا بَعْدَ الَّذِي قَالَ لِعَائِشَةَ مَا قَالَ، فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ: {وَلَا يَأْتَلِ أُولُو الْفَضْلِ مِنْكُمْ وَالسَّعَةِ أَنْ يُؤْتُوا أُولِي الْقُرْبَى وَالْمَسَاكِينَ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَلِيَعْفُوا وَلِيَصْفَحُوا، أَلَا تُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ} قَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ: بَلَى وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي أَحِبُّ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لِي، فَرَجَعَ إِلَى مِسْطَحِ النَّفَقَةَ الَّتِي كَانَ يُنْفِقُ عَلَيْهِ، وَقَالَ: وَاللَّهِ لَا أَنْزَعُهَا مِنْهُ أَبَدًا). خ.م.

"When Allah revealed the ten Verses starting in proof of my innocence in the Quran. My father Abu Bakr As-Siddiq who used to give wealth and provisions regularly to another companion by the name of Mistah because of his relation to him, but because he accused Me my father Abu Bakr said: "By Allah, I will never give anything (in charity) to Mistah, after what he has said about

‘Aisha" Then Allah revealed:-- 'And let not those among you who are good and are wealthy swear not to give (any sort of help) to their kins men....' (24.22) On that, Abu Bakr said, "Yes, by Allah, I like that Allah should forgive me." and then resumed giving Mistah the aid he used to give him and said, "By Allah! I will never withhold it from him.

Indeed we have a fine example within the prophet Muhammad and his companions, may Allah enable us to truly love him and them and follow them accordingly.

Second khutbah

Dearly beloved brother and sisters in islam, do you know that the biggest obstacle is in forgiving and pardoning others?. What is that thing that always gets in our way from practicing this? It is our belief that pardoning and forgiving others is a sign of our weakness, or humiliation or shame. And no one gives up their right or lets other people oppress him or do wrong against him except the weak and helpless. Many of us think and have been taught that this world is like a wild frontier filled with wolvers and predatory animals, either you eat others or be eaten.

Surely brother and sisters this mentality is totally wrong, indeed true dignity, honor, respect and status is in forgiving and pardoning others, as the Prophet Muhammad said:

(وَمَا زَادَ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلَّا عِزًّا) م.

“The servant is only increased in dignity and honor by Allah through forgiving and pardoning others”

Brother and sisters in Islam, we need to forgive and pardon each other and stop blaming each other. Overlook and pardon those who have wronged you or done bad or said bad things towards

you. Take yourself out of the dark caves and habit of holding grudges, taking revenge, paying people back for their mistakes...and have a clean heart and free mind. Abandon dealing with others difficultly and deal with people with ease, roll up the heavy chains of grudges and extend the rope of forgiveness and pardon for your brothers and sisters. Accept people's apologies, as we also want Allah to accept our repentance. End of khutbah