

الحمد لله الذي بعث في كل أمة رسولا يأمرهم بعبادة الله وحده وينهاهم عن عبادة غيره، قال تعالى: ﴿وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ حَقَّبْنَا عَلَيْهِ الضَّلَالَةَ﴾ [النحل: 36]، أَخَذَهُ سُبْحَانَهُ أَنْ هَدَانَا لِعِبَادَتِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ فِي أَلُوْهِيَّتِهِ وَأَسْمَانِهِ وَصِفَاتِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، بَلَّغَ رِسَالَتَهُ، وَأَدَّى أَمَانَتَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أما بعد:

أيها الناس، اتقوا الله تعالى بفعل ما أمركم به في كتابه وعلى لسان نبيه محمد ﷺ، يقول الله تعالى: ﴿قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ﴾ [آل عمران: 31]، فجعل تبارك وتعالى إتباع الرسول من محبة الله تعالى، ومقتضى شهادة أن محمداً رسول الله ﷺ طاعته فيما أمر، وتصديقه فيما أخبر، واجتنب ما نهى عنه وزجر، وأن لا يُعْبَدَ اللهُ إِلَّا بِمَا شَرَعَ.

الاتباع أيها الإخوة والأخوات: هو الاقتداء والتأسي بالنبي ﷺ في الاعتقادات والأقوال والأفعال والتروك، مع توفّر القصد والإرادة في ذلك كله. ﴿لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا﴾ [الأحزاب: 21]

فرسول الله ﷺ هو الميزان الأكبر الذي تُوزنُ عليه الأعمال، فمهما قال فائلاً قولاً أو فعلت فِعْلاً أو ادعى دَعْوَى فلا قيمة لها حتى تَرِنَ كلامه وفِعْله بالميزان الأكبر وهو رسول الله ﷺ

فهل أنت ممن أطاع البشير النذير؟ هل أنت ممن أجاب الداعي ﷺ؟

هل أنت ممن استجاب لتحذيره فحصى نفسه نار جهنم؟

وقيل أن تحجل بالإجابة: انظر إلى أقوالك وأعمالك هل هي وفق شريعته وما جاء به؟

فيا سعادة من أطاعه واتبعه.... ويا جزى وندامة من خالف أمره وعصاه

قال الله: ﴿وَيَوْمَ يَحْضُنُ الظَّالِمُ عَلَى يَدَيْهِ يَقُولُ يَا لَيْتَنِي اتَّخَذْتُ مَعَ الرَّسُولِ سَبِيلاً﴾ [الفرقان: 66]

وقال تعالى: ﴿يَوْمَ تَقُلبُ وُجُوهُهُمْ فِي النَّارِ يَقُولُونَ يَا لَيْتَنَا أَصَعْنَا اللَّهَ وَأَطَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ﴾ [الأحزاب: 66]

أيها المسلمون..... أتباع النبي ﷺ صِدْقاً هُمْ أَشْرَحُ النَّاسِ صَدْرًا، وَأَهْوَاهُمْ عَيْشًا، وَأَسْعَدَهُمْ حَيَاةً، وَأَثَبْتَهُمْ قَلْبًا، وَأَسْلَمَهُمْ ضَمِيرًا وَلَوْ أَصَابَهُمْ مِنَ المَخَنِ وَالابْتِلَاءِ مَا أَصَابَهُمْ.

والسبب في ذلك: أن رسول الله ﷺ كان أكمل الخلق في كل صفة يحصل بها انشراح الصدر واتساع القلب لذلك قال الله: ﴿الْمُ نَشْرَحُ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ﴾ [الشرح: 1] فعلى حسب متابعتي ينال العبد من انشراح صدره ولذة زوجه ما ينال.

فاتباع النبي ﷺ سبب السعادة كما أن ترك ذلك سبب الشقاوة....

لذلك أمرنا الله تعالى بطاعته طاعة مطلقاً:

قال تعالى: ﴿وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا﴾ [الحشر: 7]

وقال تعالى: ﴿مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ﴾ [النساء: 80]

وقال تعالى: ﴿وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا﴾ [الأحزاب: 71]

بل إن مفتاح الجنة في اتباع السنة: ففي صحيح البخاري قال عليه الصلاة والسلام: "كل أمتي يدخلون الجنة إلا من أبى. قالوا: ومن أبى يا رسول الله؟ قال: من أطاعني دخل الجنة ومن عصاني فقد أبى.

Fear Allah O servants of Allah and be conscious of Him wherever you are.....get closer to Allah by following everything he's ordered you to do, and avoiding everything he's commanded us to stay away from. From the fundamental teachings of our religion is that Allah told us that the only way we can truly love him is by following and imitating the Prophet Muhammad...the Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah is the scale which we use to determine what is right and what is wrong in our daily lives, the Prophet's manners, his statements and his actions are the criteria we use to determine who is upon right guidance and who is not...Are you from those who are obedient to Allah's messenger, are you from amongst those who has answered his call and his message? Are you from amongst those who stay away from what he warned us to avoid? But before you answer, you should look at your actions, your beliefs and your statements...and compare them with the Prophet's Sunnah and his way.

What a happy, blissful and pleasant life for the ones who are obedient to the Prophet Muhammad...and what a miserable life on this earth for the ones who abandon his sunnah and disobey his commands.....

Allah tells us in the Quran about those who didn't follow the Messenger Muhammad and how they will regret on the day of resurrection not following the Prophet Muhammad in this dunya:

"And the Day the wrongdoer will bite on his hands [in regret] he will say, "Oh, I wish I had taken with the Messenger a way."

And Allah says:

"The Day their faces will be turned about in the Fire, they will say, "How we wish we had obeyed Allah and obeyed the Messenger."

Those who are true followers of the Prophet Muhammad are the most happy people, have the most satisfaction and peace in their hearts and souls, their hearts never waver or are confused, and they are the most content people even when they are tried with hardships and tribulations...

Following the Messenger is the key to open the doors of paradise as the Prophet Muhammad told us: All of my ummah will enter the paradise, except for those who refuse...The one's who refuse are the one's who disobey Allah's Messenger....May Allah make us from those who truly love the Prophet Muhammad and follow his sunnah....

Brothers and sisters in Islam....Allah The Most Gracious and Magnificent sent many prophets and messengers to mankind to show them the right path and to distinguish between the truth and the falsehood. Those great Prophets and Messengers exerted all of their efforts to make sure they conveyed the message of Allah to their nations, they sacrificed their time, their wealth, their families, and everything that was dear to them to convey the message of Islam to their people. However, when we observe and ponder over our history and the history of Allah's Prophets and Messengers, we don't find any prophet or messenger who sacrificed more or

loved his ummah more or cared for his companions, his followers and brothers and sisters in faith more than our beloved Prophet Muhammad. He wished he could see all of us today....Allah said about the Prophet Muhammad:

﴿لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ﴾ (التوبة:128).

"Indeed there has come to you a messenger from amongst your own people, it is very grievous to him what you are suffering from, he is deeply concerned about you and He is extremely gentle and kind with the believers."

My dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Islam.....Our Beloved Prophet Muhammad was a mercy sent to mankind...he taught us all good, wholesome and pure things to live our lives...and he showed us what to avoid and what will cause us harm and difficulties in our lives as well...He was so concerned about us and the difficulties and hardships that we will face after him.....that he was actually thinking about us and making dua for us over 1400 years ago....There was no one more merciful with his ummah than our beloved Prophet Muhammad.....

He told us that we will see and experience many difficulties and see much differing and confusion within the ummah, and he told us what to do when that time comes...:

عَنْ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو السُّلَمِيِّ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ الْعُرْبَانَ بْنَ سَارِيَةَ، يَقُولُ وَعَظَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - ﷺ - - مُوعِظَةً نَزَفَتْ مِنْهَا الْعُيُونُ وَوَجَلَتْ مِنْهَا الْقُلُوبُ فَقُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ هَذِهِ لَمُوعِظَةٌ مُودِعٌ فَمَاذَا تَعْنِدُ الْبَيْتَا قَالَ " قَدْ تَرَكْتُكُمْ عَلَى الْبَيْضَاءِ لَيْلَهَا كَنَهَارُهَا لَا يَزِيغُ عَنْهَا بَغْيِي إِلَّا هَذَاكَ مَنْ يَعِشْ مِنْكُمْ فَسَيَزِي أَخْبِلًا كَثِيرًا فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا عَرَفْتُمْ مِنْ سُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ غَضُّوا عَلَيْهَا بِالنَّوَاجِذِ ...

It was narrated from 'Abdur-Rahman bin 'Amr As-Sulami that:He heard Al-'Irbad bin Sariyah say: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) delivered a moving speech to us which made our eyes flow with tears and made our hearts melt. We said: 'O Messenger of Allah. This is a speech of farewell. What did you enjoin upon us?' He said: 'I am leaving you upon a (path of) brightness whose night is like its day. No one will deviate from it after I am gone except that he is doomed and will be led to destruction. Whoever among you lives after me will see great conflict.....and I urge you to adhere to what you know of my Sunnah and the path of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs, and cling stubbornly to it..."

The Prophet Muhammad was deeply concerned about us brothers and sisters.....He was thinking about you, your children, your parents, your relatives and his ummah over 1400 years ago.... We were on his mind..... He was deeply concerned about our guidance and making sure that we acquire everything that we need in our worldly affairs as well as our religious affairs.

He was more merciful, kind, gentle and understanding than our parents were with us when they raised us.

عن أبي هريرة، قال قال رسول الله - ﷺ - " إِنَّمَا أَنَا لَكُمْ مِثْلُ الْوَالِدِ لِوَالِدِهِ

It was narrated that Abu Hurairah said: "The Messenger of Allah said: 'I am to you like a father to his son, and I teach you....'

For this reason, his rights, his honor, his dignity, his respect is given priority over any other human being in our lives.....and that none of us truly believe until he and his sunnah is more beloved to us than anything else in our lives....as Anas ibn Malik narrated from the Messenger..

عن أنس بن مالك، قال قال رسول الله ﷺ " لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَلَدِهِ وَوَالِدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ " .

"None of you have complete faith until I am more beloved to you than your child, your father and all people."

On one occasion the Prophet Muhammad Umar ibn Al Khattab were holding hands....

قَالَ كُنَّا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ وَهُوَ أَخَذَ بِيَدِي عُمَرُ بْنُ الْخَطَّابِ فَقَالَ لَهُ عُمَرُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَأَنْتَ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا مِنْ نَفْسِي. فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ " لَا وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ نَفْسِكَ " . فَقَالَ لَهُ عُمَرُ فَإِنَّهُ الْآنَ وَاللَّهِ لَأَنْتَ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ نَفْسِي. فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ " الْآنَ يَا عُمَرُ " .

Umar said to Him, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! You are dearer to me than everything except my own self." The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete faith) till I am dearer to you than your own self." Then Umar said to him, "However, now, by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self." The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Now, O Umar, (now you are a believer).

This is why it is obligatory upon us and all members of the Muslim ummah to have complete love for the prophet Muhammad, sincere belief in him, true respect of him and true honor of him and his sunnah. He did everything in his power to save us from the hellfire and guide us to the straight path, but many of us don't realize this....Abu Hurairah tell us what he heard from Allah's messenger saying:

قال أبو هريرة - رضى الله عنه - أنه سمع رسول الله ﷺ يقول " إِنَّمَا مِثْلِي وَمِثْلُ النَّاسِ كَمِثْلِي رَجُلٍ اسْتَوْقَدَ نَارًا، فَلَمَّا أَضَاءَتْ مَا حَوْلَهُ جَعَلَ الْفَرَاشُ وَهَذِهِ الدَّوَابُّ الَّتِي تَقَعُ فِي النَّارِ يَقَعْنَ فِيهَا، فَجَعَلَ يَنْزِعُهُنَّ وَيَطْلِبُنَّهُ فَيَقْتَحِمْنَ فِيهَا، فَأَنَا أَخَذُ بِحُجَزِكُمْ عَنِ النَّارِ، وَأَنْتُمْ تَقْتَحِمُونَ فِيهَا " .

I heard Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) saying, "My example and the example of the people is that of a man who made a fire, and when it lighted what was around it, Moths and other insects started falling into the fire. The man tried (his best) to prevent them from falling in the fire but they overpowered him and rushed into the fire. The Prophet (ﷺ) added: Now, similarly, I take hold of the knots at your waist (belts) to prevent you from falling into the Fire, but you insist on falling into it."

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The Prophet showed us the correct guidance, he explained to us how to worship Allah, how to please Allah, how to satisfy Allah, there is no way to get closer to Allah, except by the way the Prophet Muhammad did..... but unfortunately we think that some other type of guidance is better...we think we know how to worship Allah better than the Prophet Muhammad, we think that the ways and customs of the non Muslim are better than the sunnah of the prophet Muhammad.

Brothers and sisters in Islam.....The one who studies and looks into the biography of the life of the Prophet Muhammad will come to realize and understand how much the Prophet sacrificed for you and me, how much he loved all of us, and how much he hoped and wished to see all of us today. He really hoped to see what will be the condition of his ummah after his death...and what we've done with his teachings. The Prophet Muhammad loved all of you so much, that he used to ask Allah to help us and aid us....But how are we showing our appreciation for that love he had for us....

He used to supplicate to Allah for us in every prayer:

عن أم المؤمنين عائشة رضي الله عنها قالت: (لما رأيت من النبي ﷺ طيب نفس، قلت: يا رسول الله! ادع الله لي، فقال: (اللهم اغفر لعائشة ما تقدم من ذنبها وما تأخر، وما أسررت وما أعلنت)، فضحكت عائشة رضي الله عنها حتى سقط رأسها في حجرها من الضحك، فقال لها رسول الله ﷺ: (أيسرك دعوتي؟) فقالت: وما لي لا يسرنني دعائك؟ فقال ﷺ: (والله إنها لدعوتي لأمتي في كل صلاة) رواه ابن حبان وحسنه الألباني في السلسلة.

Aishiah reported saying: When I saw the messenger was feeling good I said to him: O Messenger of Allah: Make supplication to Allah for me. So the Prophet Supplcated to Allah saying: "O Allah, please forgive Aishiah, her previous sins and her sins to come after, and the sins that are hidden and the sins that are apparent". Then Aishiah laughed until her she put her head down out of joy and bliss. Then the messenger asked her: "Are you delighted about the supplication I made for you?" She said: "Why would I not be happy about the supplication you made for me?" Then he said: "By Allah I supplicate for my ummah in every prayer."

In another hadith we find that the Prophet used to cry and shed tears for us and supplicate to Allah for us :

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ الْعَاصِ، أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ تَلَا قَوْلَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿ رَبِّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ كَثِيرًا مِنَ النَّاسِ فَمَنْ تَبِعَنِي فَإِنَّهُ مِنِّي ﴾ الآية . وَقَالَ عَيْسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ﴿ إِنْ تُعَذِّبُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ عِبَادُكَ وَإِنْ تُغْفِرْ لَهُمْ فَإِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴾ فَرَفَعَ يَدَيْهِ وَقَالَ " اللَّهُمَّ أُمَّتِي أُمَّتِي " . وَبَكَى فَقَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَا جِبْرِيلُ اذْهَبْ إِلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَرَبِّكَ أَعْلَمُ فَسَلَّهُ مَا يُبْكِيكَ فَأَتَاهُ جِبْرِيلُ - عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ - فَسَأَلَهُ فَأَخْبَرَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ بِمَا قَالَ . وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ . فَقَالَ اللَّهُ يَا جِبْرِيلُ اذْهَبْ إِلَى مُحَمَّدٍ فَقُلْ إِنَّا سَنُرْضِيكَ فِي أُمَّتِكَ وَلَا نَسُوؤُكَ .

قال النووي: "هذا الحديث مشتمل على أنواع من الفوائد، منها: بيان كمال شفقة النبي ﷺ على أمته واعتناؤه بمصالحهم، واهتمامه بأمرهم

Abdullah b. Amr b. al-'As reported: Verily the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) recited the words of Allah, the Great and Glorious, that Ibrahim uttered. "My Lord! lo! they have led many of mankind astray:" But whoso follow me, he verily is of me" (al-Qur'an, xiv. 35) and Jesus (peace be upon

him) said: "If thou punish them, then indeed they are your servants, and if you forgive them- then verily you are the Mighty, the Wise" (al-Qur'an, v 117). Then he raised his hands and said: "O Lord, my Ummah, my Ummah, and wept....

Servants of Allah.....the Prophet Muhammad cried for you and me, he shed tears for you and me, he raised his hands in supplication to Allah for you and me ...the prophet Muhammad supplicated to Allah for every one of us here in this masjid, the Prophet Muhammad invoked Allah for every Muslim that has ever set foot on the face of this earth.... But what have we done for him, what have we done to convey his message, what have we done to share and practice his sunnah????

And from Allah's grace and mercy is that He's granted every Prophet everything they've asked for, and every other Prophet besides our Prophet Muhammad was given whatever they asked for already, but our beloved Prophet Muhammad saved his supplications for us, he saved his supplications to benefit us in the hereafter on the day of Resurrection, he saved his supplication to intercede for us on the day of resurrection when we will need it the most.....

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ " لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ دَعْوَةٌ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ يَدْعُو بِهَا فَيَسْتَجَابُ لَهُ فَيُؤْتَاهَا وَإِنِّي الْخَتِيبَاتُ دَعْوَتِي شَفَاعَةٌ لِأُمَّتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ " .

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Every Messenger is endowed with a supplication that is granted by Allah and by which he would (pray to his Lord) and it would he granted for him. I have, however, reserved my prayer for the intercession of my Umma on the Day of Resurrection."

He's saved the reward of his prayer and supplication for you and me brothers and sisters, he saved the answering of his supplication for your children, your mother and father, he's reserved it because he loves us and he loves his ummah...

When many of the previous prophets stand before Allah on the day of Resurrection, they will all refer to the Prophet Muhammad as he is the best and last of all prophets and messengers....and he will be thinking about us, he will ask Allah to help us, he will ask Allah to enter us into the Paradise...

قَالَ قَائِلُونَ مُحَمَّدًا فَيَقُولُونَ يَا مُحَمَّدُ أَنْتَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَهَذَا غُفْرٌ لَكَ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِكَ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ اسْتَفْعَ لَنَا إِلَى رَبِّكَ أَلَا تَرَى مَا نَحْنُ فِيهِ فَأَنْطَلِقُ فَأَتِي تَحْتَ الْعَرْشِ فَأَجْرُ سَاجِدًا لِرَبِّي ثُمَّ يَفْتَحُ اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مِنْ مَخَابِدِهِ وَحُسْنِ النَّدَاءِ عَلَيْهِ شَيْئًا لَمْ يَفْتَحْهُ عَلَى أَحَدٍ قَبْلِي ثُمَّ يُقَالُ يَا مُحَمَّدُ ارْفَعْ رَأْسَكَ سَلْ نِعْمَتَهُ وَاسْتَفْعَ تَشْفَعُ . فَأَرْفَعُ رَأْسِي فَأَقُولُ يَا رَبِّ أُمَّتِي يَا رَبِّ أُمَّتِي . فَيَقُولُ يَا مُحَمَّدُ ادْخُلْ مِنْ أُمَّتِكَ مَنْ لَا حِسَابَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْبَابِ الْأَيْمَنِ مِنَ الْبَابِ الْجَنَّةِ وَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ النَّاسِ فِيمَا سِوَى ذَلِكَ مِنَ الْأَبْوَابِ ...رواه البخاري

They will go to Muhammad(s.a.w) and they say: "O Muhammad! You are the Messenger of Allah and the last of the Prophets, and your past and future sins have been pardoned. Will you not intercede for us with your Lord, don't you see what has happened to us?" Then I will depart until I come to under the Throne to fall prostrating before my Lord. Then Allah will guide me to such praises and beautiful statements of glorification which He did not guide anyone to before me.

Then He will say: "O Muhammad! Raise your head. Ask, so that you may be granted and intercede so that your intercession may be accepted." I will raise my head and say: "O Lord! My Ummah! O Lord! My Ummah! O Lord! My Ummah!" He will say: "O Muhammad! Let those of your Ummah who have no accounts enter the gate on the right among the gates of Paradise, and they shall share in the gates other than that with the people."

How many of us will have no accounts with Allah on that day...take account of yourselves brothers and sisters before your taking account of by Allah on the day of Resurrection.....

Brothers and sisters....Our beloved Prophet Muhammad lived for his ummah, sacrificed everything he owned for his ummah, his health, his body, his mind and his family and everything that was dear to him...for me and you...for your children, for your parents, for your grandparents, for your future offspring.... He walked to Taif and got pelted by stones, until blood was gushing in his shoes for our sake...he lost his front teeth in the battle of Uhud for our sake, his uncle Hamza was killed for our sake, animal intestines were thrown upon him while he was praying to Allah for our sake, he was poisoned and harmed by disbelievers for our sake, he carried the heavy responsibility of conveying Allah's message to mankind for our sake....may Allah's peace be upon him... he lived and died for our sake brothers and sisters...he was truly a mercy and blessing to mankind.....What have we done to fulfill the amanah to convey his teachings and carry his sunnah? Have we embraced the Prophet' Sunnah into our lives or have we thrown it behind our backs.....?

أقول قولي هذا استغفر الله لي ولكم إنه هو الغفور الرحيم

Second Khutbah....

أيها الإخوة والأخوات..... ما موقفكم من سنة نبيكم محمدًا؟..... هل عظمتوه حق التعظيم..... هل أحترمتم سنته حق الاحترام..... هل عملتم بسنته.... هل اقتديتم بهديه..... النبي هو الذي طرد من بلده لأجلك أنت، وأوذي من أجلك أنت، وبكى من أجلك أنت، وضرب من أجلك أنت، وسفك دمانه من أجلك أنت، وكسر أسنانه من أجلك أنت، وقاتل في سبيل الله من أجلك أنت، وأصابه الجوع والعطش من أجلك أنت، ودعا الله تعالى من أجلكم أنتم أيها المسلمون..... أين أنتم من هذا... أين أنتم من هذه التضحية..... فما موقفكم من سنته.... أين أنت الذي تدعي محبته ﷺ... وأنت تستحي من سنته، وتستحي أن تُظهر السنة، وتخجل أن يقولون الناس عنك: ماذا تفعل أنت؟ نخجل أن نطلق لساننا ونقصر ثيابنا وبنطلوننا، ونخجل أن نمشي كمشيته، ونقول كمقولته، ونستحي من حفظ كلامه ونشره بين الناس.... ونستحي ونخجل أن نصفه فيما بيننا أو بين الكفار أو حتى نذكر اسمه الشريف عليه الصلاة والسلام بين الناس، ونخجل من الدعوة كما كان يدعو إلى الله، ونخجل أن ندعو الناس إلى اتباع سنته، ونخجل من سنة رسول الله الذي كاد أن يُقتل تكررًا و مرارًا من أجلكم أنتم، ولمَّا أراد أن يغادر الدنيا قيل: ما يبكيك يا رسول الله؟ قال " وِدِدْتُ أَنَا قَدْ رَأَيْتُنَا إِخْوَانًا " . قَالُوا الصَّحَابَةُ..... يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَوْلَسْنَا إِخْوَانَكَ قَالَ " أَنْتُمْ أَصْحَابِي وَإِخْوَانِي الَّذِينَ يَأْتُونَ مِنْ بَغْدِي

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Brother and sisters in faith.....our beloved messenger sacrificed everything for his ummah....He called us his brothers....even though he didn't get to meet us or speak to us or listen to us... he wished dearly that he could have seen us. He wished and hoped that he could see us today in 2018- 1440 years after his hijrah...he wished he could see us praying, and fasting, and giving zakat, and making hajj, and practicing his sunnah....

However, brothers and sisters we need to be real and ask ourselves.....what would the Prophet Muhammad say if he saw us today??? What would he think about the Muslims here in the USA today? What would he think about the Muslims in the rest of the Muslim world today? What would he think about our masajid today? What would he think about how we treat our families today? What would he think about us and how we have believed in him, how we honor him, how we respect him and how we respect his sunnah?

My dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Islam....where do we stand from everything that the Prophet Muhammad did for us? How can we repay him....The Prophet Muhammad was exiled from Makkah for our sake, he was harmed time after time for our sake, he cried continuously for our sake, he was hit with stones for our sake, his blood was spilled for our sake, his teeth were broken for our sake, he fought for the sake of Allah for the sake of you and me, he tied rocks around his stomach and didn't eat cooked meals for days for our sake, he supplicated to Allah for you and me.....

So what have we done for him...what have we don't to repay him or thank him or show him our appreciation????

What would the prophet Muhammad say if he saw us today...and saw how many of us are shy of practicing his sunnah, we're embarrassed to implement his sunnah into our lives, we're scared of what the people are going to say about us: What are you doing? We're worried that people will make fun of us if we practice his sunnah.... We're shy to let our beards grow out of fear of what people will say....., we're embarrassed to roll up our pants because we're worried about what people will think about us, we're afraid to spend some time to memorize the Quran or memorize his sunnah because we think we're too old, we're shy to mention his statements because we think people will label us as extremists, we're shy to mention his name or his sunnah amongst our brothers and sisters and even amongst the non-Muslims...because we're scared or worried about being ridicule....we're afraid to name our children Muhammad because we're worried about what non-Muslims will say.....we're scared and afraid to convey his message and give dawah how he used to give dawah...we're embarrassed to call people to follow his sunnah....we're afraid and worried about practicing and teaching his sunnah, the sunnah that the Prophet Muhammad almost died for, the sunnah that he was almost killed for on several occasions because of you and me...he almost died for our sake....he was almost murdered and tortured...for our sake.... so that we would know how to worship Allah.....and When he was ready to leave this dunya and go back to Allah what did he say....what was his wish and hope for his ummah...? What was his desire...who was he thinking about.....He was thinking about you and me brothers and sisters.....he wished that he could see us, he wished that he could talk with us and be with us...he called us his brothers.....

On one occasion The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) went to the (Baqi') cemetery in Al Madinah and said, "May you be secured from punishment, O dwellers of abode of the believers! We, if Allah wills, will follow you. I wish we see my brothers." The Companions said, "O Messenger of Allah!

Are not we your brothers?" He (ﷺ) said, "You are my Companions, but my brothers are those who have not come into the world yet."

His brothers are you and me, his brothers are those sitting here in this masjid...his brothers are those who are his followers until the day of resurrection....

He wished he could have seen us...He wished he could have spent time with us.....

كان يتمنى أن يراكم أيها المسلمون!!! فكيف يكون أن يرانا وقد رمينا سنته تحت أقدامنا، ورمينا سنته خلف ظهورنا، نجعل من فعلها بين الناس...المسلم وغير المسلم، ونجعل من مدحها أمام الناس، ننزين ونتجمل بسنن الكفار، ونرى أنها أجمل في قلوبنا وأعظم في أعيننا من سنة محمد.

What would be the Prophet Muhammad's reaction if he saw us today, when we've thrown his sunnah away, we've ignored his sunnah, we're disregarded his sunnah and we're embarrassed and afraid to practice it around other people....what would he say when he sees us adorning ourselves and beautifying ourselves with the sunnah of the kuffar, the ways of the polytheists, what would he say when he hears us speaking and we're praising the sunnah of the kuffar and how it is better and more beloved to us than the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad....

Brothers and sisters in islam...now is the time to renew your faith in the Prophet Muhammad, take account of your stance with the Sunnah and how you practice it in your lives.....

Our prophet Muhammad delivered a sermon one day and told his companions about what will happen on the day of resurrection and then he asked Allah about us, the Prophet Muhammad asked Allah about you and me...what an honor to know that our prophet asked about us and cared about us and was really concerned about us and our affairs.....

عن ابن عباس - رضى الله عنهما - قال خطب رسول الله ﷺ فقال " يا أيها الناس إنكم محشورون إلى الله حفاة غرلا - ثم قال - {كما بدأنا أول خلق نعيده وعدا علينا إنا كنا فاعلين} إلى آخر الآية - ثم قال - ألا وإن أول الخلق يكسى يوم القيامة إبراهيم، ألا وإنه يجاء برجال من أمتي فيؤخذ بهم ذات الشمال، فأقول يا رب أصحابي. فيقال إنك لا تدري ما أخذوا بعذك. فأقول كما قال العبد الصالح {وكننت عليهم شهيدا ما دمت فيهم قلما توفيتني كنت أنت الرقيب عليهم} فيقال إن هؤلاء لم يزالوا مرتدين على أعقابهم منذ فارقتهم ".

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) delivered a sermon and said, "O people! You will be gathered before Allah barefooted, naked and not circumcised." Then (quoting Qur'an) he said:-- "As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it. A promise We have undertaken: Truly we shall do it." (21.104) The Prophet (ﷺ) then said, "The first of the human beings to be dressed on the Day of Resurrection, will be Abraham. Lo! Some men from my followers will be brought and then (the angels) will drive them to the left side (Hell-Fire). I will say. 'O my Lord! (They are) my companions!' Then a reply will come (from Almighty), 'You do not know what they did after you.' I will say as the pious slave (the Prophet (ﷺ) Jesus) said: And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them. When You took me up. You were the Watcher over them and You are a Witness to all things.' (5.117) Then it will be said, "These people have continued to be apostates since you left them."

May Allah aid us to hold tightly onto the Prophet Muhammad's sunnah....in this hadith we see that there will be many individuals who have left the deen of Islam, because of their abandonment of the Sunnah....those who've introduced new practices and beliefs into the religion...There were some who tried to introduce new practices in the religion during the time of the Prophet Muhammad and listen to what he said:

أَخْبَرَنَا حُمَيْدُ بْنُ أَبِي حُمَيْدٍ الطَّوِيلُ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ أَنَسَ بْنَ مَالِكٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - يَقُولُ جَاءَ ثَلَاثَةٌ رَهْطٍ إِلَى بُيُوتِ أَزْوَاجِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ يَسْأَلُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَةِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ فَلَمَّا أُخْبِرُوا كَانَتْهُمْ نِقَالُوهَا فَقَالُوا وَأَيْنَ نَحْنُ مِنَ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَدْ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ. قَالَ أَحَدُهُمْ أَمَا أَنَا فَإِنِّي أَصَلِّي اللَّيْلَ أَبَدًا. وَقَالَ آخَرُ أَنَا أَصُومُ الدَّهْرَ وَلَا أَفْطِرُ. وَقَالَ آخَرُ أَنَا أَعْتَزِلُ النِّسَاءَ فَلَا أَتَزَوَّجُ أَبَدًا. فَجَاءَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَقَالَ " أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ قُلْتُمْ كَذَا وَكَذَا أَمَا وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لِأَخْشَاكُمْ لِلَّهِ وَأَتَقَاكُمْ لَهُ، لِكَيْيَ أَصُومُ وَأَفْطِرُ، وَأُصَلِّي وَأَرْفُدُ وَأَتَزَوَّجُ النِّسَاءَ، فَمَنْ رَغِبَ عَنْ سُنَّتِي فَلَيْسَ مِنِّي ".

Narrated Anas bin Malik: A group of three men came to the houses of the wives of the Prophet (ﷺ) asking how the Prophet (ﷺ) worshipped (Allah), and when they were informed about that, they considered their worship insufficient and said, "Where are we from the Prophet (ﷺ) as his past and future sins have been forgiven." Then one of them said, "I will offer the prayer throughout the night forever and never sleep." The other said, "I will fast throughout the year and will never break my fast." The third said, "I will keep away from the women and will not marry forever." Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came to them and said, "Are you the same people who said so-and-so? By Allah, I am more submissive to Allah and more afraid of Him than you; yet I fast and break my fast, I do sleep and I also marry women. So he who does not follow my sunnah, is not from me and not one of my followers.

They're not from his followers, they're not his true brothers, those who do not follow the Prophet's Sunnah is free from the Messenger....May Allah make us from the Prophet Muhammad's followers, in our masajid, in our homes, in our places of work, in our schools, in our businesses...wherever we are ya rabb al aalimeen.

So the only way we can be from amongst the followers of Muhammad brothers is by following his sunnah and abandoning the newly invented affairs in the religion as the prophet Muhammad used to remind his ummah and his followers every friday:

إِنَّ أَسَدَ الْوَحْيِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ وَأَحْسَنَ الْهُدَى هُدَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُخَدَّنَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُخَدَّنَةٍ بَدْعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بَدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ وَكُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

The best of speech is the Book of Allah and best of guidance is the guidance of Muhammad. The worst of things are those that are newly invented into the religion; every newly-invented thing is an innovation and every innovation is going astray, and every going astray is in the Fire.¹

O Allah aid us...in getting back to following your Prophet's Sunnah, open up our hearts and eyes and ears to realize that the best of ways, traditions, practices and customs are those of your beloved Messenger Muhammad...O Allah help us because many of us have continuously been abandoning the sunnah of your messenger and your teachings from the quran, we've abandoned recitation of the Quran and reading of your messengers Sunnah...O Allah aid us and

guide us to realize that the sunan of the disbelievers contains nothing good for us, and the Sunnah of the Prophet contains all good for us in this world and the next.

So hold tight unto the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet Muhammad....hold fast to his teachings....open the books of the Sunnah, read the books of his seerah....learn more about his Sunnah, because within his Sunnah is all the guidance we need to live a happy, blessed and fruitful life....and never abandon his sunnah, never think or believe that you, or some sheikh or some scholar or some Imam knows better than the Prophet Muhammad or has a better sunnah than the Prophet Muhammad...Follow the ways of the messenger Muhammad ibn Abdillah and abandon the ways and the sunan of the kuffar....

May Allah save us and save our families and revive the love of the Prophet Muhammad's sunnah into our lives....

And May Allah enable us to truly love the Prophet Muhammad, respect him, honor him and practice his sunnah wherever we are....

Brother Abdul salam asks us to make dua for his daughter
and Brother Saad's parents and Brother Mustafa's
may Alla care all of our brothers and sisters

Brothers and sisters in Islam...from the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad is to give charity and spend from the money and wealth that Allah has blessed us with....If we want Allah to guide us, and love us and we want to increase in righteousness and piety, then we can never attain true righteousness except by spending from the wealth that Allah has given us as Allah says:

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ - 3:92

Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it.

Allah calls out to the believers telling us to spend from the wealth Allah has given you, before it's too late, before you die and go to your graves....

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمْ يَوْمَ لَا يَبِيعُ فِيهِ وَلَا خَلَّةٌ وَلَا شَفَاعَةٌ وَالْكَافِرُونَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

Let's show Allah and his messenger that we really love him, that we really believe in him and that we believe in this statements about the virtues of giving charity...Whatever you give from the halaal earnings you've been blessed with, Allah himself will take that charity with his right hand and make it grow and increase more and more until it becomes as big as a large mountain, as our Prophet told us:

" مَنْ تَصَدَّقَ بِعَدَلٍ تَمْرَةٍ مِنْ كَنْسَبِ طَيْبٍ، وَلَا يَصْنَعُ إِلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا الطَّيِّبَ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَقْبَلُهَا بِيَمِينِهِ، ثُمَّ يُرَبِّعُهَا لِصَاحِبِهِ كَمَا يُرَبِّي أَحَدَكُمْ فَلَوْهَ، حَتَّى تَكُونَ مِثْلَ الْجَبَلِ "

Brothers and sisters...Every morning that you wake up did you know that there are two angels at your bedside waiting to see what your going to spend for the sake of Allah today?...as our beloved prophet told us:

" مَا مِنْ يَوْمٍ يُصْبِحُ الْعِبَادُ فِيهِ إِلَّا مَلَكَانِ يَنْزِلَانِ فَيَقُولُ أَحَدُهُمَا اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُنْفِقًا خَلْفًا، وَيَقُولُ الْآخَرُ اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِ مُمْسِكًا تَلْفًا "

Every day that the servants of Allah get up in the morning, they are visited by two angels. One of them says: O Allah, give the one who spends for the sake of Allah more wealth, and the other angel says: O Allah, bring destruction to one who withholds their wealth.

So donate generously brothers and sisters to the community here, this is your masjid, this is your school, we're here to serve you, let's work together to build our community here in Harrisburg and make it one that follows the sunnah of Muhammad.....

إن الله وملائكته يصلون على النبي....

والحمد لله رب العالمين