

### الْخُطْبَةُ الْأُولَى

**عِبَادَ اللَّهِ،** إِنَّ الْمُبَادَرَةَ بِالْإِمْتِنَانِ لِأَمْرِ اللَّهِ، مَنِهْجُ الْعُقَلَاءِ وَسُلُوكُ الْأَتْقِيَاءِ، وَعَلَامَةُ الصُّلَحَاءِ، وَقَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ ﴾ [البقرة: 148] أَيْ: فَعَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَبْتَدِرُوهَا اغْتِنَامًا لِلْفُرْصِ، وَكَسْبًا لِلْأَجْرِ؛ وَقَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ وَفِي ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ الْمُتَنَافِسُونَ ﴾ [المطففين: 26] فَالْمُسَارَعَةُ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ مَنِهْجٌ قَوِيمٌ، وَأَسْتِجَابَةٌ لِأَمْرِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، ﴿ وَسَارِعُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ﴾ [آل عمران: 133]؛ فَفِي هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ حَثٌّ عَلَى الْمُسَارَعَةِ فِي آدَاءِ الْفَرَائِضِ، وَلَا إِذْرَاكَ تَكْبِيرَةَ الْإِحْرَامِ، وَإِلَى التَّوْبَةِ. وَلِذَا حَكَى اللَّهُ عَنْ مُوسَى قَوْلَهُ: ﴿ وَعَجِلْتُ إِلَيْكَ رَبِّ لِتَرْضَى ﴾ [طه: 84]. لَقَدْ أَتَتْ عَجَلَتُهُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِلَى أَمْرِ مَحْمُودٍ شَوْقًا لِلِقَاءِ رَبِّهِ، فَمَا أَعَذَبَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ: ﴿ وَعَجِلْتُ إِلَيْكَ رَبِّ لِتَرْضَى ﴾ [طه: 84]. وَوَصَفَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الْمُتَّقِينَ بِأَنَّهُمْ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَتَسَابِقُونَ إِلَى فِعْلِهَا، قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ أُولَئِكَ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَهُمْ لَهَا سَابِقُونَ ﴾ [المؤمنون: 61]

وَضَرَبَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَرْوَعَ الْأَمْثَلَةَ فِي الْمُسَارَعَةِ وَالْمُبَادَرَةِ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ، وَعَدِمَ تَسْوِيفِ الْمُسَابَقَةِ إِلَيْهِ، فَعَنْ عُقَيْبَةَ، قَالَ: صَلَّيْتُ وَرَاءَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِالْمَدِينَةِ الْعَصْرَ، فَسَلَّمَ، ثُمَّ قَامَ مُسْرِعًا، فَتَخَطَّى رِقَابَ النَّاسِ إِلَى بَعْضِ حُجَرِ نِسَائِهِ، فَفَزَعَ النَّاسُ مِنْ سُرْعَتِهِ، فَخَرَجَ عَلَيْهِمْ، فَرَأَى أَنَّهُمْ عَجِبُوا مِنْ سُرْعَتِهِ، فَقَالَ: (( ذَكَرْتُ شَيْئًا مِنْ تَبْرِ عُنْدَنَا، فَكْرَهْتُ أَنْ يَحْبِسَنِي، فَأَمَرْتُ بِقِسْمَتِهِ )) رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ فِي صَحِيحِهِ. فَانْظُرْ إِلَى مُسَارَعَتِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِالْإِنْفَاقِ.

لماذا بادر النبي بالانفاق.... لأنه عرف ~~كما قال~~

الْأَكْثَرُونَ هُمُ الْأَسْفَلُونَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِلَّا مَنْ قَالَ بِالْمَالِ هَكَذَا وَهَكَذَا وَكَسَبَهُ مِنْ طَيِّبٍ .

Servants of Allah, taking initiative to be obedient to Allah's commandments is the sound and upright way of all intellectuals and all of those who truly are conscious of their Lord and creator, and the sign of those who love to rectify people, places and things. Taking initiative to do good is the best way of life to live. The best of things that one can take initiative in doing is



worshipping Allah alone and fulfilling the rights that Allah has upon them, and establishing the fundamentals of the religion of Islam. True believers are those who compete with others in doing good, righteous, wholesome deeds that Allah is pleased with.

Allah tells us in numerous verses in the Quran about rushing and taking initiative to do good deeds, one of the best and most beautiful of them is what Allah relates to us that our Prophet Musa said: "I've rushed/hastened to you O Allah, seeking your pleasure"...

How many of us are rushing to work, rushing home, rushing to acquire more customers, patients, real estate, cars, whatever it is from amongst the worldly affairs....And how many of us are rushing and hastening to the masjid, to praying our prayers on time, rushing to help our brothers before they ask us for help, rushing to give charity before people ask of us, rushing to give dawah before the opportunity passes us by....if we're rushing for the worldly things more than we are rushing for seeking Allah's pleasure, then we need to recalibrate our lives brothers and sisters.....

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad struck a beautiful example of how one should be in regards to taking initiative in doing good deeds, how one should act in hastily in spreading righteousness, and how one should not delay actions of today until tomorrow or delay in doing good deeds. One of the great companions Uqbah said: One day I was praying Asr behind the Prophet Muhammad in al Madinah, then he commenced the prayer. Then he stood up all of a sudden, cut through the rows of the people and ran quickly to the house of his wives. Everyone was startled by his speed and agility. Then he came out to them and saw in their faces that they were amazed with his speed and agility so he said



to them: "I remembered that there was a piece of gold in our house, and I did not want it to distract me from the worship of Allah, so I ordered that it be distributed in charity." It can also mean that this wealth needs to be distributed to the people before I'm asked about it in front of Allah.

Look at how quick the prophet was to remove things from his life that may distract him from the worship of Allah, and how quick he was to give charity and give zakat so that if he met Allah he wouldn't be asked about what he did with his wealth. As he said in an authentic hadith that was narrated by Bukhari, Muslim and others:

"The wealthiest in this world will be the lowest on the Day of Resurrection, except those who do such and such with their money, and earn it from good sources."

Many of the wealthy will be the lowest or the last on the Day of Resurrection because they have so many possessions to be asked about...and some of them because of their greed, or because of hoarding their wealth and not spending it upon their family, their relatives, not paying their zakat, or spending it to build up their communities. They As for those who are wealthy and spend for the sake of Allah, give charity, pay zakat, and use the wealth Allah gave them to establish Allah's religion on the earth... then they will be from the most blessed in this world and the next. May Allah make us from them.



## Second Khutbah

**عِبَادَ اللَّهِ،** لَقَدْ حَثَّ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَصْحَابَهُ عَلَى الْمُبَادَرَةِ، فَقَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ((بَادِرُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ فِتْنًا كَقَطْعِ اللَّيْلِ الْمُظْلِمِ، يُصْبِحُ الرَّجُلُ مُؤْمِنًا وَيُمْسِي كَافِرًا، أَوْ يُمْسِي مُؤْمِنًا وَيُصْبِحُ كَافِرًا، يَبِيعُ دِينَهُ بَعَرَضٍ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا)) رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ. وَالْمَعْنَى: سَابِقُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَاتِ هَذِهِ الْفِتْنِ فَإِنَّهَا إِذَا وَقَعَتْ كَانَ فِيهَا شُغْلٌ شَاغِلٌ عَنِ الْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، فَالْمُبَادَرَةُ الْمُسَارَعَةُ بِادْرَاكِ الشَّيْءِ قَبْلَ فَوَاتِهِ. أَوْ يَدْفَعُهُ قَبْلَ وَقُوعِهِ. فَأَرَادَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْحَثَّ عَلَى الْعَمَلِ الصَّالِحِ قَبْلَ تَعَدُّرِهِ أَوْ تَعَسُّرِهِ بِمَا يَحْدُثُ مِنَ الْفِتَنِ الْمُتْرَاكِمَةِ كَتَرَائِمِ ظِلَامِ اللَّيْلِ. وَقَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ((بَادِرُوا بِالْوَتْرِ قَبْلَ الصُّبْحِ)) رَوَاهُ الْحَاكِمُ وَصَحَّحَهُ. وَقَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ((لَوْ يَعْلَمُ النَّاسُ مَا فِي النِّدَاءِ وَالصَّفِّ الْأَوَّلِ، ثُمَّ لَمْ يَجِدُوا إِلَّا أَنْ يَسْتَهْمُوا لَأَسْتَهَمُوا عَلَيْهِ)) رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ، وَالْمَعْنَى لَوْ عَلِمُوا مَا فِي النِّدَاءِ، وَالصَّفِّ الْأَوَّلِ مِنَ الْفَضِيلَةِ، ثُمَّ حَاوَلُوا الْإِسْتِثْبَاقَ إِلَيْهِ - لَوَجِبَ عَلَيْهِمْ ذَلِكَ.

Servants of Allah, the Prophet Muhammad encouraged his companions and his ummah to rush and take initiative in doing good deeds, as it was narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) observed:

“Rush in doing good deeds (before you are overtaken) by trials and tribulations that will be like a part of the dark night. During (that stormy period) a man would be a Muslim in the morning and an unbeliever in the evening or he would be a believer in the evening and an unbeliever in the morning, and would sell his religion for worldly goods.”

This means that we need to rush to do good deeds before we don't have the opportunity to do so anymore. If the fitan, or trials or tribulations or pre-occupations of one's life takes over, then the individual doesn't have as much time to do good righteous deeds.



We have many examples of this within the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, when he said: 'Rush to pray the witr prayer before Fajr comes in', he also said: 'If the people truly understood the blessings contained in praying in the first row of the congregational prayer, and they had no other way to get their except by drawing lots, then they would draw lots...

وَلَقَدْ كَانَ الصَّحَابَةُ رِضْوَانُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ يَتَسَابِقُونَ فِي الْخَيْرِ فَعَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: أَمَرْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْ نَتَصَدَّقَ فَوَافَقَ ذَلِكَ عِنْدِي مَالًا، فَقُلْتُ: الْيَوْمَ أَسْبِقُ أَبَا بَكْرٍ إِنْ سَبَقْتَهُ يَوْمًا، قَالَ: فَجِئْتُ بِنِصْفِ مَالِي، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ((مَا أَبْقَيْتَ لِأَهْلِكَ؟)) قُلْتُ: مِثْلَهُ، وَأَتَى أَبُو بَكْرٍ بِكُلِّ مَا عِنْدَهُ، فَقَالَ: ((يَا أَبَا بَكْرٍ مَا أَبْقَيْتَ لِأَهْلِكَ؟)) قَالَ: أَبْقَيْتُ لَهُمُ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ، قُلْتُ: لَا أَسْبِقُهُ إِلَى شَيْءٍ أَبَدًا. رَوَاهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ بِسَنَدٍ حَسَنٍ.

The companions of the Prophet Muhammad would always compete in doing good deeds as well as Umar ibn Al Khattab reported that on one day the Prophet ordered the Muslims to give in charity, and on that day I was blessed to have a lot of wealth. So I said to myself: today I will outdue Abu Abu Bakr As Sideeq, if I am ever to outdue him. So I went and brought half of my wealth to the prophet Muhammad and the prophet Muhammad said to me: Umar, what have you left for your family? I replied: I left them the same amount that I brought you here. Then Abu Bakr Sideeq showed up, with a large amount of wealth as well. And the Prophet Muhammad asked him: O Abu Bakr what did you leave behind for your family? He said: I left them Allah and His messenger. Then Umar said: I will never be able to outdue Abu Bakr Sideeq, not matter how hard I try.

What a great example of how the believers used to compete over doing good, how they would encourage each other to do acts that please Allah, how they would support each other, and not try to



hinder good acts from moving forward. This is the attitude we need to have to be able to succeed as an ummah.

وَأَتَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مَنْ سَبَقَ وَبَادَرَ لِدُخُولِ الْإِسْلَامِ، فَقَالَ تَعَالَى :  
 ﴿ وَالسَّابِقُونَ الْأَوَّلُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ  
 رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ  
 فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴾

وَالْمُسَارَعَةَ لِلْخَيْرَاتِ خُلِقَ عَظِيمٌ لَهُ فَوَائِدُ جَمَّةٍ، مِنْهَا قَبُولُ الدُّعَاءِ  
 وَاسْتِجَابَتُهُ، قَالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ وَزَكَرِيَّا إِذْ نَادَى رَبَّهُ رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ  
 الْوَارِثِينَ \* فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ يَحْيَى وَأَصْلَحْنَا لَهُ زَوْجَهُ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا  
 يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رِعَبًا وَرَهَبًا وَكَانُوا لَنَا خَاشِعِينَ ﴾ [الأنبياء:  
 89، 90]، أَي: اسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ، وَرَزَقْنَاهُ يَحْيَى فِي أَفْصَى سِنِّ الْيَاسِ، وَأَصْلَحْنَا  
 لَهُ زَوْجَهُ الْعَقِيمَ، لِأَنَّ أَهْلَ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ كَانُوا يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَلَا  
 يَتَّبِطُونَ عَنْهَا إِذَا مَا حَانَتِ الْفُرْصَةُ لِفِعْلِهَا

From those whom Allah praised and loves, are those who rush to enter into Islam. Allah tells us in the Quran: "

"And the first forerunners [in the faith] among the Muhajireen and the Ansar and those who followed them with good conduct - Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment"

Notice how Allah said the First forerunners in faith...the first ones to believe, those who didn't delay in believing or following the Prophet Muhammad...and this is what we find all throughout this beautiful religion and way of life...

As this is the religion and way of life that Allah ordained for all of mankind. Islam is the light in times of darkness, Islam is peace in times of chaos, Islam is ease in times of difficulties, Islam is the religion that Allah loves and is satisfied with us as practicing.



Those who accept Islam first have virtue of those who accept Islam later, those who pray in the front row are better than those in the second row, those who give salam first are better than those who don't, those who pardon first are better than those who don't...this is how we find our religion..that it encourages us to take initiative to do good and not to hesitate...

From the types of initiative and hastiness that the Muslim should have is the type that the Muslim takes the initiative to do good his or herself, without someone requesting from them to do something good, without someone telling them to worship Allah, pray on time, give zakat, make hajj, be respectful to their parents, give in charity, help the poor...all of these things should be done by the Muslim without anyone commanding them to do so.

Rushing to do good deeds is one of the best types of manners and traits that a Muslim can have, which contains numerous benefits, such as one's supplication being answered, as Allah tells us about prophet Zakariyyah when he used to supplicate to Allah to grant him a son when he reached an old and elderly age, so Allah made his wife who was sterile, fertile and she gave birth to Yahya (john). But why did Allah answer Zakariyyah's supplication, He answered it because him and his family were hasty and rushed to doing good deeds and they would delay doing good deeds whenever the opportunity arised.

Brothers and sisters rushing to do good is not only through praying, and fasting and making hajj and making umrah, and paying zakat...rather good deeds are of various types and various levels....



There are good deeds that benefit the individual alone...such as prayer, fasting, reading Quran...

There are also good deeds that benefit the individual and the community as a whole, and these are the types of good deeds that in many cases contain more rewards and more benefits for the Muslims in this world and the next.

So what can we initiate and do of good deeds here in ICH, in Hagerstown MD:

- Come and pray in congregation...come join us for Friday Lunch, Saturday Night dinner and classes.
- Bring your children to learn and pray
- Take initiative and Organize with other brothers or sisters days to cook and feed the poor in the area
- Take initiative and Organize with other brothers and sisters to have structured educational and fun activities for the youth
- Spend some of your time beautifying your new Islamic center here, whatever way you can.
- Take initiative to participate in dawah activities in and around ICH
- Take initiative to join hearts, hands, bodies and wealth in Hagerstown to take advantage of the economic opportunities here, by purchasing properties and businesses around the masjid so that we can make this city one that the Muslims presence is valued, respected and honored.