

أَمَّا بَعْدُ: أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ: هَا هُوَ شَهْرُ الْخَيْرِ وَالْجُودِ قَدْ رَحَلَ، وَهَا هِيَ لَوْعَةُ الْفِرَاقِ فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الصَّادِقِينَ؛ فَإِنَّهُمْ وَدَّعُوا أَعَزَّ صَاحِبٍ، وَأَعْلَى حَبِيبٍ، وَلَكِنَّ سُلُوكَهُمْ هُوَ رَجَاءُ تَجَدُّدِ اللَّقَاءِ الْمُؤَمَّلِ، وَقَبُولِ الْمَوْلَى -عَزَّ وَجَلَّ- مَا قَدَّمُوا فِيهِ مِنْ صَالِحِ الْقَوْلِ وَالْعَمَلِ.

أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ: مَاذَا بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ؟ سُؤَالَ يَحْتَاجُ إِلَى وَفْقَةٍ تَأْمُلُ وَمُحَاسِبَةٍ؛ فَلَيْسَ مِنْ صِفَاتِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ أَنْ يَتْرُكُوا طَاعَةَ الْجَبَّارِ مَعَ غُرُوبِ شَمْسِ رَمَضَانَ! بَلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الصَّادِقُونَ بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ عَلَى وَجَلٍ وَخَوْفٍ وَشَفَقَةٍ مِنْ أَنْ تَرْفَعَ أَعْمَالُهُمُ الصَّالِحَةَ فَلَا تُقْبَلُ، فَهُمْ يَرْجُونَ اللَّهَ وَيَدْعُونَهُ وَيَسْأَلُونَهُ أَنْ يَقْبَلَ مِنْهُمْ، وَلَقَدْ كَانَ السَّلَفُ الصَّالِحُ يَجْتَهِدُونَ فِي إِكْمَالِ الْعَمَلِ وَإِتْمَامِهِ وَإِتْقَانِهِ ثُمَّ يَهْتَمُونَ بِقَبُولِهِ، وَيَخَافُونَ مِنْ رَدِّهِ، (رَوَى التِّرْمِذِيُّ وَغَيْرُهُ) عَنْ عَائِشَةَ قَالَتْ: "سَأَلْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ -صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ- عَنْ هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ: (وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا آتَوْا وَقُلُوبُهُمْ وَجِلَةٌ أَنَّهُمْ إِلَى رَبِّهِمْ رَاجِعُونَ) [الْمُؤْمِنُونَ: 60]، قَالَتْ عَائِشَةُ: أَهْمُ الَّذِينَ يَشْرَبُونَ الْخَمْرَ، وَيَسْرِفُونَ؟ قَالَ: "لَا، يَا بِنْتَ الصِّدِّيقِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ الَّذِينَ يَصُومُونَ وَيُصَلُّونَ وَيَتَصَدَّقُونَ، وَهُمْ يَخَافُونَ إِلَّا يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُمْ، أَوْلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ ...

قالَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ -رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ-: كُونُوا لِقَبُولِ الْعَمَلِ أَشَدَّ اهْتِمَامًا مِنَ الْعَمَلِ، أَلَمْ تَسْمَعُوا قَوْلَ اللَّهِ -عَزَّ وَجَلَّ-: (إِنَّمَا يَقْبَلُ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْمُتَّقِينَ) [الْمَائِدَةَ: 27]

Brothers and sisters in Islam, our guest has left, Ramadan is gone. The hearts of the believers are saddened, and their hopes are high that Allah accepts from them the deeds they put forth.

So what now believers? What do we do after Ramadan? After fasting for a month? After praying taraweeh for a month? After breaking fast together with family and friends at the mosque daily? After reading Quran daily? A few questions that all of us need to think about.

Be reminded brothers and sisters that it is not from the traits of the Muslims to abandon obedience to Allah after Ramadan. Rather the truthful Muslim is the one who is fearful that his deeds may not have been accepted, and hopeful that his deeds are accepted. We should be supplicating to Allah throughout the whole year to accept from us what we put forth in Ramadan. The righteous predecessors from the companions, the tabi'een and the great Imams used to work very hard to complete their actions of worship in the very best of ways.

On one occasion 'Aishah the wife of the Prophet asked about the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) about this Ayah: And those who give that which they give with their hearts full of fear... (23:60)" 'Aishah said: "Are they those who drink alcohol and steal?" He said: "No, O daughter of As-Siddiq. They are those who fast, perform Salat, give charity while they fear that their Lord will not accept it from them: It is

these who hasten to do good deeds, and they are the foremost of them (23:61)."

Ali ibn Abee Taalib said: "Be more concerned about the acceptance of your deeds, than the deed itself. Didn't you hear what Allah said in the Quran: "Verily Allah only accepts from the pious".

Allah only accepts from the 'Muttaqeen'. Who are the mutaqeen brothers and sisters? What are their traits?

Wasn't our whole Ramadan about increasing in 'Taqwa' and trying to be from the mutaqeen?

يا أيها الذين آمنوا كتب عليكم الصيام كما كتب على الذين من قبلكم لعلكم  
تتقون

The best thing that a truthful Muslim can do is to spend his time asking Allah to accept their deeds and fulfilling the conditions for the acceptance of deeds.

This was the way of the Prophets and Messengers after all of the good deeds they would put forth. After Ibrahim and Ismaa'el built the Kabah, they asked Allah:

وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ ١٢٧

The two conditions for the acceptance of deeds are:

- 1) Doing the action of worship sincerely for Allah alone
- 2) Doing it the exact way that the Prophet Muhammad did it.

Al Ikhlaas and Mutabaa'.

This is the meaning of La ilaha illa Allah Muhammadur Rasullallah.

And what Allah tells us in the Quran:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ۚ

Ahsanu Amala: is the most sincere and the most correct according to the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad.

May Allah accept from all, and make our actions sincere for Him alone and upon the Sunnah of Allah's Messenger.

Second khutbah

Brothers and sisters in Islam, even though Ramadan is gone. Our Lord is still here, our masjid is still here, our Quran is still here, fasting is still here, let's not let all the good deeds we increased in leave with the departing of Ramadan.

We want to be from those whom Allah accepts our deeds, and one way of doing so is by doing continuous actions of worship even if they are small.

Ramadan is gone but we can still read a juz of Quran a day. Ramadan is gone but we can still fast Mondays or Thursdays, or the white days, or three days a month.

Ramadan may be gone but we can still have classes to learn our deen. Ramadan may be gone but we can still pray our night prayers, we can still pray our five obligatory prayers, we can still come to the masjid.

Ramadan is gone and there is still a lot of good deeds we can continue doing.

And brothers and sisters this is from the signs of an accepted Ramadan, that we continue doing good deeds, and we continue abandoning bad habits, impermissible deeds and leave off acts of disobedience to Allah. Please don't revert back to acts of disobedience and sin that we may have been doing before Ramadan, as this may be an indication that our Ramadan was not accepted. Allah knows best. We ask Allah to accept our deeds and enable us to improve as time goes by, and get better. Memorize and learn more Quran, educate ourselves more about our deen, come more to the masjid, pray on time and

pray our voluntary prayers throughout the day and the night.

و صلوا على معلمكم الخير كما أمركم الله بذلك.....