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## **Continue to do good deeds after Ramadan!**

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِيْنُهُ وَنُسْتَهْدِيْهِ، وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَتُوْبُ اِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوْذُ  
بِاللّٰهِ مِنْ شُرُوْر اَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ اَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِيْهِ اللّٰهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ، وَمَنْ  
يُضِلِّلْ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُّرْشِدًا، وَأَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ، اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى رَسُوْلِكَ الْكَرِيْمِ،  
وَعَلَى اٰلِهِ وَصَحَابَتِهِ اَجْمَعِيْنَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ! أُوصِيْكُمْ وَنَفْسِيْ بِتَقْوَى اللّٰهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، فَقَدْ قَالَ

تَعَالَى: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> - سورة آل عمران: ١٠٢



All praise and gratitude be to Allah. We praise Him. We ask righteousness from Him. We also ask Him for guidance and forgiveness of sins. And we ask Allah to protect us from all evil in our souls. I bear witness that there is no God but Allah. And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the servant and Messenger of Allah. O Lord of Creation and Majesty! Peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah. And in this blessing, include his other followers and other companions. Then know! O servants of Allah! I advise you and myself to fear Allah. Allah says: "O you who believe! Fear Allah as He deserves to be feared! And, do not die except while you are Muslims!"

Muslim brothers! The month of Ramadan has left us. However, Allah, the Lord of the month, lives and will never leave us. A perfect believer will never cease to do good deeds. Therefore, we must continue to do good until death. Worshipping Allah is enjoined upon us. Allah says:

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾<sup>2</sup>

"I did not create the jinn and the humans except to worship Me."

Therefore, worship should not be limited to a particular season. Because Allah, the Lord of Ramadan, is the Lord of other months as well. Believers are not required to worship Allah in a particular

month or a season, but they must worship Allah throughout their lives. In some seasons we worship more. The month of Ramadan is such a season. It is to make the maximum use of the season. Muslims continue to worship Allah even after Ramadan is over.

Muslim brothers! Once a Muslim has done a good deed, the most important thing is to ask for the good deed to be accepted from Allah. And to pray to Allah to make him continue to do the good deeds. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

(إِذَا مَاتَ ابْنُ آدَمَ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ، إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثٍ، صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ، أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ،

أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ)<sup>3</sup>

"When a son of Adam dies, his deeds are disconnected from him except for three things: lasting charity, or useful knowledge he leaves, or a righteous son who will pray for him." This statement of the Prophet (peace be upon him) shows us the importance of continuing to do good deeds until death. Because death ends his deeds and the time for divine justice begins.



Muslim brothers! Ramadan left us, making way for the blessings of the six fasts of Shawwal. Therefore, take advantage of this blessing from Allah and get the reward of fasting throughout the year. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

(مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ ثُمَّ أَتْبَعَهُ سِتًّا مِنْ شَوَّالٍ كَانَ كَصِيَامِ الدَّهْرِ)<sup>4</sup>

"Whoever fasts in Ramadan and then fasts for six days in Shawwal is like one who fasts the whole year." If you have been careless in your worship, during Ramadan, this is a golden opportunity. It is a good opportunity to return to Allah with repentance. Because good deeds are an expiation that erases evil.

O brothers who neglected to worship in Ramadan! Repent often and ask forgiveness from Allah. Istighfar is asking forgiveness from Allah. He is the One who accepts repentance and forgives sins. He is more merciful than His wrath, He has decreed mercy for Himself. O you who desire goodness! Make haste for it! His door of mercy is open to anyone who wants to enter through it. Except the one who does not desire it! Don't be such a person!

Muslim Brothers! Think of your deeds during Ramadan! If you had prayed the five daily prayers regularly during Ramadan, then continue to do so. Try to read at least a page daily from the Holy Quran. Do not become like the woman in Mecca, who unravels her yarn

<sup>4</sup> - أخرجه مسلم (١١٦٤)، وأبو داود (٢٤٣٣)، والترمذي (٧٥٩)، والنسائي في «السنن الكبرى» (٢٨٦٢)، وابن ماجه (١٧١٦)، وأحمد (٢٣٥٦١)

after it is firmly spun. If our good deeds are of one time, then what is the difference between our deeds and the woman who unravels her yarn after it is firmly spun? Allah says:

﴿وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزْلَهَا مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ أَنْكَا تَتَّخِذُونَ أَيْمَانَكُمْ دَخَلًا بَيْنَكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونَ أُمَّةٌ هِيَ أَرْبَى مِنْ أُمَّةٍ﴾<sup>5</sup>

“Do not be like the woman who ‘foolishly’ unravels her yarn after it is firmly spun, by taking your oaths as a means of deceiving one another in favour of a stronger group. Surely Allah tests you through this. And on the Day of Judgment, He will certainly make your differences clear to you.”

Muslim brothers! Be active in doing good! Be steadfast in doing good deeds, no matter how little you do! That is the Prophetic methodology. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

(أَحَبُّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى أَدْوَمُهَا، وَإِنْ قَلَّ)

"The most beloved of deeds to Allah are those that are most consistent, even if it is small."

Muslim brothers! We should not think that the previous acts of worship are many. Because if we are proud of ourselves for the good deeds that we have done, and think that they are too many,

they may become invalid. Allah describes in Surah Kahf about the story of two men, what happened to one of them? Allah gave one of them two gardens of grapevines. And He surrounded them by date palms. And He placed between them crops. Nothing was lacking. And He made for him a river to flow between them. He also gave him other wealth. Yet he, speaking to his friend, said proudly. "I am greater than you in wealth and superior in manpower" And he entered his garden, wronging himself. "I do not think this will ever perish, And I do not think the Hour will occur. And even if I should be brought back to my Lord, I will surely find better than this as a return." However, because of these boastful words, Allah destroyed his wealth along with his gardens.

Muslim brothers! If we do good, we must continue to do it. We must not think that heaven is assured by the excellence or abundance of a deed done. Allah says:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَمُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ﴾<sup>6</sup>

"Verily, those who say, "Our Lord is Allah," and then follow the right path, upon them the angels descend. (Saying.) Do not be afraid! And don't regret it! And receive the glad tidings of heaven which





is promised to you!" Who would not have fear and sorrow? Those who say, "Allah is their Lord," and continue to do good.

Muslim brothers! Where is there no fear, no sorrow? Where else but heaven? O Lord of Creation and Majesty! Make us among those who are at peace in this world and the Hereafter. Make us inheritors of Paradise by Your good mercy. Amen!

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ،  
وَادْعُوهُ يَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْبَرُّ الْكَرِيمُ.

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## Second Khutuba

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى إِحْسَانِهِ، وَالشُّكْرُ لَهُ عَلَى تَوْفِيقِهِ وَامْتِنَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ تَعْظِيمًا لِسَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، الدَّاعِي إِلَى رِضْوَانِهِ، صَلَّى  
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى وَرَاقِبُوهُ فِي السِّرِّ وَالْعَلَنِ، وَاجْتَنِبُوا الْفَوَاحِشَ

مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ. فَقَدْ قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى ﴿وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى﴾<sup>7</sup>

Praise and gratitude be to Allah, peace and blessings be upon the Prophet his family, companions and followers, then know! O servants of God! Fear Allah, the Almighty! Obey and submit to His commands and avoid all sins!

Muslim brothers! Do not be sad if you miss an act of worship due to an illness, or a journey, or fatigue, or forgetfulness! Do those acts of worship as soon as possible! The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

(إِذَا مَرَضَ الْعَبْدُ، أَوْ سَافَرَ، كُتِبَ لَهُ مِثْلُ مَا كَانَ يَعْمَلُ مُقِيمًا صَحِيحًا)<sup>8</sup>

"If a person is sick or on a journey, Allah will reward him with the reward of a person who stays in the city in good health." Allah is the One who rewards the person who intends to do a good deed even if it is not done.

Muslim brothers! Let us remember what our ultimate destination is! It is the Heaven, where shelter of fruit trees last forever and where He has made it easy for the inhabitants to pluck the fruits. There are rivers of pure water flowing, springs of milk, drinks that will make the inhabitants happy and satisfied, and springs of pure honey. And there are children among them who serve with vessels of pure silver. They will not hear idle talk there. There are also raised beds, with pillows, and beautiful carpets. There are eight gates. There is a door called ar-Rayyan. Only those who fast can enter through that door. Whoever enters it will live there happily, forever in his youth. This is the Heaven mentioned in the Qur'an and the Heaven described by the Prophet (peace be upon him). If we do not make Heaven



our ultimate destination, then we will be thrown to Hell. It is a burning fiery furnace where people stay chained. It is surrounded by walls of fire. Above them is a layer of fire, and below them is a layer of fire. What a strong fire! A fire that burns and blackens the skin. The Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) explain these stories.

O Lord of Creation and Majesty! Save us from the painful Hell fire and make us inhabitants of Heaven. Make us, those who continue to do good deeds as long as we live! Amen!

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ: ﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾<sup>9</sup>

"Verily, Allah and His angels bless the Prophet. O ye who believe! Seek peace upon him and seek peace upon him often."

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ.

O Lord of Creation and Majesty! Bless the Holy Prophet whom You sent to guide us and his family, companions and followers.

O Lord of Creation and Majesty! Make us those who live the life of this world in the way that pleases You. May we continue to worship and do good deeds even after Ramadan.

O Lord of Creation and Majesty! May you grant peace and tranquility to our country and the rest of the world! May Allah have mercy on the Muslim brothers and sisters who are being persecuted in all parts of the world and save them from their persecution. Make our country prosperous and keep it prosperous! Protect us from dangerous illnesses and diseases! Do not send upon us a general punishment for the sins of the sinners among us. Give guidance, victory and strength to the leaders whom You have chosen to reform our religion and the affairs of this world. Forgive the sins of the dead and the living among us.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَادْعُوهُ يَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ، وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ. وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ.

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