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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ. وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ ¹.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ. ²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly implore all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all His Commands and leaving out all matters that He prohibited. May we be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ adh-Dhaariyaat 51:17-18.

² Aal 'Imran 3:102.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled **"BLESSINGS IN THE LAST THIRD OF THE NIGHT."**

Dear blessed Friday audience,

The reminder for us to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is not merely an introduction for the sermon, but it is the very reminder for our life that awakens the soul. Without *taqwa*, our gathering today on a Friday will only remain as a routine, but with *taqwa* it becomes an *'ibaadah* (worship) that is precious and lofty in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has given us images of His servants that truly have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, whereas they are those that spend a portion of their night to sleep and make *istighfaar* in seeking forgiveness towards the end of the night, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verses 17-18 of Soorah adh-Dhaariyaat:

"They used to sleep but little of the night, and in the hours before dawn they would ask forgiveness."

These verses are not merely the tales of old. It is an invitation for me and fellow congregation to revive moments that are truly valuable in the last third of the night, which is the period where one is the closest to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and also a time where *du'aa* (supplication) is *mustajab* (answered).

Noble Friday audience,

Nighttime has been created as a period for us to rest and regain our energy after working the entire day. That is the *fitrah* (natural disposition). However, the way people manage their nights is very different. Some use the

entire night as a period for resting, slumbering from its beginning until the end. But there are those that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has praised, namely those that took a portion of their night to sleep and sacrifice its remainder to prostrate, supplicate, and beseech Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

In a narration of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

يُنْزِلُ رَبُّنَا تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا، حِينَ يَبْقَى ثُلُثُ اللَّيْلِ الْآخِرِ، فَيَقُولُ: مَنْ يَدْعُونِي فَأَسْتَجِيبَ لَهُ، مَنْ يَسْأَلُنِي فَأُعْطِيَهُ، مَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُنِي فَأَغْفِرَ لَهُ

"Our Lord, the Blessed, the Superior, comes every night down on the nearest Heaven to us when the last third of the night remains, saying: "Is there anyone to invoke Me, so that I may respond to invocation? Is there anyone to ask Me, so that I may grant him his request? Is there anyone seeking My forgiveness, so that I may forgive him?"

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Esteemed Muslims,

This is an offer that never expires, it is not offered only once a year, not once a month, but every single night until the very moment that this earth will perish. How fortunate are the servants of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that have been chosen and given the *tawfeeq* (aid) to wake up and abandon their bed, purify themselves, and stand in front of Him through *qiyaam al-layl* (standing in the night), making *du'aa*, and pleading for the good of this world and the Hereafter. Verily *imaan* (faith) is not just a feeling or wishful thinking.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 9 of Soorah az-Zumar:

أَمَّنْ هُوَ قِنْتُ ءَانَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الْآخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُو رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ.

“Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer], fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, [like one who does not]? Say, “Are those who know equal to those who do not know?” Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding.”

Dear beloved Muslims,

Mankind, from *fitrah*, likes to be looked upon favorably by other people, praised, appreciated, and accepted. However, would it not be sweet if it was Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Himself who evaluated us as good servants. Therefore, let us emulate the practices of the righteous by frequently engaging in *qiyaam al-layl*.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Umaamah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Hold fast to qiyaam al-layl, for it was the custom of the pious before you, it is a means of bringing you near to your Lord, an atonement for evil deeds and a preventative of sin.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

Based on this *hadeeth*, it is clear that reviving the night with *salaah* (prayer), *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), and *munaajah* (intimate conversation

with Allah) is the *sunnah* of the Prophet ﷺ. Moreover, when he ﷺ arrived in Madeenah, among his initial remarks was a call to revive the night. Why? Because the night *'ibaadah* is performed in a serena atmosphere, in a state devoid of disturbance, with no *riyaa*' (showing off), and no attention from other humans. That is the moment where Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* is the closest to His servants. That is the moment where prayers easily penetrate the heavens.

This is the greatest gift from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to His servants who remain awake during the night, even if it is only for a moment. Whoever wakes up, mentions His Name, and then begs for forgiveness or whatever he or she wishes, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* promises acceptance.

Blessed Friday audience,

To end the *khutbah* this time around, let us altogether derive lessons that can be garnered as guidance in our daily lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to increase its *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through external practices such as *qiyaam al-layl* during the last third of the night. This is because the *rahmah* (mercy) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* descends to the worldly heavens during that period to answer all supplications and forgive the sins of His slaves.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must emulate the *saaliheen* (righteous) who embraced *qiyaam al-layl* as their daily practice in expiating their sins and keeping away from disobedience.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must have utmost spirit and determination to arise from slumber in performing 'ibadah during the last third of the night.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا
رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ .

"They arise from [their] beds; they supplicate their Lord in fear and aspiration, and from what We have provided them, they spend."

(Soorah as-Sajdah 32:16)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ، هَدَى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ
فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.³

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ،
وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ، وَاجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ
بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْ أُمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
لِمَا فِيهِ صَلَاحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاه

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلَاحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه
الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدٍ سَلَاطُور، تَغْكُو أَمِير شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'aqeedah of the Muslims upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*. Spare us from all forms of bribery and abuse of power, as well as misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, fitnah and calamity. Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding the Truth according to Your *Sharee'ah*.

O Allah! Protect the Muslim *ummah* and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Preserve them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them steadfastness, strength, and victory.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 2:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.