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***BLESSINGS IN THE LAST
THIRD OF THE NIGHT***

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**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.**

On this glorious day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled...

***BLESSINGS IN THE LAST
THIRD OF THE NIGHT***

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).

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:

***“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)

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:**

***“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.”***

**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 serene 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.

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.

“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)



THE SECOND KHUTBAH



**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, 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*.**



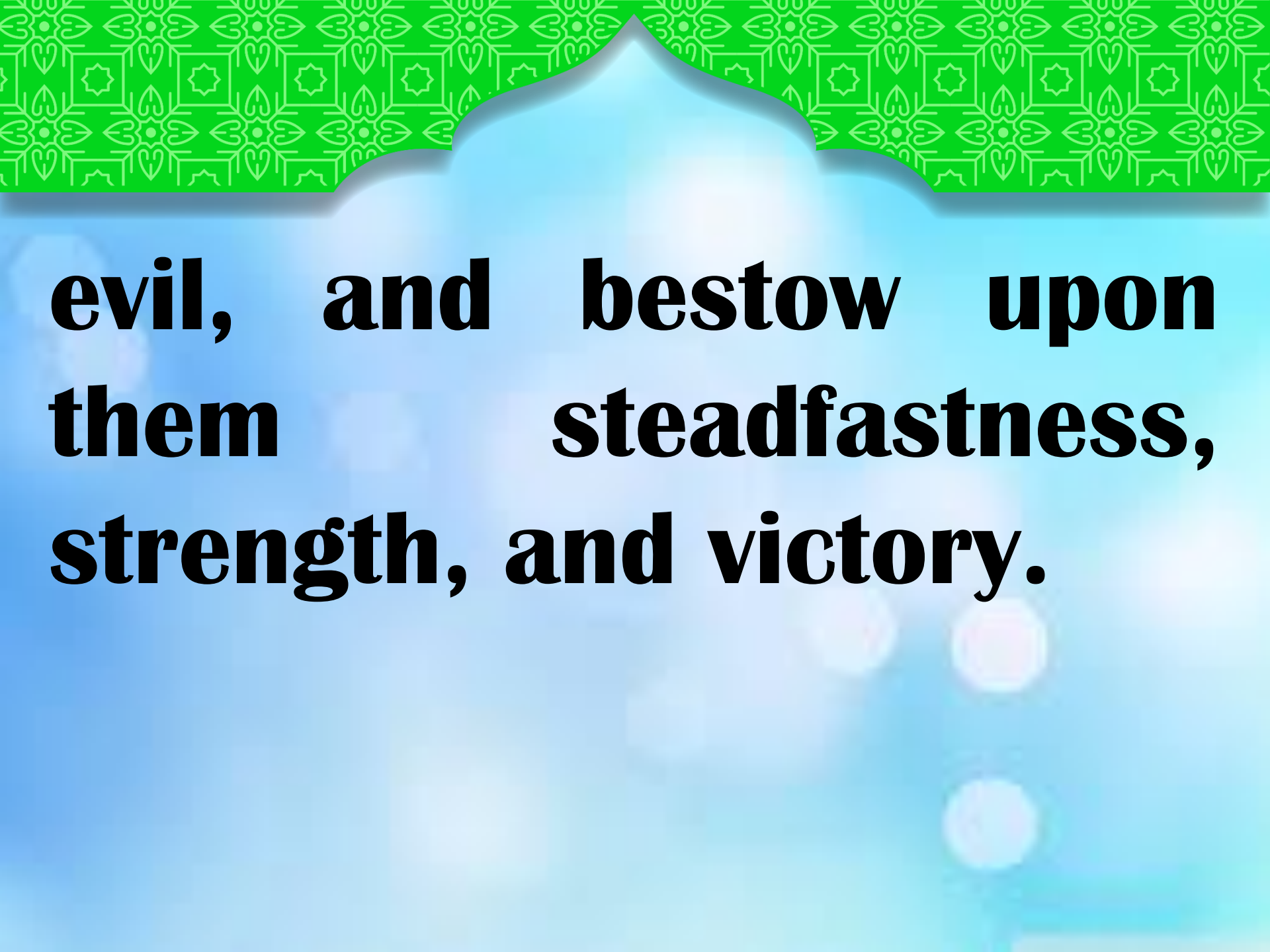
O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, fitnah and calamity.



**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.**



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