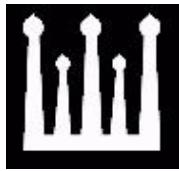


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### Friday Sermon

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### Faith, Brotherhood, and Collective Strength

أَخْمَدَ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسَوْىٰ، وَقَدَرَ فَهَدَىٰ، وَأَسْعَدَ وَأَشْقَىٰ، وَأَضَلَّ بِحُكْمِتِهِ  
وَهَدَىٰ. أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْأَعْلَىٰ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ الْمُصْطَفَىٰ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسِلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
وَمَنِ اهْتَدَىٰ. أَمَا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتُّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ، وَلَا تُمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا  
وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

**Zumratal mukminin rahimakumullah,**

Have taqwa and fear Allah s.w.t. at all times. Obey all His commands and avoid all that He has forbidden. Remember that Allah s.w.t. is All-Hearing, All-Seeing, and that no sin or good deed is hidden from His knowledge. May this taqwa guide us towards the straight path; the path of Allah's pleasure. Amin, ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

**Blessed congregation,**

Last week's khutbah mentioned the miraculous event of al-Isra' wal-Mi'raj, as recorded in the Sirah of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.

This week, the sermon discusses one of the first initiatives the Prophet s.a.w. carried out upon arriving in Madinah following the hijrah, that is enacting the pact of **brotherhood** between the Muhajirun (migrants from Makkah) and the Ansar (dwellers of Madinah).

Why was this among the first actions undertaken by the Prophet s.a.w. upon his arrival in Madinah? What pressing need necessitated the formation of this pact?

**My brothers,**

The Prophet s.a.w. recognised that the Muhajirun were in urgent need of the **support** of the Ansar, having left behind their homes, families, and possessions in Makkah. At the same time, he also acknowledged the Ansar's eagerness to participate in good deeds. Although they had embraced Islam later than the Muhajirun, they were deeply keen to contribute to the religion.

In addition to that, the Prophet s.a.w. understood the profound impact of **brotherhood** or **togetherness** in servitude, for when it is rooted in **faith**, is it entails reminding, motivating, **supporting**, and advising one another wisely in pursuit of Allah's pleasure.

The Prophet s.a.w. knew that remaining steadfast in worship alone is far more difficult, especially in the face of uncertainty, hardship, and severe trials that affected the morale of the

Muslims at the time, and so the Prophet s.a.w. enacted the pact of **brotherhood** as soon as he arrived in Madinah.

The spirit of **togetherness** and wanting to **help** one another is aligned with the teachings of the Quran. Allah s.a.w. says in Surah at-Tawbah, verse 71:

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلَيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَوَةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَأُولَئِكَ سَيِّدُنَّاهُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ 71

Which means: “*The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and establish prayer and give zakah, and obey Allah and His Messenger. Those are the ones whom Allah will have mercy upon. Indeed, Allah is Almighty and All-Wise.*”

### **Honourable congregation,**

In today’s world, we too face challenges of our own. Therefore, the spirit of **brotherhood** is crucial. We need to take inspiration from the historic pact recorded in the Sirah of the Prophet s.a.w. by strengthening our relations with those who live around us and turning it into a bond that is grounded in **faith**, aiming to attain Allah’s pleasure.

Here, the sermon presents two key reminders:

## **First: We must be compassionate and ready to help anyone in need**

Whether through financial **help**, emotional **support**, or simply a listening ear. A Muslim views his relationship with others as an opportunity to uphold *amar ma'ruf* – the enjoining of goodness mentioned in the Qur'anic verse recited earlier.

When the person being **helped** is a fellow Muslim, the bond of **faith** between them becomes evident. When the person is from a different background, the beauty and humanity of Islam manifested. This is the sweetness of human relations that are grounded in **faith** and the spirit of **togetherness**.

## **Second: We must support each other in strengthening our faith**

This can be achieved by encouraging and normalising the culture of performing good deeds, generosity in charity, excellence in conduct, consistency in devotion, dedication in seeking religious knowledge, and mutual accountability in our religious matters.

Begin with the circle of influence closest to us – our children, family, friends, and everyone we meet. It is through collective efforts rooted in spiritual excellence that past Muslim communities achieved success, and the similar is also possible for today's generation and those to come.

**Blessed congregation,**

The earlier generations of Muslims demonstrated a strong spirit of **togetherness** in their relationships with one another. Therefore, in our own lives and whatever fields we are involved in, let us cultivate the spirit of **helping** those around us and compete in spreading acts of goodness.

Let us instil a sense of unity. Seize every opportunity for doing kindness. With an awareness that is grounded in **faith**, may we earn rewards that weigh heavily on the scales of our deeds.

Amin, Ya Rahman, Ya Mannan.

أُقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ  
الْوَحْيُمُ.

## Second Sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا كَمَا أَمْرَ، وَأَشْهُدُ أَنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهُدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسِلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عَبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِيمَا أَمْرَ، وَاتَّهُوا عَمَّا كَفَرُوكُمْ عَنْهُ وَزَجَرُ.

أَلَا صَلَوَا وَسِلَمُوا عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُصْطَفَى، فَقَدْ أَمْرَنَا اللَّهُ بِذِلِّكَ حِينَ قَالَ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْعَرِيزِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلِّوْنَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا مَنُوا صَلُوْلَا عَلَيْهِ وَسِلُمُوا تَسْلِيْلَمَا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسِلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَأَرْضَ اللَّهَمَّ عَنِ الْخَلْفَاءِ الرُّشِيدِينَ الْمُهَدِّدِينَ سَادِاتِنَا أَيِّ بُكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيِّ، وَعَنْ بِقَيِّةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقَرَائِبِ وَالْتَّابِعِينَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِينَ، وَعَنَّا مَعْهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بَرْ حُمِّتَكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمَنَاتِ، وَالْمُسِلِمِينَ وَالْمُسِلَّمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ ادْفِعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالْوَلَازِلَ وَالْمَحْنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَنْ بَلْدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبَلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ انْصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي عَرَّةٍ وَفِي فِلَسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ عَامَّةً، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ بِدْلْ خَوْفَهُمْ أَمْنًا، وَخُزْنَهُمْ فَرَحًا، وَهَمُّهُمْ فَرَجًا، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ اكْتِبْ السَّلَامَ وَالسَّلَامَ وَالْأَمَانَ وَالْأَمَانَ لِلْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ

وَلِلنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ. رَبَّنَا آتَنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً، وَ قَنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عَبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعُدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى، وَ يَنْهَا عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يُعَظِّمُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ، فَإِذَا كُرِّوا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمَ يَدْكُرُكُمْ، وَ اشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدُّكُمْ، وَ اسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعَطِّكُمْ، وَ لَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.