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Truthfulness; The Key to Paradise

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِلْبِرِّ وَالْإِحْسَانِ، وَجَعَلَ فِي نَبِيِّهِ أَكْمَلَ قَائِدٍ لِلْإِنْسَانِ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear beloved congregation,

Every believer surely longs to gaze upon the face of the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. Therefore, let the longing to meet him be the motivation for us to sincerely and earnestly strive to be mindful of Allah by fulfilling His commands and avoiding His prohibitions.

My dear brothers,

Do you believe that there is one ethic or moral principle that can guarantee us **Paradise**? The Prophet s.a.w. once said that which means:

*“Indeed, **truthfulness** leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to **Paradise**. A person will continue to speak the **truth** until he is recorded with Allah as a **truthful** person...”*

My beloved brothers,

Truly, the quality of **truthfulness** shapes the entire life of a believer. This trait provides a positive influence into how a person speaks, behaves — whether in public or in private — and interacts with the creation of Allah.

If **truthfulness** is the key that will lead us to **Paradise**, then **falsehood**, on the other hand, will drag us into the Hellfire. This is in accordance with the continuation of the same hadith of the Prophet s.a.w. which means:

*“...And indeed **falsehood** leads to wickedness, and wickedness leads to the Hellfire. A person will continue to lie until he is recorded with Allah as a persistent liar.” (Narrated by Bukhari and Muslim)*

My dear brothers,

A true believer strives to always speak the **truth** and make it a defining part of their character, to the point that they become known for it. At the same time, a believer puts sincere effort into eliminating **falsehood** from their way of life. To achieve this goal, we must reflect and re-evaluate whether **falsehood** exists in our lives through two aspects: our speech and our actions.

First: In our speech.

Falsehood in speech can manifest through acts such as slander, insults, and other similar behaviours. At times, even in the name of humour or jest, speech that contains **falsehood** becomes normalised in our conversations.

Second: In our actions.

Falsehood in actions often appears in the form of hypocrisy — presenting a good outward image while concealing true inner wickedness. It can also occur by betraying trust and breaking promises.

Blessed congregation,

The importance of being **truthful** is becoming increasingly evident in this age of boundless digital interaction. Digital platforms — although they bring many positive impacts and benefits — are not free from negative elements that often blur the line between **truth** and **falsehood**. These platforms can become mediums for spreading hatred, defaming others, portraying **false** images, and much more. This, too, is a form of **falsehood**.

A **truthful** believer is consistent in character. Their persona remains the same. Whether in the digital world or otherwise, whether in appearance or in heart, they always uphold **truth** and honesty. And why is this, dear brothers? This is because a

believer is fully aware that Allah sees everything they do, hears everything they say, and knows everything they conceal from others.

If we wish to share information or express opinions on digital platforms, let us ensure that what we share is beneficial to society, not something worthless, or misleading. Let us be **truthful** in what we share.

Lovers of the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.,

As true lovers of the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w., we must always uphold **truthfulness** in our speech, our actions, and even within the voices of our hearts. We must never, under any circumstance, align ourselves with **falsehood**. We are only truly deserving of claiming love for the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. if we sincerely and earnestly strive to be **truthful**, as exemplified by him s.a.w. Let us take to heart the divine command revealed to the Prophet s.a.w. in Surah At-Tawbah, verse 119:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿١١٩﴾

*Which means: "O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are **truthful**."*

O Allah, forgive our mistakes, admit us into Your **Paradise**, so that we may meet Your beloved Prophet Muhammad s.a.w., and

so that we may be gathered together with the prophets and those who were **truthful** in their faith in You. Amin, ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ.

Second Sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا كَمَا أَمَرَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِيمَا أَمَرَ، وَانْتَهُوا عَمَّا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ وَزَجَرَ.

أَلَا صَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُصْطَفَى، فَقَدْ أَمَرَنَا اللَّهُ بِذَلِكَ حَيْثُ قَالَ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْغَرِيزِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهَدِّينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرُ وَعُثْمَانُ وَعَلِيٌّ، وَعَنْ بَقِيَّةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقُرَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِينَ، وَعَنْ مَعَهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا لِرَحْمِ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ ادْفَعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالزَّلَازِلَ وَالْمَحَنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَنِ بَلَدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبُلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ أَنْصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْتَضْعِفِينَ فِي عَرَّةٍ وَفِي فِلَسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ عَامَّةً، يَا لِرَحْمِ الرَّاحِمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّلْ خَوْفَهُمْ أَمْنًا، وَحُزْنَهُمْ فَرَحًا، وَهَمَّهُمْ فَرَجًا، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ اكْتُبِ السَّلَامَ وَالسَّلَامَ وَالْأَمْنَ وَالْأَمَانَ

لِلْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ وَلِلنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً،
وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى، وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ، فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ، وَلَذِكْرُ
اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.