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Friday Sermon

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Knowing and Loving the Prophet s.a.w.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى إِحْسَانِهِ، وَالشُّكْرُ لَهُ عَلَى تَوْفِيقِهِ وَامْتِنَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ تَعْظِيمًا لِحَاشَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ الدَّاعِي إِلَى رِضْوَانِهِ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَإِخْوَانِهِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا
وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

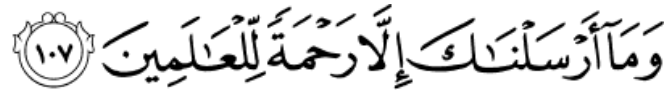
Blessed brothers,

Let us together protect our faith and increase our taqwa towards Allah s.w.t. by fulfilling all His commands and abstaining from all His prohibitions. May Allah s.w.t. place in our hearts the purest love for Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. Amin.

My Brothers,

In a few days, we will enter a blessed month, which is the month of Rabiulawal. The month in which the most noble man in the sight of Allah was born. A man who was sent as a mercy to the

entire universe. He is our beloved Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. Let us observe a verse in surah al-Anbiya' verse 107:



Which means: *“And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.”*

The birth of the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. was an outpouring of mercy for all humankind . He was the light that illuminated the darkness which enveloped the world before his birth. He established the ties of brotherhood and ended the enmity among the people. The Prophet s.a.w. is the role model for all humankind.

Sheikh Ramadan al-Buthi mentioned in his book “Fiqh as-Sirah” that among the aims of learning the stories of the Prophet s.a.w. is to understand his character, by reflecting upon the journey of his life. These reflections allow us to appreciate the remarkable characteristics of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w., the messenger and the most beloved to Allah s.w.t. He is the best role model for us to emulate.

Brothers,

Therefore, in our efforts to show our love for him, we are highly recommended to learn about the stories of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. By doing so, it will increase our faith as well as our love

for him, and make us Muslims who are constantly grateful with Allah's blessings.

This will surely result in a lot of goodness within ourselves, and draw us closer to Allah. This is because, a person who truly loves the Prophet and practises his teachings, will not want to pollute his good deeds with bad character and immoral behaviour.

Brothers,

We are grateful for the birth of the Prophet s.a.w. We are grateful for all the blessings that Allah has bestowed upon us. We are grateful that Allah has blessed us with a perfect role model whom we can emulate in our daily lives.

All of these blessings are part of the grace of Allah s.w.t. for us. These blessings nourish our love for Allah s.w.t. and His Prophet s.a.w. Let us observe the following hadith reported by Imam At-Tirmizi which means: *“Love Allah for what He nourishes you with of His Blessings, and love me due to the love of Allah.”*

Brothers, don't we all love the Prophet s.a.w.? Don't we all miss the Prophet s.a.w.? If we truly love and miss him, let us follow the footsteps of our beloved Prophet s.a.w and protect ourselves from anything that goes against his teachings. Observe the following hadith by our Prophet s.a.w. which means: *“Those I love most and those sitting nearest to me on the Day of*

Judgement will be those of you with the best character.” [Hadith reported by Imam at-Tirmizi]

Therefore, let us strive to be on our best conduct and to present the best of our behaviour at all times. Let us observe our conduct with our neighbours, our conduct with our friends, and more importantly, our conduct and behaviour with our closest family members.

May Allah s.w.t. accept all of our efforts and good deeds. May Allah bless us with the opportunity to meet our beloved Prophet s.a.w. in the hereafter. Amin ya Rabbal ‘Alamin.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَ لَكُمْ، 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. أَمَّا 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 الْعَزِيزِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَ بَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ بَقِيَّةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقَرَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِينَ، وَعَنْهُمْ وَمَعَهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ اذْفَعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالزَّلَازِلَ وَالْمِحْنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ

مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَنْ بَلَدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبُلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ.
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، وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ، وَلَذِكْرُ
اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.