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Love for Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهٰذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا اَنْ هَدَانَا اللّٰهُ. اَشْهَدُ اَنْ
لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ اَجْمَعِينَ. اَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ. قَالَ تَعَالٰى فِي التَّزْوِيْلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ
حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تُمُوتُنَّ اِلَّا وَاَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

Have taqwa toward Allah by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids. It is only through taqwa, that we find success in the hereafter.

My dear brothers,

If we were to be asked: “Do we truly **love** the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.?” we would answer, yes, without hesitation. In relation to this, today's sermon invites everyone here to reflect on the following question: “How do we actually **show** our love for

*the Prophet s.a.w.?” “Do our actions prove that this **love** goes beyond just words?”*

Respected brothers,

We **show** our **love** for the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. in different ways. Some work hard to **practice** his daily teachings – sunnah. Some **love** to recite *qasidah* or *burdah* in praise for him. Others try to reflect his teachings in how they speak and act. Whatever way we choose to **show** our **love** for him, let us keep doing it, so long as it stays within the boundaries of Islamic law.

This sermon also intends to remind us that this **love** should be **demonstrated** everywhere: when we're alone, with our families, with classmates or colleagues, and even in public places. All of this is part of the Prophet's teachings and reflects the true spirit of Islam.

Beloved brothers,

Allah says in Surah At-Taubah, verse 24:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ ءَابَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ
أَقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ
وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ
الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾

Which means: “Say (O Muhammad): ‘if your parents, and children, and siblings, and spouses, and extended family, and

*the wealth you have acquired, and the trade you fear will decline, and the homes you cherish, (if all these) are more **beloved** to you than Allah and His Messenger and struggling in His Way, then wait until Allah brings about His Will. Allah does not guide the rebellious people.”*

My brothers, this is a reminder from Allah that our **love** for Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. must be **demonstrated** in real life. With this in mind, let us reflect on the three following reminders, so that our **love** for him is proven through our actions and our way of life.

Firstly: Learn and practice his sunnah

Learn from a qualified and trustworthy teacher. Get to know, and **practice** the Prophet's sunnah, because doing so will deepen our **love** for him. The more we **practice** it, the more we feel its beauty, and the more we'll want to discover and **practice** other parts of his teachings in our daily lives.

Secondly: Loving the Prophet through action is a responsibility

Remember the Prophet's warning that those with knowledge will be questioned on the Day of Judgment about what they did with that knowledge (narrated by Imam At-Tirmidhi). This reminds us that every teaching we learn, and every lesson we take from the Prophet's life story, is a trust we will be held accountable for.

Being aware of this responsibility builds discipline, helping us keep following his example in every part of our lives.

Thirdly: Start with small steps and stay consistent

Dear congregation, true **love** for the Prophet s.a.w. must be **shown** through action. We can start with small acts of sunnah **practiced** consistently until they become part of our daily life, like saying “Bismillah” before doing something good. The Prophet s.a.w. said, which means:

*“The deed most **loved** by Allah is the one done consistently, even if it is small.”* (Narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim)

Blessed brothers,

Through this sermon, we now understand that answering the question *“Do we truly **love** the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w.?”* requires a complete journey, from **love** felt in the heart, expressed in words, and then followed through with action and **practice**.

So, as we leave this mosque today, let us resolve to bring one small sunnah to life, even something as simple as smiling more often, or treating one another kindly.

To close, and in the spirit of the birth month of the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w., and the month of **loving** the Prophet s.a.w., I end today’s sermon with a hadith narrated by Imam Ibn Hibban:

Sayyidatuna Aisha r.a. once heard the Prophet make this prayer, which means: *“O Allah, forgive Aisha for all her past and future sins, those done openly and those hidden, the small and the big.”* Hearing this prayer, Sayyidatuna Aisha felt very happy. The Prophet then said to her: *“Are you happy hearing my prayer just now, O Aisha? Know that this is my prayer for my followers (ummah) in every prayer.”*

So let us take this opportunity to **practice** this prayer of the Prophet s.a.w. as a sign of our **love** for him. May Allah make us among those who truly **love** the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w., and may Allah gather us together with him s.a.w. in His Paradise. 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. 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 وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْدِيِّينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرُ وَعُثْمَانُ وَعَلِيٌّ، وَعَنْ بَقِيَّةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقُرَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِينَ، وَعَنْهُمْ وَمَعَهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ ادْفَعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالزَّلَازِلَ وَالْمِحْنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَنِ بَلَدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبُلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ انْصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي غَزَّةٍ وَفِي فَلِسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ عَامَّةً، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّلْ خَوْفَهُمْ أَمْنًا، وَحُزَنَهُمْ فَرَحًا، وَهَمَّهُمْ

فَرَجًا، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اكْتُبِ السَّلَامَ وَالْأَمْنَ وَالْأَمَانَ
لِلْعَالَمِ أَجْمَعٍ يَا لَطِيف. 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.