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The Humility of a Muslim

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهٰذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا اَنْ هَدَانَا اللّٰهُ، وَاشْهَدُ
اَنْ لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَاشْهَدُ اَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِ وَاَصْحَابِهِ اَجْمَعِينَ. اَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اَوْصِيْ نَفْسِيْ وَاَيُّكُمْ بِتَقْوٰى اللّٰهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed congregation,

Have taqwa and be conscious of Allah s.w.t., the One who created us. Fulfil all His commands and avoid all His prohibitions. Adorn ourselves with noble character and abstain from **arrogance** and **pride** towards others. May Allah s.w.t. grant us blessings and goodness in our lives. Amin, ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

Dear congregation,

What is the value that distinguishes a servant of Allah from one who has forgotten that he is a servant? The answer does not lie merely in our faith or deeds. Nor is it determined by our status or quality of life. Rather, the value that should adorn every believer

(mukmin) in any circumstance is **humility (tawāḍuʿ)** – a quality that stems from our *iman* and radiates through our character.

Allah s.w.t. says in Surah *Al-Furqan* verse 63:

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا
وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ﴿٦٣﴾

Which means: “*And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth **humbly**, and when the ignorant address them, they say “Salam’, that is (words of) peace.”*”

This verse beautifully portrays the character of a believer who is **humble**. Such a person does not boast, act **arrogantly**, or look down on others.

At the same time, true **humility** does not mean showing weakness or lowering one’s dignity. It also does not mean **humbling** oneself for worldly gain from mankind. So, what does **tawāḍuʿ** or **humility** truly look like?

According to Imam al-Ghazali, the answer lies in how we interact with others who are of the same stature as ourselves, or of lower status in the eyes of people.

An example of **humility** is a person who has status, influence, wealth, or seniority, yet does not feel superior to others. Such a person is open to engaging with people, exchanging views,

receiving advice, and appreciating the goodness and strengths of others.

My dear brothers,

Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. is the best example of **humility**. He was the leader of all mankind, and a mercy to the worlds. Yet, how was his response when he received **compliments** from others? Consider this hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:

A man once came to the Prophet s.a.w. and addressed him by saying, “*O best of mankind!*” To this, the Prophet s.a.w. replied:

ذَٰكَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Which means: “*That is Prophet Ibrahim a.s.*”

Subhanallah, such was the noble character of Rasulullah s.a.w. Although he was clearly deserving of the title “*the best of mankind*”, he did not allow such **praise** to inflate **pride** or **arrogance** within himself. Instead, he redirected the **praise** and honour to a prophet before him, Prophet Ibrahim a.s.

This is the attitude of a true believer. Regardless of the titles given to him, he always remembers his position as a **humble** servant of the Most Merciful.

Therefore, we too must ask ourselves: how do we respond to **compliments** or **praise**? How can we nurture **humility** when we attain success or recognition?

The sermon hereby shares two key lessons on **humility** as guidance for us all:

First: True humility arises from the awareness that every blessing comes from Allah

Whether one is an excellent student, a successful member of the workforce, a respected leader, or anyone else. **Humility** guards the heart from boastful **pride** and **arrogance**.

Instead, it teaches us to acknowledge that all goodness and success come from Allah, often through the support of our parents, colleagues, staff, and the people around us.

Humility shifts the attitude of *“I achieved this success”* to the realisation that *“Allah granted me this success”*. Therefore, whenever we receive blessings or achieve something good, let us recognise it as a gift from Allah and pray for His continued blessings.

Second: Humility shapes our manners and social character

Humility is not only an intrinsic or inner quality but also manifests in how we behave with others. In a hadith narrated by Muslim, the Prophet s.a.w. said that which means: *“Indeed, Allah has revealed to me that you must be **humble**, so that no one oppresses another, and no one becomes boastful over another.”*

A community which inculcates **humility** becomes one of good character and respectful conduct. It teaches us to avoid belittling

others or feeling self-important. **Humility** opens our hearts, reduces envy, restrains judgment, encourages forgiveness, and keeps us grounded even when we are in a position of advantage.

Dear brothers in faith,

In a world that often values influence, social perception, and worldly achievement, **humility** is a shield which protects our hearts. It reminds us that behind every success lies the contribution of others, and above all, the grace of Allah s.w.t.

Let us strive to make ***tawāḍu'*** or **humility** a reflection of our character and a guiding principle in our lives. **Humility** is not a weakness; it is a sign of strong *iman*.

May Allah s.w.t. grant us hearts free from **arrogance**, souls that bow in **humility** before Him, peace through our acts of obedience, and abundant blessings in our lives. 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.

Dear blessed congregation,

Whoever we may be in the eyes of mankind, we remain in need of Allah's assistance. Therefore, let us strengthen our efforts with sincere prayers and deep faith in Him.

In this examination period, let us pray that all students and our children are granted peace in their hearts and a clarity of mind, so that they may face their tests with assurance. May all parents, family members, and teachers also be blessed with wisdom and patience as they guide and provide support to the students.

May Allah grant us all beneficial knowledge and allow us to benefit from the knowledge we have learned. Ya Allah Ya Samī' Ya 'Alīm, instil in our hearts true knowledge and sincere faith, so that we may attain everlasting success.

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. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَارِضَ اَللّٰهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِيْنَ الْمُهَدِّيْنَ سَادَاتِنَا اَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرُ وَعُثْمَانُ وَعَلِيّ، وَعَنْ بَقِيَّةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقُرَآءَةِ وَالتَّابِعِيْنَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِيْنَ، وَعَنَّا مَعَهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْاَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْاَمْوَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدْفَعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالْمُرَازِلَ وَالْمَحَنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَنِ بَلَدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبُلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَنْصُرْ اِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْتَضْعِفِيْنَ فِي عَزَّةٍ وَفِي فِلَسْطِيْنَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ عَامَّةً، يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ. اَللّٰهُمَّ بَدِّلْ خَوْفَهُمْ اَمْنًا، وَحُزَنَهُمْ فَرْحًا، وَهَمَّهُمْ فَرْجًا، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اكْتُبِ السَّلَامَ وَالْاَمْنَ وَالْاَمَانَ لِلْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ وَلِلنَّاسِ اَجْمَعِيْنَ. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً، وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عِبَادَ اللهِ، اِنَّ اللهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى، وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَذَكَّرُونَ، فَادْكُرُوا اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِيَكُمْ، وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.