

Khutbah

"They will be shown by God that which they never expected"

Friday Khutbah (15-06-07)

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When the generation of the companions (may God be pleased with them) read the Qur'an, it affected them. This effect could be seen in their acts of worship, their behaviour and manners. It would be manifest through their turning away from the love of the world and turning to the affairs of the next world. It was through their contemplation on the book of God that the generation of the companions became a role model for the societies that followed. They became a society raised by the Prophet (pbuh), a society of honour, humble before God, and a society, which based its dealings with others upon sincere love, devotion and truth.

O Muslims- We read the Qur'an but we are not affected by its verses- verses where companions of the Prophet (pbuh) would be deeply affected by them in their hearts and souls! They found something which few of us find today (except those whom God has granted this mercy to), as the companions felt this speech to be the speech of God Almighty, and not the speech of a human

"Had We revealed this Qur'an on a mountain you would surely have seen it humbling itself and rent asunder by the fear of God." (Hashr: 21).

O Muslims- God The Most High says:

"If those who transgressed owned everything on earth, even twice as much, they would readily give it up to avoid the terrible retribution on the Day of Resurrection. They will be shown by God what they never expected. And the evil consequences of what they had earned will become apparent to them and that which they used to mock at will encompass them". (Zumar: 47-48)

These verses have a serious impact on those who fear God and the Last Day, because they know that there will be people on the Day of Resurrection that will see before them what they never had expected:

"Certainly you were heedless of it, but now We have removed from you your veil, so today your sight is sharp." (Qaf: 22)

Fudayl Bin Ayyad (May God be pleased with him) said regarding the verse: "They will be shown by GOD what they never expected"- 'Do deeds and account yourself - whether each deed is a good deed, or a bad one'

God says:

"Beware of the Day when every soul shall find itself confronted with all the good it has done and all the evil it has done. It will wish there were a great distance between it and that evil." (Surah Aal-Imran: 30)

O Muslims- think about the day, the Day of Resurrection and what state you will be in that day. Today you are able to account your actions whilst others who have gone before are not able to do so.

O Muslims- some of us deceive ourselves into thinking we are Muslims, there are some of us who pray and believe that they are saved based on this alone, regardless of whether they are committing unlawful acts or leaving their obligations. This is not the way a believer should think- those who believe that they are special and exempt from the plan of God will lose out.

There are people who commit a wrong action and think of it as something trivial, something which is unimportant. Because of that, the person may experience tribulations in their life, a lack of blessings and provisions and many other things. God says:

“...And you thought it to be a light matter, while in the sight of God it was a grievous thing.” (Nur: 15)

Anas (may God be pleased with him) said [to his community after the Prophet (pbuh) had passed away]:

“You do actions and in your eyes they are insignificant, but if we refer back to the time of the prophet, we would have regarded these to be from amongst the most serious sins” [narrated in Sahih Bukhari (to the nearest meaning)]

May God have mercy on you O Anas! You said this to a people who still had some of the companions and the pious successors amongst them! What would you think of us if you saw us? How would you perceive the state of those who neglect the commands of God and His Prophet? Or those who wrongly consume the wealth of others, who oppress their wives, children, neighbours and their fellow brothers and sisters? Those who take alcohol and drugs, those whose tongues are corrupt- who lie, insult and backbite; those who spread corruption and bad feeling between people. Those who neglect their prayers, sometimes not praying for days on end; who go through weeks and months without praying Fajr prayer in congregation or on time?

O God, we seek your mercy, so do not take us to account for actions without this, O Most Compassionate One.

It is these sins that, if viewed as insignificant, lead to the ruin of a person.

“...And you thought it to be a light matter, while in the sight of God it was a grievous thing.” (Nur: 15)

O Muslims- on the Day of Resurrection there will be people who did not expect to see what they see before them in that day; people who did good deeds but amongst them there was somebody who oppressed others and who thought his good deeds were enough to save him although they were few.

So when the accounting begins for those who oppressed others and insulted them; they are given their good deeds in total and then their good deeds are deducted from their account to make up for the bad that they did. Their bad outweighed their good so they enter the Hellfire.

It is reported that the Messenger of God (may peace be upon him) said:

"Do you know who is the one who is bankrupt? They (the Companions of the Holy Prophet) said: 'A bankrupt man amongst us is one who has neither dirham with him or wealth'. He (the Holy Prophet) said: 'The bankrupt of my community would be he who would come on the Day of Resurrection with prayers and fasts and Zakat but (he would find himself bankrupt on that day as he would have exhausted his funds of virtues) since he hurled abuses upon others, brought calumny against others and unlawfully consumed the wealth of others and shed the blood of others and beat others, and his virtues would be credited to the account of those who suffered at his hand. And if his good deeds fall short to clear the account, then the sins of those who suffered at his hand would be entered in his account and he would be thrown in the Hell-Fire.'"

O Muslims- be careful not to be from those who do what they want when they are left alone, who are heedless that God the Exalted is watching them.

Thawban narrates that the Prophet (pbuh) said:

"Know that some people from my Ummah will come on the Day of Judgment with good deeds the like of a mountain, but God will make them scattered dust."
(related in the Sunnan of Ibn Majah)

The Prophet went on to say:

"They will be from your people, and they will take from the night as you do (meaning prayers, etc.), but they are a people who, when they are alone with the prohibitions of God, contravene them." (Related by Ibn Majah).

O Muslims- Hope in God the Most Merciful is a great thing. We hope from Him that He safeguards the Muslims from such a position on the Day of Judgement.

With all this being said, do not let the amount of your bad deeds be an obstacle, a barrier for you to be steadfast in this religion. The mercy of God is very near for those who do good.

The Sheikh ended with a few lines of poetry:

I thought of my sins as so many, so great in number,
But the mercy of my Lord is much greater than this!
I did not put any hope in the good deeds that I did,
But I put my hope in only the Mercy of God.