

Ramadhan The Month of Taqwa



This is a Khutbah given by *Brother Musa Millington (Hafidahullaah)* in Aldana street Friday 27th August 2010 concerning Ramadhan.

After praising Allaah: Oh Muslims, verily we are in a blessed month. A month in which the Qur'aan was sent, a month in which there is a night better than 1,000 months. A month in which Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى frees souls from the Hellfire. A month in which the Shayateen have been chained, the doors of Jannah have been opened and the doors of Jahannam have been closed. The one who fasts in it and stands in it has his previous sins forgiven.

By Allaah this month is a great opportunity for us to come closer to our Lord. And know that this month was not legislated except to gain Taqwa. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَتَّقُونَ

"Oh ye who believe fasting has been prescribed upon you like it has been prescribed unto those before you so that you may fear Allaah."

Oh Muslims! Oh believers, you left off you food, your drink & your desires in order to gain Taqwa. And Taqwa is to do what Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has told us & to stay away from what he has prohibited us from upon knowledge, wanting reward from Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى & fearing His punishment. And it is to bring between yourself & the punishment of Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى a veil or a covering.

From this we know that **Taqwa is the most precious commodity of the Muslim**. For it is the best of clothing that we carry upon our bodies. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

و لباس التقوى ذالك خير
"And the clothing of Taqwa this is best."

And also **Taqwa is the best of travelling equipment**. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

و تزودوا فإن خير الزاد التقوى
"And take travelling equipment with you for the best of this is Taqwa."

And **Taqwa is the reason to worship Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى alone**. Allaah has said:

يأيها الناس اعبدوا ربكم الذي خلقكم والذين من قبلكم لعلكم تتقون
"Oh mankind worship your Lord who created you & those before you so that you may fear him."

And Taqwa is the reason for following the Sunnah. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

يأيها الذين امنوا لا تقدموا بين يدي الله و رسوله و اتقوا الله و الله سميع
عليم

Oh ye who believe do not put anything in front of Allaah & his Messenger & fear Allaah. Allaah hears & knows.

And Taqwa is the reason for guidance. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

ذالك الكتاب لا ريب فيه هدى للمتقين

‘And this is the book in which there is no doubt a guidance for those who have Taqwa..’

And Taqwa is the reason to mend the ties of brotherhood. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

فاتقوا الله و أصلحوا ذات بينكم

‘And fear Allaah & rectify what is between yourselves.’

And Taqwa is the reason for knowledge & the forgiveness of sins. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

يأيها الذين امنوا إن تتقوا الله يجعل لكم فرقانا و يكفر عنكم سيئاتكم و يغفر لكم

‘Oh ye who believe if you fear Allaah he will make you a criterion & he will wipe away your evil deeds & forgive you.’

And Taqwa is the reason for blessings. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

و لو أن أهل القرى امنوا و اتقوا لفتحنا عليهم بركات من السماء و الأرض

‘And if the people of the village were to believe & fear Allah we would have opened for them blessings from the skies & the earth.’

And Taqwa is a reason for entering Jannah. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

و لو أن أهل الكتاب امنوا واتقوا لكفرنا عنهم سيئاتهم و لأدخلناهم جنات
نعيم

'And if the people of the book believed & feared Allaah we would have wiped away their evils & we would have entered them into Jannah.'

These are some of the benefits of Taqwa & they are vast & innumerable. And for this reason we must use these days of Ramadan in obedience to Allaah. By reading the Qur'aan, remembering Allaah, giving charity, visiting the sick & the likes in order to get the most prized commodity of mankind.

And beware of wasting away this opportunity through sins like backbiting, slandering & other evils. The Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم said: *"Whoever does not leave off evil speech & action upon it & ignorance then Allaah has no need for him to leave off his food and drink."* And he said: *"It is possible that the only thing a fasting person has from fasting is hunger & thirst."* Alhamdulillah.

Second Khutbah

And also from the benefits of Taqwa is that Allaah سبحانه وتعالى makes a way out in times of difficulty. Allaah سبحانه وتعالى said:

و من يتق الله يجعل له مخرجا

"And whoever fears Allaah then Allaah gives him a way out."

و يرزقه من حيث لا يحتسب

"And He provides for him in ways he never knew of."

و من يتوكل على الله فهو حسبه

"And whoever has reliance upon Allaah then he is enough for him."

And with Taqwa Allaah سبحانه وتعالى makes your scenarios easy. Allaah سبحانه وتعالى has said:

و من يتق الله يجعل له من أمره يسرى

"And whoever fears Allaah Allaah will make his matters easy for him."

Oh Muslims, verily in this month there is a chance to make changes within ourselves. Every single one of us is delinquent in many aspects of our religion outside of Ramadaan, however during Ramadhaan we are not so delinquent.

It is possible that a brother or sister does not pray at all outside of Ramadaan but during Ramadaan he or she prays. It may be possible that many may do major sins outside of Ramadaan but during Ramadaan he stays away from them. It is possible that there are among our sisters who do not wear the Hijaab outside of Ramadaan but during Ramadaan they wear the Hijaab.

Oh Muslims! The advice to all of us is to remain upon this good that we are upon during Ramadaan & that we use this month to truly change ourselves. And once Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى knows that we are truthful Allaah will help us in this. Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى has said:

إن الله لا يغير ما بقوم حتى يغيروا ما بأنفسهم

"Allaah does not change a people unless they change what is within themselves."

And our Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم has said:

"Verily actions are by intentions and everyone will have what he has intended."

Therefore, the one who wants Taqwa & truly strives for it, Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى will give him what he wants. And how many people we have seen that before Ramadaan they never used to pray & after Ramadaan they attend the Masjid five times for prayer?

And how many people we have seen that before Ramadaan they were major sinners & after Ramadaan they are obedient to Allaah سُبحانه وتعالى ?

And how many people we have seen that before Ramadaan they would not spend a red cent from then but after Ramadaan they are generous?

My brothers and sisters **WE TRULY NEED A RAMADAAN** to change. And Allaah سُبحانه و تعلىٰ has opened all of these doors for you. He has opened the doors of Jannah & closed the doors of Jahannam & has locked up the Shayateen for you to gain Taqwa.

Ramadaan is indeed the month in which Allaah سُبحانه و تعلىٰ forgives sins. Allaah wants for you Taqwa, Allaah wants for you to be upright, He wants for you ease in all your matters. But it is for us to decide whether we want what Allaah سُبحانه و تعلىٰ wishes to give us.

My dear brothers & sisters, if you truly want to change & be a person who fears Allaah سُبحانه و تعلىٰ, the doors are open for you. Therefore take the opportunity & do not let it pass by. And I ask Allaah سُبحانه و تعلىٰ to help us to truly benefit from this month & to make us from the pious. Ameen!

End of Khutbah.

And Allaah knows best.

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