



F Friday Sermon

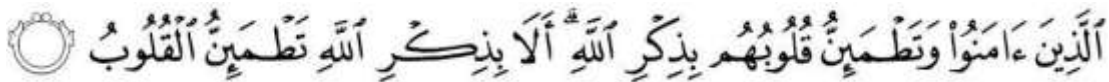
HAZRAT MUHYI-UD-DIN AL-KHALIFATULLAH

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(Summary of Sermon)

After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on the subject of ***“The Remembrance of Allah”***:



Allaziina aamanuu wa tatma'innu quluubuhum bizikril-laah; alaa bizikril-laahi tatma-'innul quluub.

“Those who believe and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah: Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest.” (Ar-Rad 13: 29).

Zikrullah (Remembrance of Allah) is the true nourishment of the hearts. The heart, mind and soul of man thrive on *Zikrullah* and shrink without it. *Zikrullah* is not difficult. It is indeed a most simple duty and the reward and significance of *Zikrullah* are indeed great. One who is neglectful of such an important, yet simple and most rewarding practice is most unfortunate. Indifference to *Zikrullah* is an invitation to calamity upon oneself.

Allah describes in the Holy Quran those who have let go of *Zikrullah* and relegated it to oblivion:

“Satan has gained the mastery over them, so he has caused them to forget the remembrance of Allah. They are the party of Satan. Verily, it is the party of Satan that will be the losers.” (Al-Mujadila 58: 20).

Therefore we Muslims should strive to remain in the remembrance of Allah (swt) even if it becomes increasingly hard when we engage ourselves in our worldly activities. *Zikrullah* is a

powerful weapon against Satan's whispers which slowly try to overtake our hearts and lead us to self-deception. Today we notice how even though technology is supposed to help people gain extra time and better quality of life, people are more and more restless, sad, stressed and anxious. This is because Satan is winning them over by distracting their attention from Allah (swt) and misleading them in their decisions. Staying in constant *Zikrullah* makes us fear Allah (swt), always allowing us to put life matters into perspective by rearranging priorities accordingly to Allah's commands in order to maintain individual, social as well as environmental harmony. Consequently, evil deeds are wiped out by sincerity of the heart to enjoin what is good and forbid evil acts, permitting us to find tranquillity of heart.

Allah advises His servants as follows:

“And seek by means of what Allah has given you, the Home of the Hereafter, and do not neglect your portion of this world, and do good (to others) as Allah has done good to you, and do not seek to make mischief in the land, surely Allah does not love the mischief-makers.” (Al-Qasas 28: 78).

While the tongue remains fresh with *Zikr*, we also become steadfast to fight away despair, like I explained last Friday. The *Zikr* of Allah kills despair and open up the heart with new avenues of hope and trust in Allah. Moreover, this trust in Allah creates tranquillity which reinforces the servant of Allah in faith and duty, both towards Allah and the people also. We thus submit our wills to Allah (swt) alone and no one else; we believe and trust that He will take care of us, no matter what happens, and as long as we strive to stay on the right path. So, while we admit our limitation as human beings, but nevertheless we look ahead positively, by leaving the rest to Allah's wisdom. Despair is thus replaced by confidence in Allah (swt) Himself; He who is in charge of everything; He who possesses all the best attributes; He who is All-Seeing, All-Knowing, All-Fair and All-Wise.

“And for those who fear Allah, He always prepares a way out. And He will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him. Verily, Allah will accomplish his purpose. Indeed Allah has set a measure for all things.” (At-Talaq 65: 3-4).

Hence, as Muslims, we need to believe that whatever happens is out of His will and He only does what is good for us. We are convinced that for any of our problem there is always a way out!

“So, verily, with every difficulty, there is relief. Verily, with every difficulty there is relief.” (Ash-Sharh 94: 6-7).

In reinforcement to the teachings of the Quran, the Holy Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (pbuh) also highlighted the importance of *Zikrullah* in many Hadiths. One of his companions, Abu Musa (ra) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: *“The comparison between a man who*

makes Zikr of his Rab (i.e. one who invokes the remembrance of His Lord (Allah)) and one who does not make Zikr is like the comparison between a living person and a dead person.” (Bukhari & Muslim).

The one who engages in *Zikr* has been compared to a living person because the existence of the *Ruh* (soul) is in fact the remembrance of Allah (swt) while the one who refrains from *Zikr* has been compared to a dead person. Also, Allah (swt) remembers those who remember Him. Another close companion of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), Abu Huraira (ra) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: *“Allah (swt) says: ‘I am with My servant when he remembers Me. When he remembers Me in his heart, I too remember him in Me. When he remembers Me in a gathering, I remember (and mention) him in a superior gathering (i.e. the assembly of angels).”* (Bukhari & Muslim).

On the other hand, for those who are self-satisfied, it should not be imagined that material possessions of comfort, wealth and luxury are negative to *Zikrullah*. Such possessions too are favours of Allah (swt) bestowed upon him for a limited time. Thus, those indulging in luxury should not abstain from *Zikrullah*. They should also be constantly engaged in the remembrance of Allah (swt), thanking Him whilst enjoying the comforts of the bounties which Allah (swt) has bestowed upon them, and also join His good cause by spending part of what they have amassed as fortune in the path of Allah. This kind of financial sacrifice for the cause of Allah, to please Allah is also a form of *Zikrullah*, for one is remembering Allah and dedicating part (or all) of his wealth in the path of Allah, for the works of *Deen-i-Islam*, to help in progressing Islam further.

Hence, let us all adopt the habit of remembering Allah (swt), be it with our tongue, mind and deeds repetitively for Mu’aaz Ibn Jabal (ra) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said:

“The people of Paradise will not grieve over anything but the moments in which they did not engage in Zikrullah (while they were on earth). They will regret for such (wasted) moments.” (Tabarani, Baihaqi).

And remember this type of regret will not be similar to any regret of the world for it will neither cause hardship nor sorrow. Fortunate shall be these people who despite gaining access to Paradise would have loved to have done the maximum *Zikr* of Allah so that they could have acceded to the higher stages of Paradise.

May Allah help each one of us remember Him in the most glorious ways so that He may always be pleased with us, think about us and extol our deeds and the love we have for Him with His angels and all His creatures in the Heavens and Earth. *Ameen*. Indeed, our priority is Allah, to seek Allah and get Allah as our reward. This should be our real goal in life, come what may. May Allah enable us to accede to Him in His embrace and love. *Ameen, Summa Ameen, Ya Rabbal Aalameen*.