



FRIDAY SERMON

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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 Purified Heart"**:

يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ

Yawma laa yanfa 'u maa luww wa laa banuun. Illaa man 'atallaaha bi qalbin saliim.

"The day whereon neither money nor children will avail, except him who comes to God with a sound heart." (Ash-Shu'ara 26: 89-90).

On Judgement Day, only a sound (pure) heart (*Qalbun Saliim*) shall benefit man. By a sound heart, it means a heart that holds the faith taught by God and His prophets (as) and which is free of any form of polytheism (*Shirk*). It is also, like I am telling you *"a heart that is pure from all kinds of dirt, including disobedience."*

The heart is continually exposed to the seductions of this world. When the heart is imbued with the fear of God, it manages to resist these temptations. But in the absence of that awe, the heart will be corrupted and will push the individual to disobey his Creator.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said: *"Temptations will be presented to men's hearts as reed mat is woven stick by stick and any heart which is impregnated by them will have a black*

mark put into it, but any heart which rejects them will have a white mark put in it. The result is that there will become two types of hearts: one white like a white stone which will not be harmed by any turmoil or temptation, so long as the heavens and the earth endure; and the other black and dust-coloured like a vessel which is upset (turned upside down), not recognizing what is good or rejecting what is abominable, but being impregnated with passion.” (Muslim).

Man must throughout his life wage a merciless battle against the seductions and temptations of this world. To achieve this, he must strengthen himself through acts of worship.

Satan seeks at all times to inject his poison into the heart of man to mislead and destroy him. He settles in the heart of a person when the latter’s mind is devoid of the remembrance of God (*Zikrullah*) and seeks to dominate him by his “*waswasas*” (whisperings). As soon as the person remembers Allah he (Satan) withdraws in disgrace.

But we must not also lose sight of the fact that the heart is subject to two kinds of inspirations. On one hand, there is, as I mentioned earlier, the thoughts which come from the devil provoking disobedience of God and the satisfaction of illicit desires. On the other hand, there is an angel assigned by God to every human being who inspires man to do good works.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said: *“Two inspirations (or whisperings) arise in the heart, the first one coming from the angel who inspires goodness and the willingness to believe in the truth. Let he who feels it, know that it comes from Allah, let him praise Him (Allah). And a second one (comes) from the enemy (the devil) arousing evil and the will to deny the truth and to divert (man) from goodness. Let him who feels it seeks refuge from Allah against the accursed Satan.” (Tirmidhi).*

Before ending my sermon, I will quote a few verses from the Holy Quran and some Hadiths on the subject:

QURAN:

“Then woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of Allah! Those are in manifest error.” (Az-Zumar 39: 23).

“Have you seen him who takes his own vain desire for his god? And Allah has sent him astray due to knowledge and has set a seal upon his hearing and his heart and put

over his vision a veil? So who will guide him after Allah? Then will you not heed?" (Al-Jathiyah 45: 24).

Those who have believed and whose hearts are assured by the remembrance of Allah. (Ar-Rad 13: 29).

HADITH:

"Had the devils not veiled (by temptations that seduce) the hearts of the sons (children) of Adam, they would have seen the kingdom of heaven." (Ahmad).

"There lies within the body a piece of flesh. If it is sound, the whole body is sound; and if it is corrupted, the whole body is corrupted. Verily this piece is the heart." (Bukhari).

May Allah protect our hearts against all physical and spiritual illnesses. Remember that the spiritual death of the heart is much more serious than any other disease. So let us do our best to polish our heart through prayer and preserve it against spoilage. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*