



## Friday Sermon

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***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 "Love & Connection with Allah":***

A believer must have love (*Muhabbah*) for Allah and a connection with Him. The *Muhabbah* (love) or an admiration for someone makes you do everything for the person you admire. The *Muhabbah* does everything that seems difficult, easy. And as a result, the unthinkable becomes feasible. As a person loves something, he makes efforts to acquire it. If he really likes this thing, then he does not care about time or money. He arrives at a point where he forgets everything. He finds nothing around him (Nothing really matters for him except for the loved one). Only one thing exists for him: it is the thing (or person) that he loves and admires.

See a young man of today who has just reached his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. (When he loves), he loves to such an extent that it becomes unbearable for him to live without the person loved. Without hesitation he leaves the family roof to live with the object of his love/ affection. He leaves his family, his mother, his dad, his brother, his sister, his comfort and even his *Deen* (religion - Islam) only for the cause of the loved one. He does all this with contentment and joy. If we (Muslims) had this same (kind of) *Muhabbah* for Allah, then we would never find the *Deen* (religion - Islam) difficult (to

practice). We would have suffered all with joy and contentment only for the love we have for our *Rab* (Lord - Allah).

The practice of the *Deen* would then become not only easy but also delicious. The example of the pious personages is before us. They have not hesitated to give up whatever it is that becomes an obstacle for them in their quest of Allah the Almighty. Hazrat Ibrahim (as) has abandoned his kingdom in order to reach Allah the Almighty and to acquire His love (literally: to acquire Allah). If someone can sacrifice his honour, his dignity, his status for a corpse that will die and who is condemned to become dust one day, then why can man (the human race) not give up everything for Allah Who is *Al-Hayy, Al-Qayyum* - Who has existed for all time and whose existence will never stop (that is, His existence has neither beginning nor end). Allah is the One who watches us all the time. He is a Being who is there for us all the time, giving us everything we need. That is why the *Ulul-al-Ba'b* (pious and intelligent people) give all their energy, all their time, all their wealth, and all that they have in their possession in (for) the pleasure of Allah the Almighty. The pleasure of Allah The Almighty is in the *Deen* (*Deen-i-Islam*) which means to live our lives according to the commandments of Allah The Exalted and the holy ways and *Sunnah* (practices) of our beloved *Nabi* (Prophet) Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). There are many things that usually seem difficult (to be achieved, to acquire) but which becomes not only easy but also super delicious. If you really love someone, will it be difficult for you to spend the night (i.e., a sleepless night) because of him/ her?

Young people (today) are spending even nights in cries of joy and great pleasure only because of the object of their contentment/ appreciation. He who loves Allah the Almighty will not find it difficult to get up in the middle of the night for the cause of his *Rab*. He really cannot explain what he really feels when he puts his forehead on the ground in the *Sajda* (prostration) before his *Rab*. What he receives in return is invaluable. But then, what does he really get? To know this, the simplest way is that you do this experiment yourself. You will then have an idea of what he really feels without the power and ability to explain the reward you receive (from Allah).

So, we must recite this *duah* (prayer): **"O Allah, grant me Your friendship and the friendship of him whose friendship will be beneficial to me with You."** Ameen. And to win this friendship, you must have a strong connection with Allah the Almighty. To make you understand this connection, let me explain it to you.

A connection with the object of your affection is truly a source of extraordinary joy. Everyone wants to make a similar connection. Without hesitation a person can make huge spending in order to achieve this goal. Often you can read advertisements in the newspapers that offer you to join and see your stars in front of you in flesh and blood or to stand with them on the same platform or the same stage. This offer is probably not a free offer. It is a paid offer that falls within the range of Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 25,000 per person. It is a fairly high and consistent sum. But that does not prevent people from going there! A person who is passionate about these stars will pay (such exorbitant amount of money) without hesitation to such an extent that even if the tickets are exhausted, but a demand for those tickets and shows soars. This kind of person/ people at that time does not look at his/ their spending. On the contrary, he takes this spectacle/ show as a golden opportunity to meet his beloved (*singular or plural*). All that attracts his admiration and which is found in his beloved is something that Allah has created in them (in this case, desire, ability to admire). We can become anyone (we want) through our performance, talent, and personality, but we must never forget that amidst all this we remain, we are truly a miserable beggar before Allah the Almighty. We live entirely at the mercy and generosity of Allah Who is *Rabbul-Aalameen* (Master of all the worlds).

If this beggar (in this case, the star that is so dear to you) has the ability to attract and invade the hearts and minds of thousands and thousands of people, then that gives us an idea of what can happen to a person who receives a little glimpse of the greatness of Allah the Almighty !!! Allah The Exalted Himself Who is the Source of all can amaze us in the form of beauty, riches, talents, etc. Allah the Exalted is Himself a so marvellous Being!!! We distinguish the beauty of a thing by looking at it with our physical eyes that is bound with our head. And it's called *baswaarah*. This faculty, everyone has it and is what allows it to admire a beautiful thing. It is because of this that everyone has a tendency to be dazzled and amazed by a simple beauty. But most of us lack this thing/ faculty/ capability that is called *basweerah*; That is to say, the eyes of the heart (in other words, the faculty of seeing with the eyes of the heart).

Appreciating the beauty, value and benefit of the *Deen* practices depends on those eyes of the heart that we call *basweerah*. It is this same *basweerah* that allows us to feel/ see the greatness of Allah the Exalted. Given that we humans are blind from this absence of the eyes of the heart, that is why we run behind all attracting things without worrying about Allah the Almighty. As a result, it becomes difficult for this kind of person to connect with Allah the Exalted. So it becomes very essential or even indispensable for developing our *basweerah* which is inside of us. And it (in

other words, the ability to see with the eyes of the heart) develops, in principle, by staying in company of the one who is always in connection with Allah the Almighty.

***What does a person who receives a connection with Allah the Almighty really feel?***

The sense of well-being and the satisfaction that a person feels when he is in the company of the one whom he loves with deep love can finally give us an idea of what can really be felt in the establishment of a (solid) connection with Allah the Almighty. This is only an idea, for otherwise, in principle, this connection (with Allah) is incomparable and cannot compete with other things, and we must live this connection with Allah to better understand it. If all beauty and all talents are concentrated in one object, even then this shall mean nothing before Allah the Exalted. And a connection with Allah the Almighty will certainly surpass all that an object of admiration (temporarily linked to this world) can contain.

So I pray that Allah the Almighty give to each one of you the *Tawfeeq* to understand this sermon today and together we must make much effort to stay with those who have a connection with Allah The Almighty so that we receive this love to connect with our *Rab*, *Insha-Allah*. *Ameen*.