

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ



لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Friday Sermon

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After greeting all his disciples, including all new 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 Perfect Book (Part 4)":

ذَٰلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ

وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ مِن قَبْلِكَ وَبِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ

Zaalikal Kitaabu laa rayba feeh. Hudal-lil-Muttaqiin; Allaziina yu'minuuna bil-Ghaybi wa yuqiimuunas Salaata wa mimma razaqnaahum yunfiquun; Wallaziina yu'minuuna bi-maaa 'unzila 'ilayka wa maaa 'unzila min-qablik, wa bil-'Aakhirati hum yuuqinuun.

This is the Book; there is no doubt in it, a guidance for those who fear Allah. Those who believe in the unseen and keep up prayer and spend out of what We have given them. And who believe in that which has been revealed to you and that which was revealed before you and they are sure of what is yet to come. (Al-Baqara 2: 3-5).

Today by the grace of Allah, I continue the same the sermon that I had started 3 Fridays ago on the subject of the Quran, by reciting the verses 3-5 of the Surah Al-Baqara.

The believers need to know when reading the Quran that there is not the least error, or contradiction in it. On the contrary, each verse of the Quran strengthens the other verse and do not create any doubt. But, there are also some people who instead of having their doubts cleared concerning the Quran, their doubts increase. Thus, these types of people need to know that they are not the category of people mentioned in the beginning of the Chapter (Al-Baqara), i.e. they are not the pious, God-fearing people as stipulated in the verse (Verse 3).

Those people who do not have any doubt that the Quran contains no doubt, and that it is sure guidance for them, those people are certainly the *Muttaquun*, i.e. those who have the fear of Allah, and who are truly pious. So, when you invoke Allah through supplications (and prayer), you also need to understand the subjects of the Quran or ask Allah for help to enable you to understand it and *Insha-Allah*, Allah shall give you the knowledge to well understand the contents of the Holy Quran. It is then that the heart shall be cleansed of any kind of doubt. But love for the Quran also demands that you seek this certainty directly from it (i.e. the Quran itself).

And the subjects (knowledge) of Allah are unlimited. A lot of times, for the people who have such (positive) thoughts, Allah (swt) enable them to understand certain points (from the Quran). And if they are *Muttaquun*, then there shall be no problem for them to understand what Allah (swt) has made put in the Quran. It becomes easy(for them). But if they are not *Muttaquun*, then the same knowledge that they have received becomes a source of doubt, *fitna*, and disputes for them.

I know many homes wherein the people do not pray *Namaz* five times a day and they do not encourage their children to perform *Namaz* also. There are homes where the people do pray *Namaz*, but they do not do the *Tilawat Quran*, and they do not make their children lire the Quran also. It is very unfortunate that they are not giving any importance to reading the Quran, and thus their homes are deprived of the blessings of Allah.

A Muslim has to perform his/ her five daily *Namaz*, and must do the *Tilawat Quran* also. Without the *Tilawat Quran*, his/ her *Namaz* shall be devoid of divine rewards. It shall be such a *Namaz* which is useless before Allah (swt). So, those who have not yet begun the *Tilawat Quran* (i.e. reading of the Holy Quran) must start it and then little by little his/

her knowledge shall increase. To gain the meanings of the Holy Quran (i.e. its verses), it is very important that you obtain some knowledge. To acquire a deep knowledge of the divine, knowledge is important. That is why the Quran has said that if you have to seek knowledge and ask someone (besides Allah), then ask knowledgeable people (people endowed with knowledge). It has also been stated in the Quran that Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) was to teach the people knowledge as well as wisdom. There is a Hadith - narrated by Hazrat Aisha (ra) - in which a companion of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) asked her a question about the life (*Sirat*) of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh). In reply, Hazrat Aisha (ra) told him to read the Holy Quran to know about the *Sirat* of the prophet of Allah (pbuh), and she advised him to study the life of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) to understand the Holy Quran. And through these words you shall get to know that Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) was a personification of the Holy Quran (he was a walking Quran).

So, I am putting much emphasis on starting the reading of the Quran and studying it from the beginning, for it is then that Allah (swt) to take care of the rest (i.e. you do the first effort in this voyage and Allah shall give you His help throughout the voyage). And those who begin this journey, then behold, it is Allah (swt) who shall take their hand and bring them to the ending point of the journey. The end of the journey/ voyage means the continual journey to the point of death, striving in this path till death. Otherwise, this journey would have no end.

So with these series of sermons on the importance of Quran reading and to understand the Quran, *Insha-Allah*, I pray that the *Tilawat Quran* is done every day in every home and with the help of *Tilawat Quran*, *Insha-Allah*, every home shall be filled with *Namazis* (worshippers of Allah), where *Taqwa* shall take over your hearts, and besides, one of the meanings of *Taqwa* is humility. The more a person is *Muttaqi*, the more shall you find him humble, and the more you shall find him ever submissive (prostrating, curbing) before Allah (swt).

So when such God-fearing, pious people (the *Muttaqi/ Muttaquun*) ask Allah questions, then Allah shall certainly guide them. The love for the book of Allah is such a thing that shall take into account the future generation. So, like I have told you before, you could have grown up like a free bird (doing everything you like without restrictions) or you could have grown up as per the expectations of Allah, which means that you have either already spent your life for or against the pleasure of Allah. But you shall be responsible if you do not make the future generations have love for Allah, for the Quran and for the five daily *Namaz/ Salat*. You shall be responsible for all this before Allah (swt) and you

would not be able to say that you were not warned about the harsh consequences (if you fail in this task).

You must do your best so that they have love for all (i.e. for Allah, for the Quran and *Namaz*). Otherwise, if you do not do the necessary efforts to establish them on the Quran, then all the rest shall be useless, and remain unrealisable. It is truly necessary that emphasis is laid on the Quran and emphasis MUST be put also on Quran recitation. And also in countries where you people do not have too much knowledge of Arabic, you need to read the translation (of the Quran) too. Like I told you before, Allah's introduction of the Holy Quran is 'The Book' (*Al-Kitab*). A book awaited by all religions. But when the Book was revealed, see how many people have turned their backs to it and went on their way! Likewise, many Muslims are reading the Surah Al-Fatiha and *Darood Shariff* every day in which they ask Allah (swt) to send the blessing He bestowed upon Hazrat Ibrahim (as), to Hazrat Muhammad (saws). What is that blessing? What is that divine favour which is being asked on a daily basis and also from the recitation of the Surah Al-Fatiha, where we say, “O Allah, guide us on the right path, the path of those upon whom You have bestowed Your favours, not the path of those whom have attracted Your wrath and have gone astray.”

Ask the following question: what are the favours which are being mentioned here (i.e. in the *Darood Ibrahim*)? Are these favours great cars, houses, lands, electrical appliances, etc.? If yes, then the unbelievers also received such favours. There are many among them who even have many more such favours than the believers. What favours Allah (swt) gave Hazrat Ibrahim (as)? These favours were in the form of prophethood, whereby Allah gave him prophets from among his progeny. Prophets of Allah came and the people rejected those prophets, and they even persecuted those prophets. They have thus attracted the wrath of Allah upon them and went astray.

So now when you are reading the Surah Al-Fatiha, and *Darood Shariff* and Allah (swt) sends to you His chosen servant, you turn on your back with all arrogance and go away. Then, of what use was your Fatiha and *Darood Shariff*? Indeed, it was in vain.

So, I end the sermon here and pray to Allah (swt), may Allah enlighten me on this subject further and make me ever a *Muttaqi*, with all humility and to sincerely believe in Your Book (O Allah), as a true believer. Certainly when you shall read the book of Allah, you shall believe in the Messenger of Allah, *Insha-Allah*.