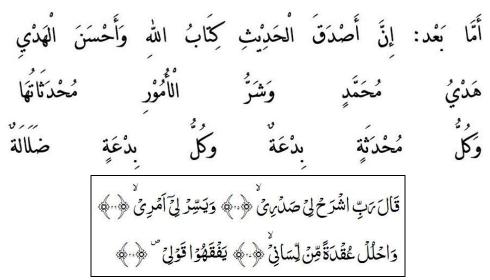
KHUTBAH JUMA TUL MUBARAK

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِيْنَهُ وَنَسْتَغِيْنَهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوْدُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُوْرِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِّلَ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِّلَ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُهْدِهِ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَمَنْ يُهْدِهُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَمَنْ يُهْدِهُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحَمَدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ وَحُدَهُ لَا شَرْيِكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ محمداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ وَحُدَهُ لَا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ

يَا أَيُهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسْلِمُونَ

يَا أَيُهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَّبُكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُم مِّن نَّفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَخَلَقَ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

يَا أَيُهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَن يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا وَمَن يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا



وَالَّذِيْنَ اِذَا فَعَلُوْا فَاحِشَةً اَوْ ظَلَمُوْا اَنْقُسَهُمْ ذَكُرُوا اللّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِنُنْوُبِهِمْ "وَمَنْ يَغْفِرُ النَّانُوْبِ اِللّا اللّهُ" " وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَى مَا فَعَلُوا وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٥﴾

اُولَيِكَ جَزَ آؤُهُمُ مَّغَفِرَةٌ مِّنُ مَّبِهِمْ وَجَنَّتُ تَجُرِئُ مِنُ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهُارُ خلِدِيْنَ فِيهَا وَنِعُمَ اَجُرُ الْعَمِلِيْنَ ﴿١٣١﴾

Dear Brothers and sisters in Islam,

In my last Khutbah, I talked about "who are peoples of Taqwa, and What are the rewards for them by Allah Almighty, and we will continue today to see what are the characteristics of these people called "Muttaqeen"

I recited (Al-Imran 135:136)

The first attribute (characterisitic) of Peoples of Tagwa

Those who spend in times that are easy and in times that are difficult.

Second attribute.

Allah says those who swallow their anger (wal kazimeena al ghaez 3:134), and the wordings are actually very powerful.

Third attribute.

They forgive people out of love ("wal aafeena an nas" (3:134)).

وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِيْنَ ۚ

Verily, Allah loves Al-Muhsinun (the good-doers).

Fourth and last attribute

3:135 And those who, when they have committed Fahishah (immoral sin) or wronged themselves with evil, remember Allah and ask forgiveness for their sins;

and none can forgive sins but Allah, and do not persist in what (wrong) they have done, while they know.

3:136 For such, the reward is forgiveness from their Lord, and Gardens with rivers flowing underneath (Paradise), wherein they shall abide forever. How excellent is this reward for the doers (of good).

My dear brothers and sisters, just imagine how merciful is Allah (SWT)? When I am making sins, and it's my fault but I am only asking Allah (SWT) for forgiveness again and again. And Allah (SWT) is saying that such people are "muttageen."

In Surah Al Furqan (Verse 70), such people are special;

25:70 Except those who repent and believe, and do righteous deeds; for those, Allah will change their sins into good deeds, and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Its human nature. In chapter 39:67 (Az-Zumar)

"Human beings do not appreciate Allah as he deserves to be appreciated"

Abdur-Razzaq recorded that Anas bin Malik said,

"I was told that when the Ayah, وَالْذِينَ إِذَا فَعُلُواْ فَاحِشْنَهُ (And those those) أَوْ ظُلَمُواْ الْفُسَهُمْ دُكَرُواْ اللّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُواْ لِدُنُوبِهِمْ (And those who, when they have committed Fahishah or wronged themselves with evil, remember Allah and ask forgiveness for their sins), was revealed, Iblis (Shaytan) cried."

In chapter 04:110 (An-Nisa)

4:110 And whoever does evil or wrongs himself but afterwards seeks Allah's forgiveness, he will find Allah Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

and there are several examples similar to this **Ayah**.

Any act of shamelessness, whether it was stealing something at the eyes, they gazed at something they shouldn't have. **Ya 'alamoo khainatal aya'yun.** He knows the stealing of your gazes. (40:19) He knows that too. **Wa ma tukh fi as sodoor**.what the chests are hiding. (Al Ghafir 40:19)

40:19 Allah knows the fraud of the eyes, and all that the breasts conceal.

In Al-Mulk (67:13, 14)

وَأُسِرُّواْ قُولْكُمْ أُو اجْهَرُواْ بِهِ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصَّدُورِ 67:13 And whether you keep your talk secret or disclose it, verily, He is the All-Knower of what is in the breasts.

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ

67:14 Should not He Who has created know? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous, All-Aware.

Whether it was some Facebook friend you made. Whether it was some texting you were doing In the middle of the night. Whether it was some inappropriate interaction. Whatever it was. Whatever shameless thing you did. They did not wake up for the prayer. They didn't give their zakat. They didn't give sadaqa. They didn't keep family ties. They wronged themselves in any other way. Allah is describing the muttaqeen like this. Why? Because they will do mistakes. But there is something that they do after the mistakes. **They remembered Allah**.

But on the other hand, this is a golden moment for shaitan. When you go late to class and your teacher is angry at you because you are late. You know what you do. You avoid eye contact and you go sit into your cubicle. You don't wanna face him. When you have a bad report card and you go home to your family .You sneak into the house. There is no "assalam o alaikum, im home"...You sneak in and you go to sleep. What happened in school? Nothing!

When you disappoint someone, you avoid contact with them. It's natural.

In this case, when we do something shameless, when we wrong ourselves, who have we disappointed? Allah az zawajjal. So naturally, shaitan takes advantage of this. He comes to you and says, you gonna go pray now? You hypocrite! You do shameless thing this and that and now you wanna go attend a class, you gonna do ibadah? You are such a two faced person. So this person says ya I shouldn't go pray because I'm two faced. Shaitan takes advantage. He distances you from Allah. And we are embarrassed to go before Allah.

But the true muttaq, when he does something wrong, immediately what does he do? He remembers Allah! Who's gonna forgive sins other than Allah? Who are you gonna go to? Where else you gotta go? Who else, other than Allah knows the things you and I have messed up with? There are a lot of things in our closet that Allah hasn't exposed. Only Allah knows them. And we gotta find time out and ask Allah to forgive those. This is the main attributed described of the people that are going to enter Jannah. Such people will be rewarded with forgiveness from their Rabb plus gardens beneath which the rivers flow.

Let me give you another example: Have you even seen a mother beating his/her kid? You know what kid is doing, he is still holding on to his mother. Everywhere around else, there are these ugly gigantic strangers. He does not wanna deal with them. Even if she is angry, even if she is disappointed, even if she is yelling at him, his whole world, his whole shelter, his whole protection where is he gonna get it from? His mother!

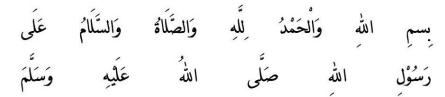
So when we disappoint Allah, when we disobey Him, where are we gonna go?

Where else do we have. So even if we fell short of the standards set by Him, we still should hold on to Allah. Seek forgiveness.

The true muttaq never looses his hope in Allah. We are not allowed to loose hope in Allah.



Stop for a While



Example # 01: It is related that every evening he (Prophet Abraham) would seek out a walker/traveler, feed him, and give him shelter for the night in his home. One day, he noticed that a person he had brought in failed to invoke the name of Allah while beginning to consume the meal offered to him. On being questioned by Prophet Abraham, his reply was that he did not believe in God. This answer made Prophet Abraham very angry and he asked the stranger to leave his house. Thereupon, Abraham received Divine revelation stating:

"O Abraham this man has always denied my existence, has been disrespectful to Me, and has even tried to convince others to follow his footsteps, but I never stopped his sustenance."

So my dear brothers and sisters, please do not yell on any (your kids, friends) one and do not be angry with anyone. Just educate him and tell him if you feel something wrong.

In tafseer ibne katheer:

Imam Ahmad recorded that Abu Hurayrah said that the Prophet said,

A man once committed an error and said, `O Lord! I committed an error, so forgive me.'

Allah said, `My servant committed an error and knew that he has a Lord Who forgives or punishes for the error. I have forgiven My servant.'

Allah said, `My servant knew that he has a Lord Who forgives or punishes for the error. Bear witness that I have forgiven My servant, so let him do whatever he likes.'

<u>But now the question is</u>, are you sure that after every sin, you will get a chance to ask for forgiveness? Nobody knows about it, then do not waste time, and let's get back to Allah (SWT) and next try to save yourself as much as possible.

Lets pray to Allah Almighty

May Allah make us all true muttageen?

May Allah make us of those of suppress their anger, who forgive others lovingly, out of love for Allah?

May Allah make us of those, who when wrong themselves, immediately turn to Allah. May Allah make us of those who never lose hope in Allah SWT?

May Allah protect us all and our families?

