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OVERLOOKING IS AMONG THE TRAITS OF THE NOBLE

FIRST KHUTBAH

ALL PRAISE IS DUE TO ALLAH, WHO HAS APPORTIONED AMONG HIS SERVANTS THEIR PROVISIONS AND THEIR CHARACTER.

I BEAR WITNESS THAT THERE IS NO DEITY WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH ALONE, WITH NO PARTNER.

IT IS A TESTIMONY UPON WHICH WE HOPE TO BE RESURRECTED ON THE DAY OF MEETING. AND I BEAR WITNESS THAT OUR PROPHET MUHAMMAD IS THE SERVANT OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER, THE ILLUMINATING LAMP.

O ALLAH, SEND YOUR PRAYERS, PEACE, AND BLESSINGS UPON HIM, HIS FAMILY, HIS COMPANIONS, AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIS GUIDANCE UNTIL THE DAY OF RETURN.

AS FOR WHAT FOLLOWS: FEAR ALLAH, O SERVANTS OF ALLAH, AND CONTINUALLY ASK ALLAH TO GRANT YOU RIGHTEOUS DEEDS AND GOOD CHARACTER. KNOW THAT THE PERSON OF NOBLE CHARACTER IS BELOVED TO ALLAH AND TO PEOPLE, AND ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION WILL BE AMONG THOSE CLOSEST IN RANK TO OUR PROPHET, PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM. SO LET US ADORN OURSELVES WITH THE FINEST MANNERS, SEEKING ALLAH'S PLEASURE AND SHOWING KINDNESS TO THOSE AROUND US.

O SERVANTS OF ALLAH: HERE IS A GREAT MORAL QUALITY BROUGHT BY THE NOBLE QUR'AN AND ABUNDANTLY DEMONSTRATED IN BOTH THE WORDS AND ACTIONS OF THE SUNNAH. IT IS THE CHARACTER OF OVERLOOKING AND DELIBERATELY IGNORING THE FAULTS OF OTHERS. ITS MEANING IS THAT YOU DO NOT SCRUTINIZE THE MISTAKES OF THOSE AROUND YOU, NOR DO YOU REPROACH EVERY SHORTCOMING COMMITTED AGAINST YOU. AS ALLAH THE EXALTED SAYS:

"TAKE TO FORGIVENESS, ENJOIN WHAT IS RIGHT, AND TURN AWAY FROM THE IGNORANT." MUJAHID, MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIM, SAID: "ACCEPT WHAT IS EASY FROM PEOPLE'S CHARACTER AND DEEDS WITHOUT PRYING."

O SERVANTS OF ALLAH: AS FOR THE OVERLOOKING PRACTICED BY OUR PROPHET, PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM, IT IS A SUBJECT THAT COULD BE DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH. IF YOU WISHED TO SPEAK ABOUT HOW HE OVERLOOKED THE ACTIONS OF HIS WIVES, DESPITE REPEATED MISTAKES, THERE WAS NO REPROACH, NO INTERROGATION, AND NO EXCESSIVE SCRUTINY. HE UNDERSTOOD THE WEAKNESS OF A WIFE, DID NOT BECOME ENRAGED OR GO BEYOND MODERATION. RATHER, HE WOULD SAY:

"THE BEST OF YOU IS THE ONE WHO IS BEST TO HIS FAMILY."





ON ONE OCCASION, OUR PROPHET, PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM, WAS IN THE HOUSE OF OUR MOTHER AISHA, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HER.

OUR MOTHER UMM SALAMAH, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HER, SENT A BOWL OF FOOD WITH THE SERVANT ANAS IBN MALIK, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH THEM BOTH.

AISHA BECAME JEALOUS AND STRUCK ANAS'S HAND, CAUSING THE BOWL TO FALL AND BREAK. THE PROPHET, PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM, PICKED UP THE TWO BROKEN PIECES, PLACED THEM TOGETHER, AND BEGAN GATHERING THE FOOD INTO THEM WHILE SAYING,

"YOUR MOTHER BECAME JEALOUS. EAT."

THEY ATE. THEN HE WAITED UNTIL AISHA BROUGHT A BOWL FROM HER OWN HOUSE. HE GAVE THE INTACT BOWL TO ANAS AND LEFT THE BROKEN ONE IN AISHA'S HOUSE. ALLAH HAS SPOKEN THE TRUTH:

"WE HAVE NOT SENT YOU EXCEPT AS A MERCY TO THE WORLDS."

INDEED, OVERLOOKING EXTINGUISHES MUCH EVIL.

O SERVANTS OF ALLAH:

WE NEED TO PRACTICE OVERLOOKING WITH OUR CHILDREN AND TURN A BLIND EYE TO THEIR MISTAKES, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE NOT REPEATED.

WE SHOULD NOT HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR EVERY WORD OR COUNT EVERY ACTION AGAINST THEM. IF WE DO SO, WE LOSE THEIR LOVE AND THE CLOSENESS BETWEEN US DISAPPEARS. IN AN AGE OF LEISURE GATHERINGS, PEER GROUPS, AND CONSTANT ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC DEVICES, WE MAY LOSE ONE OF OUR CHILDREN BECAUSE OF EXCESSIVE FAULT-FINDING.

THROUGH GENTLE GUIDANCE AND OVERLOOKING, MANY MATTERS ARE SET RIGHT.

AND CONTINUE MAKING THIS SUPPLICATION:

"OUR LORD, GRANT US FROM AMONG OUR SPOUSES AND OFFSPRING COMFORT TO OUR EYES AND MAKE US LEADERS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS."

O SERVANTS OF ALLAH:

WE ALSO NEED OVERLOOKING AND FORBEARANCE WITH OUR SERVANTS, MAIDS, AND WORKERS. ANAS, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM, SAID:

"I SERVED THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH, PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM, FOR TEN YEARS. BY ALLAH, HE NEVER ONCE SAID TO ME, 'UFF,' NOR DID HE EVER SAY REGARDING SOMETHING I HAD DONE, 'WHY DID YOU DO THAT?' OR, 'WHY DIDN'T YOU DO SUCH AND SUCH?'"





O HONORABLE EDUCATORS: WE NEED OVERLOOKING AND FORBEARANCE WITH OUR STUDENTS.

HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR EVERY SLIP DIMINISHES YOUR STANDING AND WEAKENS THE IMPACT OF YOUR ADVICE.

TIME AND AGAIN, OUR PROPHET, PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM, SAW AND HEARD OF MISTAKES AND LAPSES, AND HE WOULD SAY:

"WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH CERTAIN PEOPLE WHO DO SUCH AND SUCH?"

HE HEARD ABOUT ONE OF HIS COMPANIONS WHO LED PEOPLE IN PRAYER AND PROLONGED IT, SO HE SAID:

"WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH PEOPLE WHO DRIVE OTHERS AWAY FROM THIS RELIGION? WHOEVER LEADS PEOPLE IN PRAYER SHOULD MAKE IT BRIEF, FOR AMONG THEM ARE THE SICK, THE ELDERLY, AND THOSE WITH NEEDS."

IMAM AL-SHAF'I, MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIM, SAID:

"THE TRULY INTELLIGENT AND WISE PERSON IS PERCEPTIVE YET DELIBERATELY OVERLOOKS."

HOW WISELY SPOKE THE POET:

ADOPT FORBEARANCE IN ALL MATTERS,
AND NEVER HASTEN TO REACT AGAINST A PERSON.

AND IF YOU ARE AFFLICTED BY SOMEONE DEVOID OF VIRTUE,
THEN BEHAVE AS THOUGH YOU NEITHER HEARD NOR SAW WHAT HE SAID.

O ALLAH, GRANT US SINCERITY IN INTENTION, EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ACTION. O ALLAH, WE ASK YOU FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, PIETY, AND DEEDS THAT PLEASE YOU.

I SAY THESE WORDS OF MINE, AND I SEEK ALLAH'S FORGIVENESS FOR MYSELF, FOR YOU, AND FOR ALL MUSLIMS FROM EVERY SIN. SO SEEK HIS FORGIVENESS, FOR INDEED HE IS THE ALL-FORGIVING, THE MOST MERCIFUL.





THE SECOND KHUTBAH

PRAISE BE TO ALLAH, WHO HAS PERFECTED FOR US THE RELIGION AND COMPLETED HIS FAVOR UPON US. I BEAR WITNESS THAT THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH ALONE, WITH NO PARTNER, A TESTIMONY OF GOODNESS AND PROTECTION. AND I BEAR WITNESS THAT OUR PROPHET MUHAMMAD IS THE SERVANT OF ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER. MAY ALLAH SEND BLESSINGS UPON HIM, HIS FAMILY, AND HIS COMPANIONS—BLESSINGS THAT ENDURE—AND GRANT THEM CONTINUOUS PEACE UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

AS FOR WHAT FOLLOWS:

"O YOU WHO HAVE BELIEVED, FEAR ALLAH AND BE WITH THOSE WHO ARE TRUTHFUL."

SERVANTS OF ALLAH:

INDEED, AMONG THE NOBLEST QUALITIES IS TO OVERLOOK THE FAULTS OF YOUR ENEMIES AND TO DELIBERATELY IGNORE THE FOOLISH PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU MAY BE TESTED IN WORKPLACES, ON THE ROADS, AND IN THE MOSQUES. ALLAH PRAISED THE BELIEVERS WHO RESPOND TO THE IGNORANT BY SAYING, "PEACE BE UPON YOU; WE DO NOT SEEK THE COMPANY OF THE IGNORANT."

SUCH PEOPLE DO NOT DESERVE THAT YOU SPEND YOUR TIME ARGUING WITH THEM OR BURDENING YOURSELF WITH GRIEF BECAUSE OF THEM. ALLAH, THE EXALTED, SAYS:

"AND THE SERVANTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL ARE THOSE WHO WALK UPON THE EARTH HUMBLY, AND WHEN THE IGNORANT ADDRESS THEM, THEY SAY, 'PEACE.'"

O MUSLIMS: THE NOBLE PROPHET JOSEPH (PEACE BE UPON HIM) HEARD SOME PEOPLE ACCUSE HIM OF BEING A THIEF. HE TURNED AWAY AS THOUGH HE HAD NOT HEARD. HE NEITHER REPROACHED NOR PUNISHED THEM, DESPITE HAVING THE POWER TO DO SO. RATHER, HE CONCEALED IT WITHIN HIMSELF AND DID NOT REVEAL IT TO THEM.

AS FOR OUR MOST HONORED PROPHET (MAY ALLAH'S BLESSINGS AND PEACE BE UPON HIM AND HIS FAMILY), DESPITE WHAT HE EXPERIENCED FROM HIS ENEMIES OF ARROGANCE, DENIAL, INSULTS, AND ABUSE, HE OFTEN DEALT WITH THEM THROUGH FORBEARANCE AND DELIBERATE OVERLOOKING. THEY WOULD CURSE HIM AND INSULT HIM, CALLING HIM "MUDHAMMAM" ("THE CONDEMNED") INSTEAD OF MUHAMMAD. HE IGNORED THEM AND SAID TO HIS COMPANIONS:

"DO YOU NOT MARVEL AT HOW ALLAH DIVERTS FROM ME THE INSULTS AND CURSES OF QURAYSH? THEY INSULT MUDHAMMAM AND CURSE MUDHAMMAM, WHILE I AM MUHAMMAD."

EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE WAS THE ONE THEY INTENDED, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM.





I OFTEN PASS BY A VILE PERSON WHO INSULTS ME,
SO I CONTINUE ON AND SAY, "HE DOES NOT CONCERN ME."

MY NOBLE BROTHER: YOUR DAYS WILL NEVER BE FREE FROM HEARING THINGS YOU DISLIKE FROM A FRIEND, A RELATIVE, OR A COWORKER. BEWARE OF CHASING AFTER EVERY WORD AND SCRUTINIZING PEOPLE'S INTENTIONS. INSTEAD, ACT AS THOUGH YOU DID NOT HEAR IT AND AS THOUGH IT DOES NOT CONCERN YOU. YOU WILL FIND COMFORT IN YOUR SOUL AND PEACE IN YOUR MIND.

IBN AL-JAWZI (MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON HIM) SAID:

CONTINUALLY OVERLOOKING PEOPLE'S SLIPS IS AMONG THE HIGHEST TRAITS OF THE NOBLE, FOR PEOPLE ARE NATURALLY PRONE TO MISTAKES AND ERRORS. IF A PERSON CONCERNS HIMSELF WITH EVERY SLIP AND EVERY FAULT, HE WILL EXHAUST HIMSELF AND EXHAUST OTHERS. THE WISE AND INTELLIGENT PERSON IS ONE WHO DOES NOT SCRUTINIZE EVERY MINOR AND MAJOR MATTER WITH HIS FAMILY, LOVED ONES, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND COLLEAGUES, SO THAT HIS COMPANY REMAINS PLEASANT AND HIS RELATIONSHIPS REMAIN PURE.

O MUSLIMS: DELIBERATELY OVERLOOKING MINOR FAULTS IS STRONG EVIDENCE OF A PERSON'S GOOD CHARACTER. AS MU'AWIYAH (MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM) SAID: INTELLIGENCE IS A MEASURE: ONE-THIRD OF IT IS DISCERNMENT, AND TWO-THIRDS OF IT IS DELIBERATE OVERLOOKING.

SERVANTS OF ALLAH: ONE OF THE GREATEST BENEFITS OF OVERLOOKING MINOR FAULTS IS THAT IT BRINGS INNER PEACE. THE ONE WHO DWELLS ON EVERY WORD, RESPONDS TO EVERY MISTAKE, AND HOLDS PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR EVERY SMALL AND GREAT MATTER WILL FIND HIS LIFE TROUBLED, AND THOSE AROUND HIM WILL BE DRIVEN AWAY FROM HIM.

O MUSLIMS: SPEAKING ABOUT DELIBERATE OVERLOOKING DOES NOT MEAN ABANDONING SINCERE ADVICE OR FAILING TO POINT OUT RELIGIOUS VIOLATIONS, FOR THAT IS AN OBLIGATION UPON WHOEVER IS ABLE. THE PROPHET (MAY ALLAH'S BLESSINGS AND PEACE BE UPON HIM) SAID:

"RELIGION IS SINCERE ADVICE."

WE ASKED, "TO WHOM?" HE REPLIED:

"TO ALLAH, HIS BOOK, HIS MESSENGER, THE LEADERS OF THE MUSLIMS, AND THEIR COMMON PEOPLE."





O ALLAH, GUIDE US TO THE BEST OF CHARACTER, FOR NONE GUIDES TO THE BEST OF IT EXCEPT YOU, AND TURN US AWAY FROM ITS EVIL, FOR NONE CAN TURN US AWAY FROM ITS EVIL EXCEPT YOU.

O ALLAH, WE ASK YOU FOR PARADISE AND EVERY WORD AND DEED THAT BRINGS ONE NEAR TO IT, AND WE SEEK REFUGE IN YOU FROM THE FIRE AND EVERY WORD AND DEED THAT BRINGS ONE NEAR TO IT.

O ALLAH, SHOW US THE TRUTH AS TRUTH AND GRANT US THE PROVISION TO FOLLOW IT, AND SHOW US FALSEHOOD AS FALSEHOOD AND GRANT US THE PROVISION TO AVOID IT.

OUR LORD, FORGIVE OUR SINS AND OUR EXCESSES IN OUR AFFAIRS, MAKE OUR FEET FIRM, AND GRANT US VICTORY OVER THE DISBELIEVING PEOPLE.

O ALLAH, GRANT HONOR TO ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS EVERYWHERE, HUMILIATE DISBELIEF AND THE DISBELIEVERS, DESTROY THE ENEMIES OF THE RELIGION, AND MAKE THIS LAND SAFE AND SECURE, AS WELL AS ALL THE LANDS OF THE MUSLIMS.

O ALLAH, GRANT SUCCESS TO THE LEADERS OF THE MUSLIMS IN GENERAL IN THAT WHICH YOU LOVE AND ARE PLEASED WITH, ASSIST THEM IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PIETY, GUIDE THEM, AND MAKE GUIDANCE EASY FOR THEM.

O ALLAH, GRANT SUCCESS TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES, KING SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ, AND HIS TRUSTWORTHY CROWN PRINCE, MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN. GRANT THEM SUCCESS IN WHAT YOU LOVE AND ARE PLEASED WITH, ASSIST THEM IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PIETY, AND REWARD THEM ABUNDANTLY FOR SERVING ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS.

GRANT VICTORY TO OUR SOLDIERS AND PROTECT OUR BORDERS.

O ALLAH, ACCEPT OUR MARTYRS AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS.

FORGIVE US, OUR PARENTS, AND ALL THE MUSLIMS.

OUR LORD, GRANT US GOOD IN THIS WORLD AND GOOD IN THE HEREAFTER, AND PROTECT US FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF THE FIRE.

AND ALL PRAISE IS DUE TO ALLAH, LORD OF THE WORLDS.

