

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, we often connect illnesses and fitnah to that which is physical and that which we can see, but there is a disease which is silent which we are all guilty of, laziness. The famous Companion Abdullah bin Masood رضي الله عنه he said:

إِنِّي لَأَمُوتُ

“Surely I hate”

أَنْ أَرَى الرَّجُلَ

“That I see a man and he’s doing nothing”

لَا فِي عَمَلٍ دُنْيَا، وَلَا آخِرَةٍ

“He is not doing anything to benefit his dunya. He is not doing anything to benefit his akhirah”

My brothers and sisters, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to start each day and evening in seeking Allah's سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى protection from laziness. In Sahih Muslim from the adkaar of the morning and the evening, he used to say every single day:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ وَسُوءِ الْكِبَرِ

“Oh Allah I seek refuge in you from laziness”

The Messenger of Allah Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ every day of his life, seeking refuge in Allah from laziness and from the evilness of old age. But also the opposite we learn from the adkaar. Umm Salahmah his wife رضي الله عنها reported in hadith which is hasan, that he used to begin his day after salatul Fajr, the first thing that he used to say:

اللهم اني اسالك علما نافعا ورزقا طيبا وعملا متقبلا

“O Allah, surely I ask you for beneficial knowledge, for provisions which are good and actions which are accepted”

Every single day of his life صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . Ibn Qayyim رحمه الله he comments:

فَالْعُزُّ عَدَمُ الْقُدْرَةِ عَلَى الْحِيلَةِ النَّافِعَةِ ،

“Inability is when a person doesn't have the means to do something, but laziness is worse”

وَالْكَسْلُ عَدَمُ الْإِرَادَةِ لِفِعْلِهَا

“The person has no concern to do anything”

My brother and sisters this is summer and people have a lot of spare time on their hands and we need to be reminded that laziness is something which is blameworthy in our religion and to our human state also. Often during the holidays we spend time doing things which are unproductive or sinful. A'isha رضي الله عنها narrated in a hadith which has been reported by Bukhari and Muslim, that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ often used to supplicate:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَمَلْتُ، وَشَرِّ مَا لَمْ أَعْمَلْ

“O Allah I seek refuge in you in the bad that I have done and from the evil which I have not done”

In this hadith the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to seek refuge and pardon from Allah تَعَالَى from anything which he has done which is not correct and from not doing anything because laziness by itself is its own punishment, hence Wahb bin Munabbih رحمه الله one of the Ulema of the Salaf he said:

مَنْ يَتَعَبَّدُ بِرُدِّ قُوَّةٍ

“Anyone who worships Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and he uses his time in a beneficial manner, you will find that that person is actually strong and he has strength and he is energetic”

وَمَنْ يَكْسَلُ بِرُدِّ قُوَّةٍ

“But the person who is lazy, he only increases in deficiency”

He will not be able to accomplish or understand anything, hence Ibn Kathir **رحمه الله** the famous Mufassir he says:

وهذا أمر مجرب

What Wahb bin Munabbih **رحمه الله** has said is, “something which has been trialed and tested and it is something we can all see”

أن العبادة تنشط البدن وتلينه

“Worshipping Allah and doing things which are beneficial in your spare time, brings about strength to the body and it causes softness to the heart, but too much rest” Ibn Kathir says رحمه الله, “too much rest and laziness, causes for the heart to become hard and for the body to become stiff and unable”.

My brothers and sisters and my sons and my daughters, being lazy is easier and your soul will always call you to be lazy rather than be productive. One of the Ulema of the Salaf, Qatada رحمه الله he says:

“Ya Ibn Adam”

“O Son of Adam”

إِنْ كُنْتَ لَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ تَأْتِيَ الْخَيْرَ إِلَّا بِنَشَاطٍ

“If you are waiting for the time to do something which is good for you in a time when it suits you, in a position where you find energy, then this is wrong”

فَإِنَّ نَفْسَكَ إِلَى السَّامَةِ وَإِلَى الْفُتْرَةِ وَإِلَى الْمَلَلِ أَمِيلٌ،

“This is because your body and your soul is inclined just to lay there, to pass time by. Your body would prefer boredom over doing things which are going to benefit you”

وَلَكِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنُ هُوَ الْمُتَحَامِلُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُتَقَوِّي،

“However the Believer, the true Believer and a sign of a true Believer is that he pushes himself. He wants to be strong. He wants to do what is better”

My brothers and sisters, where does laziness come from? Laziness only comes from with us forgetting the akhirah and only living for the life of the dunya. Ibn Hajar Asqalani رحمه الله explains he says that:

“No one is ever lazy except that he feels like he is safe from Allah”, he says:

وَيَتَوَلَّدُ مِنْ طُولِ الْأَمَلِ

“When a person his hope stretches far into the future, thinking that everything is okay, everything is going to work out, I don't need to do anything”

وَيَتَوَلَّدُ مِنْ طُولِ الْأَمَلِ الْكَسَلُ

“When a person has too much hope and wishful thinking this is what creates laziness”, he says رحمه الله:

أَكْسَلُ عَنِ الطَّاعَةِ

“He becomes too lazy to be obedient to Allah”

وَالْتَسْوِيفُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ

“And laziness causes the person to delay tawbah and apologising to Allah and changing your affairs”

وَالرَّغْبَةُ فِي الدُّنْيَا

“And laziness creates a hope for the life of this dunya”

وَالتَّسْيَانُ لِالْآخِرَةِ

“And laziness creates a mind to be absent about the akhirah” and then he says رحمه الله:

وَالفَسْوَةُ فِي الْقَلْبِ

“Hardness is surely in the heart”

Laziness causes your heart to become hard so that when you're reminded of anything which is good, you're too lazy.

لَأَنَّ رِقَّتَهُ وَصَفَاءَهُ قَلْبٍ

“This is because softness and the purity of your heart”

إِنَّمَا يَفْعُ بِتَذْكَيرِ الْمَوْتِ

“The softness of your heart, the energy in your body can only come about when a person remembers death”

وَالْقَبْرِ وَالنَّوَابِ وَالْعِقَابِ وَأَهْوَالِ الْقِيَامَةِ

“A person removes laziness from himself, from his lifestyle, from his mindset when he reminds himself frequently of death; about how he will be in the grave, about the reward and the punishment and about the state of mankind and how they will be on the Day of Judgment”.

My brother and sisters we are all alone, we entered alone and we will leave alone and when we are alone our soul, our soul calls to laziness. It tells us don't do anything or it could even tell you to say something or do something which is incorrect and inappropriate, hence Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has made the difference between loss and success in the way that you spend your time and He swears by it:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

"In the name of Allāh, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful"

وَالْعَصْرِ ١

"By time" al-'Asr (The Declining Day, Eventide, The Epoch, Time) 103:1

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِفِي خُسْرٍ ٢

"Indeed, mankind is in loss" al-'Asr (The Declining Day, Eventide, The Epoch, Time)

103:2

Because of the way that they engage with their spare time.

Khutbah: Laziness

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وَالْعَصْرِ ١ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ٢ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ٣

“Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience” al-`Asr (The Declining Day, Eventide, The Epoch, Time) 103:3

Second Khutbah

My brothers and sisters we ask Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** to aid us in all of our affairs. In the time that we are living in most people spend their hours and their minutes in that which does not benefit them. Most people by this very definition have become deceived by the life of this dunya. They think life is just about laughing and joking and they spend their time in doing things which will not benefit them, will only feed into the laziness that their soul calls into and this is dangerous because this is from the plots of Shaytaan.

In Musnad, Ahmad it's been reported with a chain which is saheeh that the Messenger of Allah **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said:

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ دُنْبُ الْإِنْسَانِ كَدُنْبِ الْغَنَمِ

“Shaytaan is a wolf for man, like a wolf is a wolf for sheep”

يَأْخُذُ الشَّاةَ الْقَاصِيَةَ وَالنَّاجِيَةَ

“The soul which is by itself, just like the sheep which is alone is prey for Shaytaan”

The wolf will catch the sheep when he is idle, when he is by himself, so he says **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, “Shaytaan is like a wolf for every single one of us in this example”, so he then says **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ** :

وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَالشَّعَابَ

“Be careful of being alone”

وَ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْجَمَاعَةِ

“And stick to having good righteous company which will encourage you to do good deeds”

Ibn Qayyim رحمه الله says about wasting time, he says رحمه الله:

“Wasting your time with laziness is worse than death, because when you pass away, you take away from yourself from the dunya. You have done what you can, you have done what you have been able to do and you have left the life of this dunya, but as for wasting time and laziness, not only are you wasting the time which are precious for you to develop for yourself and akhirah, but you are not doing anything which is benefiting your dunya. If a person passes away his death is better than laziness.

My brothers and sisters, people are tempted when they are alone and when they are not busy in doing goodness in those moments of laziness a person can destroy what it has taken for years for that person to build.

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My brothers and sisters, Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ commands us to send peace and blessings on the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, He began with Himself and He describes the Angels in doing so also:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ٥٦

“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace” al-Ahzab (The Clans, The Coalition, The Combined Forces, The Allies) 33:56

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