

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, there is a huge object suspended in the sky. We see it. We witness it every single day, but just like other ayats, most of mankind do not reflect.

My brothers and sisters, the sun is a sign of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. The sun is a mercy from Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** that He has given to His creation. It gives them energy by His permission and His leave and from its existence we bear fruits. It provides health and in actual fact, human life cannot exist without it with the permission of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. Without the sun my brother and sisters, we would be in darkness. We would be cold and we'd have no sustenance.

But my brother and sisters, the power of something created actually shows the power and the wisdom of the One that created it. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** tells us:

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٌ بِأَمْرِ ۞

“And He has subjected for you the night and day and the sun and moon, and the stars are subjected by His command” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:12

So what's the wisdom?

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى created the sun so that we could recognise Him, سُبْحَانَهُ , hence Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى swears by it in the Qur'an due to its importance, he says سُبْحَانَهُ :

وَالشَّمْسِ وَضُحَاهَا ١

“By the sun and its brightness” ash-Shams (The Sun) 91:1

In this my brothers and sisters there's a sign and it's also a reminder of man's inability and weakness, hence when talking about the sun, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says:

لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَأَسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ٣٧

“Do not prostrate to the sun or to the moon, but prostrate to Allah , who created them, if it should be Him that you worship” Fussilat (Explained in Detail, Revelations Well Expounded) 41:37

My brothers and sisters, the sun itself also submits. In a hadith which is reported by al - Bukhari, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was once asked by his Companions or he once asked his Companions, صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

“Do you know where the sun disappears to when it sets?” so he says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, that the sun:

تَذْهَبُ حَتَّى تَسْجُدَ تَحْتَ الْعَرْشِ،

He said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ that, “The sun disappears and it goes and it makes sujud underneath the Throne of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى”

وَيُوشِكُ أَنْ تَسْجُدَ فَلَا يُقْبَلُ مِنْهَا،

“All the while while its making sujud, the sun, whilst its making sujud, it fears that the sajida will not be accepted by Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى”

An object which is greater than you, more powerful than you, makes sujud to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and it fears for itself that its worship will not be accepted and it remains in that state in sujud, until Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells the sun:

ارْجِعِي مِنْ حَيْثُ جِئْتِ؛

“Go back to where you came from” and then the sun rises for another day.

My brother and sisters, when the sun is here we benefit and when the sun is not here, it benefits.

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My brothers and sisters, the heat we all feel from the peak of the summer, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ actually told us that:

“That heat is not from the sun, it’s actually from somewhere which is hotter than the sun”

In a hadith which is agreed upon Bukhari and Muslim, Abu Hurayra رضي الله عنه narrates that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

اشْتَكَّتِ النَّارُ إِلَى رَبِّهَا

“The Hellfire complained to its Lord” and it says:

“My flames and my heat is so intense my insides are eating up themselves”, so Allah سُبحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى permitted for the Hellfire to breathe twice:

نَفْسٍ فِي الشَّتَاءِ وَنَفْسٍ فِي الصَّيْفِ،

“A release. A breath in the winter and a release and a breath in the summer”, so the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ he said:

فَأَشَدُّ مَا تَجِدُونَ مِنَ الْحَرِّ،

“What you find from the intense heat in the summer is from the breaths of the breath of Jahannam”

My brother and sisters, this is the sun in the dunya. Today the sun is above our heads and we can feel its heat. We are subdued by its power even though it's hundreds of millions of miles away. We have a layer of gas and the atmosphere to protect us and we have different times in the day when it is hotter and cooler. We have seasons throughout the year from the mercy of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, but the heat of the sun in summer is actually a reminder for those who have intellects and those who reflect. They are reminded that there is nothing that they can do to run away and hide from the ayat of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**.

Today the sun above us roughly around 30c, so how about when there is a day when there is no shade except for Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**? Mankind will be gathered in fetters and in handcuffs and in chains and they will be on their knees. There will be no talking on that day. Not a whisper will be heard. Their eyes and their heads will be bowed and their thoughts will be scattered into the air. The earth will be made flat. No one will be able to hide and then the Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ** described the sun on that day as reported by Muslim in his Sahih:

تُذْنَى الشَّمْسُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنَ الْخَلْقِ،

“The sun will be brought close on the Day of Judgment to the creation”

حَتَّى تَكُونَ مِنْهُمْ كَمِقْدَارِ مِيلٍ

“Until there is only a distance between some of their heads and the sun with the distance of a mile” and the version in Sahih al Bukhari, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ described that Day, he says:

“Some people will be sweating so much so as a count of their sins”

حَتَّى يَذْهَبَ عَرْفُهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ سَبْعِينَ ذِرَاعًا

“They’ll be standing in one spot, the sun will be on top of their heads, they will be sweating according to their sins”, he says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in this hadith that:

“The sweat will form a river underneath him with seventy thiraa because of his sins”, metres upon metres of his own sweat:

وَيُلْجِمُهُمْ حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ آدَانَهُمْ.

“And for some of them it will reach their ankles and for some of them the sweat will reach their waists and for some of them they’ll be drowning in their own sweat”

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This is as a punishment that Allah ﷻ has placed on the evil doers with the sun being the cause of the punishment over their heads.

My brother and sister the sun is the servant of Allah ﷻ, it praises Him in a way that we can see but perhaps in a way that we can't see. It listens to Allah's ﷻ order. It does the things that it has been commanded and it finds itself in the place where Allah ﷻ wants it to be. The sun is a sign of Allah ﷻ. It is so powerful that we can't look at it directly, yet this is only a sign of Allah ﷻ. We need it to live and if we live correctly, we'll be successful and if we don't, then we'll be punished by it. This is the sun my brothers and sisters that Allah ﷻ has created for you and in it is a sign for those who reflect Allah ﷻ says:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ خِلْفَةً لِّمَنۢ أَرَادَ أَن يَذَّكَّرَ أَوْ أَرَادَ شُكُورًا ۝٦٢

“And it is He who has made the night and the day in succession for whoever desires to remember or desires gratitude” al-Furqan (The Criterion, The Standard) 25:62

Second Khutbah

My brothers and sisters, the earth is drying up and the world is getting hotter and the Prophet ﷺ has explained to us that there's going to come a time in a hadith which has been reported or classed as saheeh by al - Albani رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ that:

“Sins will spread and the earth will dry up as a count of our sins”

The Prophet ﷺ he said:

“There is no group of people who spread lewdness and they are openly sinful to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, they start cheating one another in their transactions”

إِلَّا أُخْذُوا بِالسِّنِينَ وَشِدَّةِ الْمُؤْنَةِ وَجَوْرِ السُّلْطَانِ

“Except that they will be affected by a restriction in their provisions and they will be have placed over them leaders who are oppressive” and then the Messenger of Allah ﷺ goes on to say that:

“If they don't pay their sadaqah and their zakat”:

إِلَّا مُنَعُوا الْقَطْرَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

“Except that they will be prevented from rain, not even a single drop will fall upon them”

ولولا البهائم لم يُمَطَّرُوا

“And had it not been for innocent animals, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى would not send rain”

My brothers and sisters these are signs that we are literally living in, but perhaps the greatest of signs is yet to come. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has made it as a sign, a major sign for the Day of Judgment, a sign that all of Mankind will witness and once they have witnessed it, no eman, no good deed will benefit them in the slightest, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ

“The hour will not be established”

حَتَّى تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا

“Until the sun rises from the West”, once that happens, he recited to us صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ :

لَا يَنْفَعُ نَفْسًا إِيْمَانُهَا

“No eman will benefit that person”

لَمْ تَكُنْ آمَنَتْ مِنْ قَبْلُ أَوْ كَسَبَتْ فِي إِيْمَانِهَا خَيْرًا

“If that person now wants to have eman and he hasn’t established eman and good deeds before the sun comes up from the West, it will not benefit a person in the slightest”

Ibn Katheer رَحِمَهُ اللهُ he said:

إِذَا أَنْشَأَ الْكَافِرُ إِيْمَانًا يَوْمَئِذٍ

“If the Disbeliever on that Day when the sun rises from the West, wants to now believe because he has seen a sign from Allah”

لَا يُقْبَلُ مِنْهُ،

“It will not be accepted from him”

As for those people who are believing in Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and establishing His religion and acting upon His ayat:

فَأَمَّا مَنْ كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ

“As for those people who believed and did good deeds before the hour is established”

فَإِنْ كَانَ مُصْلِحًا فِي عَمَلِهِ

“If this person has done a deal of goodness”

فَهُوَ بِخَيْرٍ عَظِيمٍ،

“This person is upon a great deal of good”

My brother and sisters, soon the sun will be eclipsed, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will roll it up as if it didn't exist. Life will stop for everyone and then all of us will be brought back to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**.

My brothers and sisters, in this is a sign for those who reflect.

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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, where He says:

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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