

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, even before humans, even before the human rights charter, even before the human rights charter existed, Islam established something which is known as the Darooriyaat al-Khams which meant that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has given us a religion so complete that every single human life is preserved. They are free to choose whatever religion they want to follow and they will be protected in that. Their life is protected. Their wealth is protected. Their lineage and their intellect. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى talks about the allegiance that was pledged to the Messenger صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم :

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ يُبَايِعْنَكَ عَلَى أَنْ لَا يُشْرِكْنَ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَسْرِقْنَ وَلَا يَزْنِينَ وَلَا يَقْتُلْنَ أَوْلَادَهُنَّ وَلَا يَأْتِينَ  
بِبُهْتَانٍ يَفْتَرِينَهُ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِنَّ وَأَرْجُلِهِنَّ وَلَا يَعْصِينَكَ فِي مَعْرُوفٍ فَبَايِعْنَهُنَّ وَأَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُنَّ اللَّهُ

~ al-Mumtahinah (She That is to be Examined, Examining her, She Who is Tested) 60:12

But the sad reality for many Muslims in this country and around the world, is the growth of Islamophobia and the lack of protection.

My brothers and sisters, hate against Muslims and Islam is nothing new. It is common knowledge to us all that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم was tortured and abused for over a decade only because he said that his Lord is One. And an example of this hate is how Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us in the Qur'an:

وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ عَلَى رَجُلٍ مِّنَ الْفَرِيقَيْنِ عَظِيمٍ



**“And they said, “Why was this Qur'an not sent down upon a great man from [one of] the two cities?” ” az-Zukhruf (Ornaments of Gold, Luxury, The Embellishment) 43:31**

Meaning, one of the reason they rejected the best man that ever lived صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم is their reason for hate. They said that, “He wasn't prestigious enough, it should be given to someone from the heads of Makkah or the heads of Taif instead. Why you, O' Muhammad [صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم]. You're insignificant!” they said.

My brother and sisters, islamophobia affected everyone, not just the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and this was the condition of the Companions themselves and they actually said to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, “We will actually follow you, so long as the poor and the insignificant leave your religion. Why should we sit with the disabled? Why should we follow religion of foreigners and slaves. The worth of refugees and asylum seekers is not the same as ours. So you want us to be the same and follow the same religion as these criminals and misfits?”, this is what they said, so Allah سبحانه وتعالى revealed the following ayah to the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم :

وَلَا تَطْرُدِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدَاةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَكَ مَا عَلَيْكَ مِنْ حِسَابِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ وَمَا مِنْ حِسَابِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَتَطْرُدَهُمْ فَتَكُونَ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ٥٢

**“And do not send away those who call upon their Lord morning and afternoon, seeking His countenance. Not upon you is anything of their account and not upon them is anything of your account. So were you to send them away, you would [then] be of the wrongdoers” al-An`am (Cattle, Livestock) 6:52**



In other words my brothers and sisters, even though the Quraysh had a phobia and an irrational hate towards the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and the Companions, they said to him صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, “Leave them”, but Allah سبحانه وتعالى commanded, “Do not leave them.”

My brothers and sisters, what we are seeing today is a continuation, a repetition being cycled out. Why do Muslims feel so unsafe? Why are Muslims subjugated to so much hate and oppression? In the UK, hate crime has increased and the stats show that 47% , nearly half of all religious hate crime are against Muslims.

And in the mainstream media my brothers and sisters, openly to the whole of the nation we have been called vermin, unchallenged. We have been called pests, unchallenged. We have been called cockroaches, no outcry. Islam has been described as a death cult, no ban, to the point that even some UK ministers even deny that hate towards Muslim exists.

And most recently my brothers and sisters, what Allah سبحانه وتعالى has called a blessed land:

الَّذِي بَرَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ

We have seen it being reduced to rubble with its citizens underneath. Human life there has been called collateral to war and even worse the Muslims over there have been called human animals, no condemnation. This this is because our Mawla سبحانه وتعالى spoke the truth, he said about the Quraysh after all of the proofs have been showed to them, ayat after ayat, injustices after injustices, evidence after evidence Allah سبحانه وتعالى then says:

فَمَا يَزِيدُهُمْ إِلَّا طُغْيَانًا كَبِيرًا ٦٠

**“...but it increases them not except in great transgression” al-Isra` (Children of Israel, The Israelites) 17:60**

Why my brothers and sisters? Because they don't value Muslim, human life.

My brothers and sisters, it is not allowed to generalise and that wouldn't be fair and that is not even allowed in our religion. Not all non-muslims are the same. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** even says in the Qur'an:

لَيْسُوا سَوَاءً ۗ

**“They are not [all] the same...” al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran)**

**3:113**

Many of them are honest. Many of them are just. Many of them have integrity, but from what we can see from the stats, the number is increasing and those people who dislike the Muslims and hate towards Islam is only ever increasing, this is something which began from the beginning of the message from the time of Nuh عليه السلام. Muslim life is seen as something which is insignificant. They said to Nuh عليه السلام:

Khutbah: Xenophobia

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فَقَالَ الْأُمَلُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ مَا نَرَاكَ إِلَّا بَشَرًا مِثْلَنَا وَمَا نَرَاكَ اتَّبَعَكَ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ هُمْ أَرَادُوا بِادِّئَارِ الرَّأْيِ وَمَا نَرَىٰ لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا

مِنْ فَضْلٍ بَلْ نَنظُنُّكُمْ كَاذِبِينَ ٢٧

“So the eminent among those who disbelieved from his people said, ” We do not see you but as a man like ourselves, and we do not see you followed except by those who are the lowest of us [and] at first suggestion. And we do not see in you over us any merit; rather, we think you are liars.” Hud (Hud) 11:27

Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, in Islam all human life is valuable, the Prophet said in a hadith which has been reported by Ibn Hibban رحمه الله and classed as saheeh by al-Albani رحمه الله, he say صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and pay attention to this with your ears and your heart, he said صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم:

مَنْ سَمَعَ يَهُودِيًّا أَوْ نَصْرَانِيًّا دَخَلَ النَّارَ

“Whoever harms a Jew, whoever harms a Christian, that person will enter into the hellfire”

Ibn Hibban رحمه الله in commentating on this hadith after he reported it, he said, “This includes even saying something which will annoy them or harm them.” All human life in Islam is preserved and respected, this is because my brothers and sisters, in Islam there is no room for racism and oppression because respect to the creation, is respect to the Creator.

We have another hadith which has been reported by Imam Ahmad in his Musnad, with a chain which is saheeh, the bier of a Jew was carried past the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم. This man had passed away, they were carrying him to bury him, a Jew, when the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم saw this, he stopped what he was doing and he stood up, a Jew, so they informed him, “Oh Messenger of Allah, he’s not a Muslim, this is the death and the bier of a Jew”. Look what he says صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, he said:

أَلَيْسَتْ نَفْسًا



“Is he not a human being?”

My brothers and sisters, Muslims have been dehumanised. Islamophobia is spreading not just in our society, but societies around the world. There are people who are Just from our societies and our communities and they feel our plight, but it is upon us to realise that no matter how much hate is spewed towards you, no matter how much you feel like a second class citizen, the honour will always be with the Muslim in the akhirah. The honour will always be with the Muslim in the akhirah and in order for you to attain that honour in the akhirah, they must carry themselves with honour and taqwa in the dunya.

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**“One who guides to something good has a reward similar to that of its doer”- Saheeh Muslim vol.3, no.4665.**