

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, there's an ayah in the Qur'an, from the hikmah of this ayah, is the wording is identical to what you'd find in the Tawrat. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says in surah al-ma'idah:

أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ لَمُسْرِفُونَ ۝ ۳۲

“...whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land - it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one - it is as if he had saved mankind entirely. And our messengers had certainly come to them with clear proofs. Then indeed many of them, [even] after that, throughout the land, were transgressors” al-Ma'idah (The Table, The Table Spread) 5:32

My brothers and sisters, all life is important, but the life of one single Muslim has a special honour with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said in a hadith which has been collected by Ibn Majah and classed as saheeh by al-Albani رحمه الله, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم was once performing tawaf around the ka'bah and he looks at the ka'bah and he says:

ما أطيبك، وما أطيب ريحك؟ ما أعظمك؟ وما أعظم حرمتك؟

“How beautiful are you. How wonderful is your smell. How important are you. How great is your sacredness”, then he said صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم:

والذي نَفَسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لِحُرْمَةِ الْمُؤْمِنِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَعْظَمُ حُرْمَةً مِنْكَ ؛ مَالِهِ وَدَمِهِ

“Surely by the One who holds the soul of Muhammad in his hands, صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, the sacredness of a Believer with Allah is greater than the sacredness of you, meaning the Ka’bah itself, his wealth as well and his life”

Ibn Taymiyyah رحمه الله explains:

ليس في الدنيا أكثر، ولا أعظم خيراً، من قلب المؤمن

“There is nothing in the dunya which is greater and more important than the heart of a Believer”

My brothers and sisters, not only does this all teach us the importance of human life, but it also teaches us something which is really important, that the nature of fitnah is that it spreads. When the fitnah befalls, it doesn’t just vanish, rather it extends. And it can even get worse. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم has told us in a hadith which has been reported by Muslim in his Sahih, in describing the fitnah of al-dajjal, he says that, “Dajjal will only stay on the earth for a period of 40 days, but look at the fitnah”, he says صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم:

يَوْمٌ كَسَنَةٍ ، وَيَوْمٌ كَشَهْرٍ ، وَيَوْمٌ كَجُمُعَةٍ ،

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"The first day will be like a year. A year of fitnah. A year of killing. A year of tests, but it's just 24 hours. And then the second day, 24 hours will feel like 30 days. Fitnah, relentless, one after the other. And then the third day will feel like a week; fitnah after fitnah, killing after killing. Kufr after kufr. Disobedience to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ** over disobedience"

Then he said **صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم**:

**وَسَائِرُ أَيَّامِهِ كَأَيَّامِكُمْ**

"The remaining 37 days will be like normal days"

Ibn Taymiyyah **رحمه الله** says:

**والفتنة إذا وقعت، عجز العقلاء فيها عن دفع السفهاء، فصار الأكابر عاجزين عن إطفاء الفتنة وكف أهلها، وهذا شأن الفتن،**

"When the fitnah afflicts, the intellectual ones become unable to repel the ignorant ones. And then it becomes to a point that the elders and the scholars and the people with experience and the people that are saying the truth are unable to repel the fitnah and stop people from falling into it. This is the very nature of fitnah, is that it spreads. And it does not stop, even though you want it to stop, it just continues."

And then he says, "this is how Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** tells us in His book:

وَأَتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً

“And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively...”

al-Anfal (The Spoils of War) 8:25

My brothers and sisters with the calamities that we see in the world today, the Muslims who looks at what's happening, just wants it to stop. But if we are not careful, because our attention spans are short, we might get disinterested in it. Some people might get bored. Some people might give up hope. And some people might even defect and change their opinion and fall into the fitnah and agree with the person who is spreading the corruption, which can only mean my brothers and sisters, that the Believer needs a spiritual stamina which can only be established by him getting back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, without this, the person will not be successful in the fitnah, in any fitnah.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said in a hadith which is saheeh:

وَيْلٌ لِلْعَرَبِ، مِنْ شَرِّ قَدْ اقْتَرَبَ، فَيَنْ كَقَطْعِ اللَّيْلِ الْمُظْلِمِ، يُصْبِحُ الرَّجُلُ فِيهَا مُؤْمِنًا، وَيُمْسِي كَافِرًا، وَيُمْسِي مُؤْمِنًا، وَيُصْبِحُ كَافِرًا، يَبِيعُ دِينَهُ  
بِعَرَضٍ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا،

“Woe to the Arabs! What is going to happen to the Arabs and evil has drawn near. A fitnah, its darkness is darker than the depth of the night.” He said صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم:



“A Mu’min will begin the day as a Believer but by night, he disbelieves, or he begins the night as a Believer, but by morning, he disbelieves”, why? No spiritual stamina. He falls into the fitnah and he relinquishes. Then he says صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم:

الْمُتَمَسِّكُ مِنْهُمْ يَوْمئِذٍ عَلَى دِينِهِ، كَالْقَابِضِ عَلَى خَبِطِ الشَّوْكِ، أَوْ جَمْرِ الْعَصَى

“Holding on to your religion when you see that kind of a fitnah, will be like a person who is holding on to a bush of thorns, or onto burning hot coals ”

My brothers and sisters, fitnah will extend long into the darkness, but there is a light that every single Muslim possess which is even more beloved to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى than the Ka’bah itself. It doesn’t matter if your house has fallen on top of your head because of the oppression. It doesn’t matter if you feel that this is the last time you are going to see your family member. It doesn’t matter if this is the last time you see a child draw his last breath. It doesn’t matter if they take your wealth and your land. The Believer, the true Believer has something of eman which will mean he will never give up.

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us in the Qur’an:

يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ مُنِيرٌ نُّورَهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ٨ هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ  
عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ٩

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**“They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it. It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although those who associate others with Allah dislike it.” as-Saff (The Ranks, Battle Array) 61:8-9**

Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, the dunya is just land. Its mud and its soil. So those who spread corruption on it, look at what Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has said over again in the Qur'an as to what happened to them, whilst they were spreading corruption on mud and soil:

فَتَأْتِكُ بُيُوتُهُمْ خَاوِيَةً بِمَا ظَلَمُوا إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ٥٢ وَأَنْجَيْنَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ ٥٣

**“So those are their houses, desolate because of the wrong they had done. Indeed in that is a sign for people who know. And We saved those who believed and used to fear Allah”**

**an-Naml (The Ant, The Ants) 27:52-3**

The earth my brothers and sisters, wherever you live doesn't mean that you are safe from fitnah. Abu ad - Darda رضي الله عنه, he settled in Bayt ul Maqdis, Quds, Jerusalem today, and he had a very close friend from the Companion Salman al-Farsi عجميين راضي انهوم. Abu ad - Darda رضي الله عنه had a very close friendship with him, so he writes to Salman and he says to Salman:

“Come and join me”

هلم إلى الأرض المقدسة،



“Come and live besides me, Bayt ul Maqdis, Jerusalem, Masjid Aqsa”

Salman al Farsi رضي الله عنه responds with this very point my brothers and sisters:

إن الأرض لا تُقدّس أحداً، وإنما يقُدس الإنسان عمله

“Surely a land doesn’t make a person holy. Rather what makes a person pious are his actions”. It’s his eman, it’s his stamina and his steadfastness upon them, despite what happens anywhere in the dunya.

My brothers and sisters, the dunya is cheap, therefore those who have passed away, we ask Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى that He accepts them as shuhadah, they are in a better place. They are in a place which is far more valuable with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى than those who remain in the dunya, because it is so cheap, are left in fitnah.

But don’t despair my brothers and sisters, the Quraysh used to taunt the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم, but the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم remained steadfast upon eman and that is your solution. It’s been reported in Sahih al Bukhari, after the battle of Uhud, Abu Sufiyan tries to taunt the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and the Believers. So he calls out and he says:

“Where is Muhammad [صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم]?” This is a day, the day of Uhud, when the Believers were afflicted with a lot of casualties. Their homes were left exposed, to the extent rumours were spreading that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم had been killed. So Abu Sufiyan is taunting the Messenger of



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Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم and the Believers from the top of the mountain. So the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم says to the Companions around him:

“Will you not respond, will you not respond, respond with eman my brothers and sisters”

So Umar رضي الله عنه said, “I will respond, but what do you want me to say?” So the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم tells him:

لا سواء، قتلنا في الجنة، وقتلناكم في النار

“They are not the same. How can they be the same. Our deceased are in Jannah, and your deceased are in the fire”

My brothers and sisters, the road to Jannah because of the fitnah has become extremely crowded. So many of the people who were with us, have left us. And we are left to deal with the fitnah here today. We don't know how long it's going to last. We don't know what's going to happen tomorrow. But our protection is with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, our belief in Him and obedience to Him, otherwise you will fall into the fitnah and you will not be successful.

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