Khutbah 2: Why Are We Neglecting Our Salah?

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First Khutbah — Arabic Opening

> **Innal hamda lillah,**
> **nahmaduhu wa nasta‘eenuhu wa nastaghfiruhu,**
> **wa na‘oodhu billahi min shuroori anfusina**
> **wa min sayyi’aati a‘maalina.**
>
> إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا.
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> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

> **Man yah-dihi-llahu falaa mudilla lah,**
> **wa man yud-lil falaa haadiya lah.**
>
> مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.
>
> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

> **Wa ash-hadu an laa ilaaha illallahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah,**
> **wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu wa rasooluh.**
>
> وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
>
> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

> **Yaa ay-yuhal-ladheena aamanut-taqul-laha haqqa tu-qaa-tihi**
> **wa laa tamootunna illaa wa antum muslimoon.**
>
> يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.
>
> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

> **Yaa ayyuhan-naasu-ttaqu rabbakumul-ladhee khalaqakum min nafsin waahidah,**
>
> يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ،
>
> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

wa khalaqa minhaa zawjahaa,
wa baththa minhumaa rijaalan katheeran wa nisaa’aa.

وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا، وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Wattaqullahal-ladhee tasaa’aloona bihi wal-arhaam.
Innallaha kaana ‘alaykum raqeebaa.

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Yaa ayyuhalladheena aamanu-ttaqullaha wa qooloo qawlan sadeedaa.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Yuslih lakum a‘maalakum wa yaghfir lakum dhunoobakum.

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Wa man yuti‘illaha wa rasoolahu faqad faaza fawzan ‘azeemaa.

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Ammaa ba‘d.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Fa inna asdaqal hadeethi kitaabullah,

فَإِنَّ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ،

▶ Listen to pronunciation

wa khayral hadyi hadyu Muhammadin sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam,

وَخَيْرَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ،

▶ Listen to pronunciation

> **wa sharral umoori muh-dathaa-tuhaa,**
> **wa kulla muh-dathatin bid‘ah,**
> **wa kulla bid‘atin dalaalah,**
> **wa kulla dalaalatin fin-naar.**
>
> وَشَرَّ الْأُمُورِ مُحْدَثَاتُهَا، وَكُلَّ مُحْدَثَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ، وَكُلَّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ، وَكُلَّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ.
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> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

First Khutbah

My dear brothers in Islam, I remind myself first, and then all of you, to have taqwa of Allah.

Today's khutbah asks an important question: why are we neglecting our salah?

We make time for work, our phones and our daily plans, but how often do we delay our prayers? How often do we miss Fajr because we went to bed late?

Allah says in Surah Taha, (verse 14):

“So worship Me and keep up the prayer so that you remember Me.”

Salah is not something we do only when we have spare time. It is an obligation, and it brings us back to Allah five times every day.

The Prophet Muhammad, Sallahu Alayhi wa Salam, was asked which deed is most beloved to Allah. He answered in Sahih al-Bukhari (Hadith 527):

“Prayer at its proper time.”

My dear brothers in Islam, if we can arrive on time for work or an appointment, we should make a sincere effort to pray on time too. There are genuine difficulties, and Islam gives us allowances when we need them. But being busy is not always a reason to miss salah.

Salah also brings us comfort. When we are worried or afraid, we can stand before Allah and ask for help. And our prayers should make us more careful in the way we speak and treat people.

Allah tells us in Surah Al-Ankabut, (verse 45):

“prayer restrains outrageous and unacceptable behaviour.”

If you have been neglecting your prayers, do not give up. Ask Allah to forgive you and begin again today. Do not wait until you are older or until Ramadan. We do not know how much time we have left.

May Allah forgive our shortcomings and help us protect our salah.

End of First Khutbah — Forgiveness

> **Aqoolu qawlee haadhaa,**
> **wa astaghfirullaha lee wa lakum,**
> **wa li saa'i-ril muslimeena min kulli dhanb.**
> **Fastaghfirooh, innahu huwal ghafoorur raheem.**
>
> أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.
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> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

Sit briefly between the two khutbahs.

Second Khutbah — Arabic Opening

> **Alhamdulillahi rabbil 'aalameen, was-salaatu was-salaamu 'alaa ashrafil anbiyaa'i wal mursaleen, nabiyyinaa Muhammadin, wa 'alaa aalihi wa sahbihi ajma'een.**
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> الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى أَشْرَفِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ، نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
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> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

> **Ash-hadu an laa ilaaha illallahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasooluh. Ammaa ba'd.**
>
> أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ.
>
> ▶ Listen to pronunciation

Second Khutbah

My dear brothers in Islam, again I remind myself and you to have taqwa of Allah.

The message today is simple: make salah a priority in your life.

Know the prayer times. Set a reminder. If you struggle to wake for Fajr, try sleeping earlier. Do not let your phone keep you awake and then keep you away from prayer.

Parents, let your children see you praying. Teach them with kindness and explain why we turn to Allah. They learn from our example more than our words.

If you already pray five times a day, work on praying with more care and attention. If you have missed prayers, return to Allah sincerely. Do not let yesterday's mistakes stop you from doing what is right today.

One day, we will perform the last salah of our lives without knowing it. So let us take care of our prayers while we still have time.

May Allah make salah beloved to us, guide our families, and forgive us all.

Closing Dua

In-nal-laaha wa ma-laaa-e-ka-ta-hoo yu-sal-loo-na 'alan-na-bee,
yaaa ay-yu-hal-la-thee-na aa-ma-noo sal-loo 'a-lay-hi wa sal-li-moo tas-lee-maa.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ، يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Allah humma Sali wa salam wa barik ala Muhammadin wa ala alley Muhammad

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Allahummaghfir lil-muslimeena wal-muslimaat, wal-mu'mineena wal-mu'minaat, al-ahyaa'i minhum wal-amwaat.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Rabbanaa zalamnaa anfusanaa, wa illam taghfir lanaa wa tarhamnaa, lanakoonanna minal-khaasireen.

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Rabbanaa aatinaa fid-dunyaa hasanah, wa fil-aakhirati hasanah, wa qinaa 'adhaaban-naar.

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Final Khutbah Closing

Ibaadallah,
innallaha ya’muru bil-‘adli
wal-ihsaani
wa eetaa’i dhil-qurbaa,
wa yanhaa ‘anil fahshaa’i wal-munkari wal-baghy.
Ya‘izukum la‘allakum tadhakkaroon.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ، وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Wa akhiroo da3wanal humdoolilahi rubul Alameen.
Wa Aqimis-salaah.

وَآخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ. وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation