

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَانِتٌ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الْآخِرَةَ
وَيَرْجُوا رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ
لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

وقال النبي ﷺ: **طَلَبُ الْعِلْمِ قَرِيضَةٌ عَلَى
كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ وَمُسْلِمَةٍ**

Dear Believers,

Knowledge is one of the most precious and valuable treasures bestowed upon us by Almighty Allah.

Knowledge is a light, an inexhaustible treasure, and faith cannot exist without knowledge. For it is impossible for a person to love or express an opinion about something they do not have information about.

In the Quran, Allah ﷻ says, **"Say, 'O Prophet, 'Are those who know equal to those who do not know?' None will be mindful 'of this' except people of reason."** (Az-Zumar, 9). This noble verse highlights the value of knowledge and the necessity of learning.

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, **"Wisdom and knowledge are the lost property of a believer. Wherever he finds it, he should take it."** (Tirmidhi, Ilm, 19), indicating that knowledge is a treasure to be sought and acquired at all times and places.

Human beings have been created with the ability to understand good and evil, right and wrong, beauty and ugliness, benefit and harm, and have been sent to the earth to be addressed by revelation and knowledge. Every Muslim must first protect the values centered on faith, worship, and good morals with knowledge, both for worldly and eternal happiness.

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, **"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim man**

and woman." (Ibn Majah), emphasizing the importance of knowledge.

Every Muslim should acquire knowledge of Islamic principles and perform their worship consciously and with awareness, while preserving their moral values. Islamic principles are an individual and societal responsibility. We cannot fully live our religion without knowing the essence of Islam. Therefore, it is obligatory for every Muslim to read books on Islamic principles and ask those who are knowledgeable. In the Quran, Allah ﷻ says, **"If you do not know, then ask those who have knowledge."** (An-Nahl, 43).

Ilm-u Hal, which translates to knowledge of your situation, brings together the topics that every Muslim must know about Iman (belief), Fiqh (jurisprudence), and Akhlaaq (morality). Everyone should learn Ilm-u Hal according to their own situation and build their lives on these foundations.

Dear brothers,

Human beings should strive to acquire knowledge from the people of knowledge. For Allah Almighty and the Prophet, peace be upon him, encouraged seeking knowledge and opposed ignorance and the ignorant. Our Prophet, peace be upon him, said, **"Surely Allah does not take knowledge away from His servants and destroy it. Rather, He takes it away with the death of scholars, and in the end, He leaves no scholar. People take ignorant people as scholars and make them leaders in knowledge. These ignorant people are asked questions, and they give ignorant fatwas in response to these questions. Thus, they both go astray and mislead others."** (Bukhari, Ilm, 34).

May Allah grant us a life adorned with knowledge, one in which we learn Islamic principles correctly and reflect them in our lives. Let us not forget that knowledge is a tool and a light that increases our closeness to Allah Almighty and saves us from error.

I conclude my khutbah with the prayer of the Prophet, peace be upon him: **"O Allah, I seek refuge in You from knowledge that does not benefit, from a heart that does not fear, from a supplication that is not accepted, and from a nafs that is not satisfied."** (Tirmidhi, 68)

18.10.2024 "The importance of knowledge"