

Generosity

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِي كُلِّ
سُنْبُلَةٍ مِائَةُ حَبَّةٍ وَاللَّهُ يُضَاعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ
وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ، وَمَا زَادَ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلَّا عِزًّا، وَمَا
تَوَاصَعَ أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ إِلَّا رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ.

Respected Believers!

The subject of today's khutbah will be generosity and the virtue of spending one's wealth in the path of Allah. Allah the Almighty created us from nothing, provided for us with countless blessings, and granted us wealth as a trust. Worldly wealth is not a source of superiority but a test. The true value of wealth lies in spending it in pursuit of Allah the Almighty's pleasure.

The Exalted Lord states in the Noble Qur'an: **"The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing."** (Al-Baqarah, 2:261)

Generosity is not limited to giving charity to the poor. Doing good to neighbors, relatives, friends, guests, and those in need is also generosity. One does not need to be rich to be generous. Everyone who shares the blessings Allah has given them with others, to the extent of their ability, is generous. Sometimes even a morsel of bread, a glass of water, a kind word, or a sincere smile are considered charity in the sight of Allah.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"Protect yourselves from the Fire, even with half a date."** (Bukhari)

This shows that what is valuable in Allah's sight is not the amount given, but the servant's sincerity and self-sacrifice.

Shaitan constantly threatens people with poverty to prevent them from spending in charity. He whispers: **"What if you become needy in the future? What if your wealth decreases?"** Yet our Lord informs us of the exact opposite.

The Exalted Lord says: **"Shaitan threatens you with poverty and orders you to commit stinginess, but Allah promises you forgiveness and bounty from Him."** (Al-Baqarah, 2:268)

In another noble verse, it is stated: **"And whatever you spend in the way of Allah, He will replace it. And He is the best of providers."** (Saba, 34:39)

Respected Brothers and Sisters!

There is no specific amount for giving and offering. Every believer can give according to their means, provided they do not neglect the maintenance of their family. For human

nature loves goodness, and a true believer cannot find peace without doing good.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"Generosity is a tree from the trees of Paradise, its branches extending to this world. Whoever holds onto a branch of it, that branch will lead him to Paradise. Stinginess is a tree from the trees of Hell, its branches extending to this world. Whoever holds onto a branch of it, that branch will lead him to Hell."** (Daylami)

A generous person has a contented eye and heart, and has no greed. The generous one is like a rain cloud, benefiting everyone. They show kindness to people regardless of whether they are believers or non-believers. Their food is blessed.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ never turned away anyone who asked him for something when he had the means. He preferred winning hearts over accumulating wealth.

Respected Believers!

What impoverishes us today is not giving, but rather wastefulness, showing off, and unnecessary expenditures. Many people ignore those in need while spending vast fortunes on what their egos desire. Yet true abundance lies in wealth spent in the path of Allah.

So, let us give our Zakat fully, not neglect sadaqah, look after our relatives and neighbors, and stand with orphans, the poor, and those serving in the path of Allah. Let us not allow stinginess, selfishness, showiness, and love of the world to take hold of our hearts.

I conclude my khutbah with the glad tidings of the Exalted Lord: **"And whatever good you send ahead for yourselves, you will find it with Allah as better and greater in reward."** (Al-Muzzammil, 73:20)

