

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنْ تَجْتَنِبُوا كَبَائِرَ مَا تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَنُدْخِلْكُمْ مُدْخَلًا كَرِيمًا

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: كُلُّ بَنِي آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ، وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ

Dear Believers,

Today's khutbah will be about major sins. The things we refer to as "sin" in our daily lives are divided into two categories: *major sins* and *minor sins*.

Allah ﷻ says in the Quran: "**If you avoid the major sins forbidden to you, We will absolve you of your 'lesser' misdeeds and admit you into a place of honour.**" (An-Nisa, 4:31)

Dear Believers,

We can list the major sins as follows:

Associating partners with Allah or words and actions that lead a person to disbelief are the greatest of sins. The only sin that will not be forgiven in the Hereafter is the sin of disbelief, and its punishment is eternal torment. A person can become a believer with a single word, and, God forbid, they can also lose their faith with a single word. Our scholars say that disrespecting the sacred values of Islam, which should be respected, honored, and revered, is a major sin that harms one's faith. Similarly, celebrating the religious holidays of the people of disbelief, showing respect for their holy nights, and acting like them on those nights are among the greatest sins that harm one's faith.

Unjustly killing a person, slandering chaste people, deserting from battle, eating the property of orphans and endowments, betraying a trust, taking interest, losing hope in Allah's mercy, swearing falsely, eating the meat of swine, men wearing silk clothing and using gold ornaments, and engaging in wine, gambling, and adultery are also apparent major sins.

Esteemed brothers,

Just as there are apparent major sins, there are also spiritual major sins. Some of these are:

- **Riya:** Actions done to show off, gain fame, status, or worldly benefits, without the intention of pleasing Allah.
- **Kibr:** Arrogance, considering oneself better than others. However, it is permissible to act arrogantly towards an arrogant person, as a means of correcting their behavior, which is a Sunnah.
- **Hasad:** Envy of others' blessings and wishing for them to lose those blessings.
- **Ujub:** Being proud of one's good deeds and attributing them to oneself instead of Allah's guidance and grace.

Other major sins include love for the world, desire for power, stinginess, greed, loving the rich for their wealth, and despising the poor.

Esteemed brothers, Allah ﷻ commands us to avoid both apparent and spiritual sins and to rid ourselves of bad traits. He invites us to repent, as failing to do so can, Naudhubillah, lead to disbelief over time.

I conclude my khutbah with the following hadith: "**Every son of Adam makes many mistakes, and the best of those who make many mistakes are those who repent often.**" (Tirmidhi)