

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: لَا عَذْوَى، وَلَا طَيْرَةٌ، وَلَا هَامَةٌ، وَلَا صَفَرٌ، وَلَا نَوْءٌ، وَلَا عُولٌ

should not be started, journeys should not be undertaken during the month of Safar, or that work begun in this month will be devoid of blessing. Some even claim that a certain number of calamities descend during this month, and for this, they invent special prayers and supplications that have no basis in our religion. However, none of these have any foundation in the Noble Qur'an or the authentic Sunnah.

Respected Believers!

The subject of today's sermon will be the false beliefs regarding the month of Safar and Islam's perspective on superstitions.

With the sunset on Tuesday evening this week, we entered Safar, the second month of the Islamic (Hijri) year. Today is the first day of the month of Safar. Unfortunately, for centuries, superstitious beliefs have spread in some societies that the month of Safar is a month of bad luck, calamity, and misfortune. However, in Islam, there is no belief that a month, a day, or an hour is inherently unlucky. For the One who created time and brought forth the night and the day is Allah the Almighty. No time period created by Him is inherently unlucky. Our Lord states in the Noble Qur'an: **"Say: 'Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed for us; He is our Protector.' And upon Allah let the believers rely."** (At-Tawbah, 9:51)

Dear Believers!

Considering the month of Safar as unlucky is a superstitious belief inherited from the Arabs of the Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic era). They used to consider traveling, conducting trade, marrying, and performing Umrah during this month as unlucky. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ decisively eliminated this incorrect understanding and said: **"There is no contagiousness of disease independently of Allah's decree, no belief in bad omens from birds or similar signs, no belief in the evil omen of an owl, no belief that the month of Safar is unlucky, no belief that stars independently bring rain, and no such thing as a ghoul."** (Bukhari and Muslim) Furthermore, the people of Jahiliyyah considered performing Umrah in the month of Safar to be a major sin. The Prophet ﷺ, both by his actions and words, demonstrated that this was incorrect and informed that Umrah could be performed in any month of the year. (Bukhari)

Respected Muslims!

Unfortunately, traces of these superstitious beliefs still persist today. Some people believe that marriages should not be performed, houses should not be bought, businesses

Dear Believers!

A believer lives their life not with the fear of bad luck, but with faith, trust (tawakkul), and submission. For they know that both good and evil are by the decree of Allah the Almighty. Days, months, and years do not harm people; what truly harms are sins, neglect, and turning away from the commands of Allah the Almighty. Therefore, when starting any task, instead of thinking, **"Is this month unlucky?"**, one should begin with the Basmala (Bismillah), seek counsel (istisharah), take necessary precautions, and trust in our Lord.

Indeed, after rejecting the concept of bad omens, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"There is no such thing as bad omens. The best of it is optimism (good omens)."** The noble companions asked: **"What is optimism, O Messenger of Allah?"** The Prophet ﷺ replied: **"A good word one of you hears."** (Bukhari)

So let us always be optimistic, trust in our Lord, and stay away from superstitious beliefs.

I conclude my khutbah with the following blessed hadith of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: **"Seventy thousand of my Ummah will enter Paradise without reckoning... They are those who do not believe in bad omens and who rely only upon their Lord."** (Bukhari)

