

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أُتِلَ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ

أَنَّهُ مَرَّ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ بِوَاحِدٍ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ فَرَأَهُ لَا يُتِمُّ أَحْكَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَأَرْكَانَهَا وَالْقَوْمَةَ
وَالْجَلْسَةَ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: لَوْ مِتَّ عَلَى ذَلِكَ لَا يُقَالَ لَكَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Respected Believers!

Today's khutbah will focus on tadil-i erkan (observing proper tranquility in prayer), an issue that many overlook but is of utmost importance for the validity of prayer.

As our beloved Prophet ﷺ has informed us, prayer is the most important pillar of Islam after the declaration of faith. Our Almighty Lord commands us to perform prayer properly, with full devotion and attention: **"O Muhammad! Recite what has been revealed to you of the Book, and establish prayer. Indeed, prayer restrains from immorality and wrongdoing. And the remembrance of Allah is greatest. And Allah knows what you do."** (Al-Ankabut, 29:45)

Dear Believers!

Tadil-i erkan means pausing in each position of prayer—such as bowing (ruku), prostration (sujud), standing upright after bowing (qawmah), and sitting between prostrations (jalsah)—long enough to say "Subhanallah" at least once, with all limbs remaining still. In the Maliki, Shafi'i, and Hanbali schools, tadil-i erkan is an compulsory (fard) part of prayer, while in the Hanafi school, it is a obligatory (wajib) component.

Unfortunately, in our time, some people rush through their prayers—bowing hastily, not standing upright completely before prostrating, and moving to the next prostration without sitting properly in between. The Prophet ﷺ warned:

"Do not pray like a crow pecking at food." (Abu Dawud)

He ﷺ made it clear that neglecting tadil-i erkan is not a minor oversight but a grave deficiency. He sternly admonished: **"The one who prays but has no prayer is the one who rushes through bowing and prostration like a rooster pecking. His prayer will be folded up and thrown back in his face, and it will be said to him: 'Just as you neglected your prayer, may Allah neglect you.'** Whoever prays without giving each limb its due right will be cursed by every limb until the prayer is completed."

(Tabarani, Al-Mu'jam al-Awsat, VII, 183)

Dear Brothers

Every person praying has an angel on their right and left. If one performs prayer with tadil-i erkan, the angels present it to Allah. Otherwise, the prayer is thrown back in their face!

The Prophet ﷺ said: **"A time will come upon people when they will pray but have not truly prayed."** (Al-Ghunya)

Respected Congregation!

One of the greatest fears a person should have is dying without faith. Among the causes of this calamity is neglecting tadil-i erkan in prayer.

To finish prayer a few minutes early by rushing is utterly unreasonable.

Our scholars say: *"Performing prayer with tadil-i erkan is a matter of divine favor. Not everyone is granted this great blessing."*

Dear Believers!

Prayer should be a person's most serious duty and occupation. All worldly affairs should be scheduled around prayer—never should prayer be sacrificed for worldly distractions.

Imam Rabbani (may Allah have mercy on him) said: *"Today, tadil-i erkan is on the verge of being forgotten. Whoever revives it in these times will receive a greater reward than a hundred martyrs."* (Maktubat, Vol. 2, Letter 87)

I conclude this khutbah with a noble hadith: **"The worst thief is the one who steals from his own prayer."** The Companions asked: **"O Messenger of Allah, how does one steal from prayer?"** He ﷺ replied: **"By not completing his bowing and prostration properly."** Then he added: **"Even if a person prays for sixty years, Allah will not accept any of his prayers if he does not perfect his bowing or prostration."** (Musnad, Vol. 5, p. 310, Hadith No. 22754)