

Friday Sermon

Loving Orphans and Poor

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ -

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ه بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ه الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ه
مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ه إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ه إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ه صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ
الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ه

وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا وَأَسِيرًا ه

إِنَّمَا نُطْعِمُكُمْ لِوَجْهِ اللَّهِ لَا نُرِيدُ مِنْكُمْ جَزَاءً وَلَا شُكُورًا ه

“And they feed, for love of Him, the poor, the orphan, and the prisoner, Saying, ‘We feed you for Allah’s pleasure only. We desire neither reward nor thanks from you.’ [76:9-10]

All our actions which we offer in Islam are to gain the nearness and love of Allah. In the just recited verses Holy Quran talks about the very great and noble attribute and desire of a righteous Muslim. They feed the poor, the orphans and the prisoners of the society with only intentions of getting the affection of their Allah in return with no other worldly reward.

Beauty about the teachings of the Holy Quran is that it also contains the parts which are in relation to other humans around us also. For example, showing best morality to creation of Allah, and help them in their troubled times and share their pain. Our dear Holy Prophet^{SA} was like a gracious and loving father for all creation, spending every moment of his life serving people in need. Holy Prophet^{SA} said:

“you search for me in weak people, mean I will be with them, and by helping them you can get my nearness, this is true that by helping poor and weak people you can get Allah’s help and become worthy of his blessings”.

Hadhrat Masih Ma’ud^{AS} was also very well excelled in helping the poor people, like his Holy Master^{SA} he helped a lot of poor and week people and put his gracious hand on heads of people and guided them the

best possible way. He never let anyone go empty handed, whenever someone came to him for help. Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} said in his Malfoozat that,

“all those people who do not behave good with poor people and consider them inferior, I fear that they themselves will get in problems. Upon whoever Allah showered his Fazal and blessings, has this duty of showing his gratitude by behaving well with HIS creation, and do not be arrogant and be proud on this Godly Fazal and blessings, and do not trample on the poor people.” (Malfoozat, Volume 4, Page 439)

Hadhrtat Musleh Ma'ud^{RA} said;

“Then there is one good deed and that is helping the innocent, some countries are destroyed because they did not help the innocent.”

This is the great blessing of Allah on us that we have variety of food to eat and clothes to wear and so many other great gifts given by Allah. We should always pray to Allah that he may help us share this fortune with other poor, orphans, unemployed, elders, Atfal, Nasirat, and other poor people of the society. As Hadhrtat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} mentioned, this is the way for us to be thankful to Allah, and Allah love those who thank him and show gratitude. Amin!

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ - وَتَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا
وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مِنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَالَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَالَا هَادِيَ لَهُ - وَنَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ - عِبَادَ اللَّهِ - رَحِمَكُمُ اللَّهُ أَنْ اللَّهُ يَا مُر
بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَابْتِئَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَبِيْهِي عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ - يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ - أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَادْعُوهُ يَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ وَ لَذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ -