

Friday Sermon

Punctuality

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

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَوْقُوتًا

Verily Prayer is enjoined on the believers to be performed at fixed hours. [4:104]

If we look at the laws of nature, everything is tied up into its designated circle and time. Same laws of nature are also applicable on us humans also and that's why Holy Quran puts emphasis on punctuality of time. The verse just recited talks about punctuality on Namaz which we offer 5 times a day, and it is our duty that we always are on time for Namaz.

Law of Shariya also put a lot of importance on punctuality in Namaz followed by Sunnah of the Holy Prophet^{SA}. This practice creates awareness in Muslims about importance of punctuality. The benefits from the punctuality in Namaz are very visible in the everyday life of a Muslim. It is true that whoever goes hand in hand with punctuality of time, it does not waste them and fills their life with success.

To see the best example of punctuality of time, the life of Holy Prophet^{SA} is an excellent example, studying it is very important for all Muslims. Life of the Holy Prophet^{SA} does not have a single moment which was wasted. Holy Prophet^{SA} was always busy in serving humanity and spread peace around and in spare time he would be praying to Allah. Holy Prophet^{SA} also said in one of his Hadith that,

“Time is like a sword, it does not stop, it keeps on cutting.”

History also shows that only those Nations were ruling which used time to its best capacity. Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} is also an example for all Ahmadi Muslims. Allah revealed to Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} that you are such a pious messiah whose time will not be wasted. Life of Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} in sense of punctuality and serving humanity was a mirror to the life of the Holy Prophet^{SA}. Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} said in Malfoozat that,

“Righteousness of every person is recognized by his performance. My Dear friends! This is the time of performing in service of the Deen (Religion) for the Deen and do not waste this time because it will not come back.”

This clearly indicates that we should never waste our time and we should spend some time in a day also for serving the Jama'at, this way we will participate in this saying of Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS}. This habit can only be trained in anyone who offers the five Namaz with punctuality. Hadhrat Mira Bashirudin Mahmood Ahmad^{RA} said in regards to time,

“The first thing which we should consider for everyone is realization of time. In our country people have this usual habit of wasting time. If we keep a diary of our daily routine for few days, which will include the timing for sleep, waking up, working and other daily activities. Divide a day in three parts and after everything make a note in the diary of what you did during that period. Do this activity for 8-10 days and then after 10 days look at the diary and check for the activities which are unnecessary for you.”

This above mentioned method is like a light in a dark, which can potentially help us utilize and be more punctual about time. May Allah help us utilize the time in best of manners and follow the steps of our beloved Holy Prophet^{SA}, Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{AS} and Khulafa. Amin!

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ - وَتَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا
وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مِنْ يَهْدِيهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَا 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 الْقُرْبَىٰ وَبَيْنِهِ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ - يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ - أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَادْعُوهُ يَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ وَ لَذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ -