

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ، أَوْصَانَا بِحُسْنِ الْقَوْلِ، وَخَيْرِ الْكَلَامِ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، إِلَيْهِ يَصْعَدُ الْكَلِمُ
الطَّيِّبُ وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ يَرْفَعُهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ
اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Possessor of Glory and Honour. He ordains us to speak in kindness and use the best of words. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. To Him ascends good speech, and righteous work raises it. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

Is your heart or your tongue the strongest muscle in the body? Which has the greatest endurance. Can you ever remember your tongue becoming tired? Even when eating, drinking, sleeping, walking, working. Whereas we sleep, rest, and physically slow down because we get tired, the hearts needs rest, but doesn't our tongue?

“Indeed the servant of Allah makes a statement which pleases Allah, and the servant does not attach any importance to what he said, yet Allah elevates his rank due to this statement. And indeed the servant of Allah makes a statement that angers Allah, and the servant does not attach any importance to what he said, yet he falls into Jahannum on account of the statement.” (Bukhari)

The **profound power** of the tongue is evident – it can either **elevate** one’s rank or cause him to **fall** into Jahannum. However, as mentioned in the hadith, the person uttering the statement is often unaware of the **might** of his tongue and consequence of what he uttered.

So it’s imperative for us all to **‘tie’** our tongues and **think before we speak.**

Is the statement we wish to utter is necessary. If it is, then what are the consequences of this statement –in this world and the next.

“The pen is mightier than the sword” is a well known proverb. However, what should be added is **“and the tongue is the mightiest of all!”**

- How many life-long friendships came to a screeching halt on account of a careless statement?
- How many marriages broke down because of an insensitive, hurtful remark casually uttered?
- A wound to the flesh may heal, but the wounds inflicted by the tongue fester and worsen until they ultimately cause irrecoverable damage.

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

And speak to people good words (2:83)

وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

And speak to them with noble words. (17:23)

وَقُولُوا لَهُمْ قَوْلًا مَعْرُوفًا

and speak to them words of appropriate kindness. (4:8)

فَلْيَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْيَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

Fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice. (4:9)

وَإِذَا قُلْتُمْ فَاعْدِلُوا وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ

And when you speak, be just, even if it should be to a near relative.

(6:152)

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكَلِّمْ خَيْرًا، أَوْ لِيَصْمُتْ
فَإِذَا تَكَلَّمَ كُتِبَ عَلَيْكَ أَوْ لَكَ

O Muadh! Is there anything that throws people into the Hellfire upon their faces - or: on their noses - except the harvests of their tongues? You will be safe as long as you remain silent. Yet, when you speak, your words will either be recorded against you or for your favour.“

(Tirmidhi)

يَوْمَ يَأْتِ لَا تَكَلِّمُ نَفْسٌ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ فَمِنْهُمْ شَقِيٌّ وَسَعِيدٌ

The day it comes no soul will dare say a word but by His leave; and some will be wretched, some will be blessed. (11:105)

الْيَوْمَ نَخْتِمُ عَلَىٰ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتُكَلِّمُنَا أَيْدِيهِمْ وَتَشْهَدُ أَرْجُلُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ

We shall seal their lips that day; and their hands will speak, their feet testify to what they had done. (36:65)

وَيْلٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ هَذَا يَوْمٌ لَا يَنْطِقُونَ وَلَا يُؤْذَنُ لَهُمْ فَيَعْتَذِرُونَ

Ruin is for the deniers on that day! This is a day in which they will not be able to speak. Nor will they be given permission to present excuses.

(77:34-36)