

JUMU'AH KHUTBAH

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*Purity*

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Muslims surrounded a Roman city that was well fortified – siege lasted months. **Maslamah** leader of army was informed of a tunnel – only way into the fortress. Fight through guards, open the gate – let Muslims in.

**Maslamah** gathered the army to plan, he asked who will go in, no one replied. A masked man, raised his hands & disappeared. He went through the tunnel – fought guards, opened the gate, Muslims gained victory.

Everyone wanted to know who the man was. **Masalama** asked, no one knew. That night the masked man came and said “I will tell the who the man is under 3 conditions:

**1.** Do not promote me **2.** Do not send a letter of recommendation to the Khalifah to honour me **3.** Do not treat me any differently than any other soldiers.” **Masalma** agreed, the man removed his mask & disappeared.

**Maslama** Du’a since “**O Allah gather me with the masked man**”

If you could do something Great & Amazing, change the course of history; would you want the Honour, Praise, Fame & Reward? Or remain hidden?

If we were in that situation, we would expect fame, praise, reward. But that man recognised that if Allah ﷻ knows; then that is enough.

Sincerity - **IKHLAAS** - is not an option in our acts or duties of worship.

Without **IKHLAAS**, our actions are wasted. Everything revolves around it. **IKHLAAS** is the key to our Deen & Reward of Hereafter.

*“So, worship Allah, [being] sincere to Him in religion. Unquestionably, for Allah is the pure religion.” (39:2-3)*

*“And they were not commanded except to worship Allah, [being] sincere to Him in religion, inclining to truth” (98:5)*

*Say, [O Muhammad], "Indeed, I have been commanded to worship Allah, [being] sincere to Him in religion. (39:11)*

**IKHLAAS = Khaalis – Pure – Authentic – Transparent – Simple – True**

**IKHLAAS** is to strip yourself from any desire to please anyone; rather only to seek the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. Junayd al-Baghdadi mentions.

*“Sincerity is a secret between you & Allah, so secretive that no angel can see it to write it, no Shaytan can know it to spoil it, no desire will find out to deviate it.”*

**IKHLAAS** is to forget the creation & only do it for the creator.

*[Iblees] said, "By your might, I will surely mislead them all. Except your servants among them that are sincere." (38:82-83)*

**HOW DO WE ATTAIN SINCERITY?**

**1. PURIFY YOUR INTENTIONS** - before you attempt any action, worship - ask yourself **WHY?** Why did you come to Jumu'ah today, Beard, Hijab, Pray, Volunteer, Visit Sick, Janazah, Khatam, Orphans, Masajid, Schools?

If you **FEEL** that there is anyone else beside Allah ﷻ that you are trying to please, then **STOP – PURIFY – RESET – REDO**

If you seek knowledge to compete, be superior,, fame, power, without the intention of pleasing Allah ﷻ; then you will not even smell Jannah.

**IKHLAAS** - Transforms actions that are not done, half way or incorrect.

**IKHLAAS** - Pray Tahajjud, used all means, overslept rewarded!

**IKHLAAS** - Left home for Masjid, had emergency, rewarded!

**IKHLAAS** - Gave Sadaqah to a thief or a rich man, rewarded!

**2. GET ADDICTED TO HIDDEN ACTIONS - IKHLAAS** is of the heart.

Do those actions that **ONLY** Allah ﷻ knows, not even your wife!

*“Whosoever can have perform an amal that no one knows except Allah, then let them do it.” (Musanaf ibn Abi Shaybah)*

Imam Zayn al-Abideen used to distribute food to needy at night. People only found out it was him after his death - when the supplies stopped.

A **MUKHLIS** hides his good deeds just like he hides his evil deeds.

**3. DO IT & FORGET IT** - don't keep reminding yourself & others about the donations you gave, the Masjid/Well you built or, wedding, child, widow child your supported. Do it and forget it.

*"We only feed you for the sake of Allah. We expect no reward/gratitude.*

Everything is - ﷻ - Thank you for saying Thank you – Alhamdulillah

Don't tell yourself or others what you have done and how they behaved or mistreated you. You did it for Allah ﷻ, not them, **DO IT & FORGET IT.**

**4. DO DU'A FOR IKHLAAS & PROTECTION** - اللهم إني أعوذ بك من السمعة والرياء

*“Ya Allah, I seek your refuge from showing off, from being famous, being known and having followers”*

Opposite of **IKHLAAS** = **RIYAA & NIFAAQ** – WHAT DO YOU WANT/HAVE?

*“We shall turn to their deeds & scatter them like particles of dust.” (25:23)*

Not about Quantity of deeds but Quality. 5 Million pounds given with Riyaa is worthless as dust, but £5 with **IKHLAAS** is like a mountain of gold.

Anyone that you are trying to please, will die, and the reward will die with them. So, let's please **الحي الذي لا يموت** - The Ever-living & Ever-lasting

**SURAH IKHLAAS - SINCERITY - SALVATION - IKHLASS WITH ALLAH FOR ALLAH**