

**Jumu'ah Khutbah
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**“There is certainly a lesson in their stories for those of understanding” (12:111)
“he does not say anything by his own desire. It is but a revelation, revealed to him” (53:3-4)**

Sahih Muslim - Story of George - great monk worshiper - built a temple for Allah ﷻ

His elderly mother visited him – needed help – dilemma – Salah or My Mother?

He did not respond – neither did he visit her – after 3rd visit, she made a Du’a against him

“May Allah not take your soul until you look into the eyes of a prostitute”

In his village, people were always discussing how pious Jurayj was, some were sceptical.

A very beautiful, unchaste woman heard this conversation. She said “I can seduce him; he won’t be able to resist me” - I will reveal his truth & ruin his reputation.

She went and tried to lure & entrap Jurayj, body, eyes, voice, actions, touch, clothes... But Jurayj did not react, remained unmoved & strong, as though she did not exist.

She became furious & left his temple. On her way back she saw a shepherd, committed Zina & got pregnant. 9 months later she delivered the baby & walked back into the village.

The villagers were curious - “Whose baby is this? She said this is Jurayj’s.” The entire village erupted with this SCANDAL as the haters were waiting for an opportunity like this!

Impious people often await/plot for things to go against pious people

Awaiting Opportunity - Lookout – Weakness – Entrap – Character – Shame – Disgrace

The villagers started beating Jurayj up - **MOB - destroyed his temple & decided to kill him.**

Jurayj said “before you kill me let me just pray one last time” He prayed & only Allah ﷻ knows the state of his Salah. Jurayj then got up & said “where is the baby?”

**Jurayj smiled, poked the baby & asked فَتَبَسَّ ثُمَّ مَسَحَ رَأْسَ الصَّبِيِّ فَقَالَ مَنْ أَبُوكَ قَالَ أَبِي رَاعِي الضَّأْنِ
Who is your father - the baby lifted his head looked into the crowd and said that shepherd.**

When the villagers heard the baby speaking, they immediately started wiping over his body for Barakah & asked for forgiveness. They promised to build his temple with gold & silver – Jurayj said no – “build it back the way it was” – he then continued worshipping.

LESSONS FROM THE STORY OF GEORGE

1. EVERY WORSHIPPER IS NOT A SCHOLAR – RESPOND/BE AT SERVICE TO YOUR PARENTS

If you are praying a Sunnah/Nafil & your parents call you - you **MUST leave your Salah!**

If it is Fard Salah - then hasten to complete it - You must **NOT ignore your parents!**

If not answering your parents in Salah is considered disobedience to Allah ﷻ - what about when you ignore, because of video games, friends, social media, movie, playing, eating?

Children pretend they haven't heard their parents; they get fed up & say how many times are you going to ask me for things – leave me alone – or totally ignore them...

Appreciate, Respond & Honour your parents **NOW** – **VALUE** them before it's too late.

Do your best to please them - go beyond your comfort zone to honour them!

Our treatment & obedience to our parents is an act of worship – respect your parents

“The pleasure & displeasure of Allah is in the pleasure & displeasure of parents.” (Tirmidhi)

ASK YOURSELF - if your parents were asked about you - how would they respond? Would they be boasting about you? Would they complain, be silent or do Dua' against you?

2. PARENTS – DON'T EVER MAKE DU'A AGAINST YOUR CHILDREN

The Du'a of a parent for their child is – **MUSTAJAAB** – Responded – Answered – Accepted

Having issues, get up at Tahajjud, raise hands, beg Allah ﷻ – **Al-Haadi** – Guide them back!

3. IN ALL HARDSHIPS/TESTS - BE PATIENT & TURN TO SALAH

Any difficulty, hardship, health, marital, finance, life, death, crash, job, cancer, scandal...

O Believers! Seek help through patience & prayer; indeed Allah is with the patient. (2:153)

1st accept it from Allah ﷻ, 2nd say **إنا لله** 3rd react with patience, 4th turn to Salah

We complain, challenge - eventually say **إنا لله** but never get to Salah!

Jurayj accepted his test, remained patient, then said **“you want to kill me, let me pray”**

Any hardship in life – calm down, be patience, pray Salah & you’ll be guided/helped!

4. THE QUALITY OF YOUR SALAH WILL DICTATE YOUR SUCCESS/FAILURE

What kind of Salah did Jurayj pray? What kind of Du’a did he make that Allah ﷻ made a baby speak - how beautiful must that Salah have been to make a baby talk???

QUESTION - HOW IS THE QUALITY/MODE OF YOUR SALAH?

Often, I read 1 Rak’ah & people have read 4. Often there is 2 minutes left for Zhur & people pray 4 - **REALLY!?** Often we rush our Salah minutes just before the next! **WHY?**

A man prayed in Masjid Nabwi then said Salaam to the Prophet ﷺ, the Prophet ﷺ said

“GO BACK & PRAY, FOR YOU HAVE NOT PRAYED” اَرْجِعْ فَصَلِّ، فَإِنَّكَ لَمْ تُصَلِّ THIS OCCURRED 3X

That thing that you just did I don't know what it is, I didn't teach you that, that's not Salah.

How many of us, if Prophet ﷺ saw us praying would say – go back & pray because that wasn't Salah. Where are we going? Why are you rushing?

What kind of **TAKBEER, TASBEEH, TAHMEED** is this for Allah ﷻ?

The 1st thing checked on Qiyamah is your Salah, it's Quality/Modality/Tranquillity/Beauty

Anytime the Prophet ﷺ anytime he had an issue he rushed **TO** Salah – not **FROM** Salah.

Meeting with the one & only who can resolve all my problems.

The difference between a poor Salah and good Salah is only a few minutes.

You don't have an extra few minutes for Allah ﷻ who gave you life?

How can Allah ﷻ punish you, make you lose a deal or fail if you are truly worshipping Him?

5. THE MORE SINCERE WORSHIP WE PERFORM – THE HIGHER OUR IMAAN WILL BE

The higher our Imaan is, the less impact the catastrophes/calamities will have on us.

Jurayj faced a **HUGE FITNA**, accused of adultery & having a baby. Allah ﷻ got him out!

Whoever has Taqwa, Fear, Hope, Allah will make an exit for him from every problem (65:2)

There are people around you when things are good but are against you as soon as you slip.

They are others that are so envious that they are ready to go to extremes for you to fail.

The villager's hypocrisy; the woman - 9 months of pregnancy, pain of child-birth, raising a child – all that to ruin the reputation of a righteous man. Learn from the story of Jurayj!!!

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