

Jumu'ah Khutbah

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PARADISAICAL
FRAGRANCE

English Speech 12:30 - 12:55

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Human Fitrah – Smell Beautiful – Ghusl – Wudu – Clothes – Ood – Miswaak – **OUTER**

The World - Nature - Seasons - All reflect the beauty of Allah ﷻ & fragrance of Jannah

Umar bin al-Khattab رضي الله عنه “If I spent spend half my money on Teeb, it would not be Israaf”

Allah ﷻ Gifted 5 SENSES: Touch, Taste, Smell, Hearing, Sight

Smell is the most Extraordinary – Direct pathway to the brain's limbic system - areas of Emotion, Memory, & Motivation.

"They will be given to drink pure wine sealed with musk."(83:25-26)

“In your world, women & perfume have been made dear to me" (Nasai)

What fragrance do you emit? Not just from your body, but from your mouth, heart & soul?

1. FRAGRANCES EVOKE POWERFUL EMOTIONAL FEELINGS

“When the caravan left Egypt, their father said, “Indeed I sense the fragrance of Yusuf”

Some mothers keep their kid’s clothes, often smell them & it transports them back.

– فَقَبَّلَهُ فَقَالَ : بِأَبِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي ، طِبْتَ حَيًّا وَمَيِّتًا – Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه after death of Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم

Umme Salama رضي الله عنها wife of Prophet – greeted him one last time – she placed her hand on his bare chest. His sweat infused into her hands, which remained with her.

- How do we make our Heart/Soul/Character smell fragrant?
- How do you want to be remembered?
- What fragrance will you leave behind - of Jannah or Jahannam?

2. FRAGRANCES INVOKE POWERFUL IMAGINATIONS

“When a believer is passing away the angels say. Come out, O good fragrant soul that was in a good fragrant body, come out praiseworthy and receive glad tidings of mercy and fragrance and a Lord Who is not angry.” (Majah)

The angels carry a Kafan that is scented with the musk of Jannah to comfort the soul.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that when you are placed in your grave, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ scents the grave with the musk of Jannah which can be smelt from 500 years وَإِنَّ رِيحَهَا لَيُوجَدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةِ خَمْسِمِائَةِ عَامٍ

If you broke a treaty, killed an innocent, oppressed someone, created divisions, showed off
The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم would invoke the punishment of being deprived from the **SMELL** of Jannah!

3. FRAGRANCES REVEAL YOUR REALITY

When a baby cannot smell the mother – it knows a stranger is picking them up.

Fake flowers can look so real, but you recognise a fake from its **FRAGRANCES**.

The believer is the same - you'll recognise them from their inner & outer fragrance.

The Prophet ﷺ referred to fragrance in the way that we interact with the Qur'an.

مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِ الَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ مَثَلُ الْأُتْرُجَةِ رِيحُهَا طَيِّبٌ وَطَعْمُهَا طَيِّبٌ

“The example of the believer who recites the Qur'an & acts upon it is like a citrus fruit, it smells good & tastes good.” Inner & Outer Fragrance.

وَمَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِ الَّذِي لَا يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ مَثَلُ التَّمْرَةِ لَا رِيحَ لَهَا وَطَعْمُهَا حُلْوٌ

“A believer who does not recite the Qur'an is like a date which has no fragrance but has a sweet taste” Inner Fragrance

وَمَثَلُ الْمُنَافِقِ الَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ كَمَثَلِ الْحُنْظَلَةِ لَيْسَ لَهَا رِيحٌ وَطَعْمُهَا مُرٌّ

“and the hypocrite who recites the Qur'an is like a basil whose fragrance is sweet, but whose taste is bitter; and a hypocrite who does not recite the Qur'an is like the colocynth which has no fragrance and has a bitter taste.” (Muslim)

The Prophet ﷺ “You're on the religion of your friends.” So You'll Smell Like Your Friends!?

If you're around people that stink, have bad manners, don't have standards of worship, are wasteful; even if you commit none of those sins, you'll inevitably **SMELL like them.**

If you hang around a dump, landfill, you will inevitably smell like garbage.

Sufyanat Thawri رضي الله عنه was asked, how do the angels know that a person is about to commit a good or a bad deed?

“When a person is about to commit a good deed, they emit a good smell, a scent of musk, so the angels naturally start to congregate around that person before the good deed even happens. But when you're about to commit a sin, you emit a rotten stench, so the angels start to go away from you & feel an aversion towards you even before you commit the sin.”

Entering a Masjid after eating raw garlic, onions. Or smelling foul from your body odour, sock, clothes - lying, cheating, harming, sinning - affects not only humans but also angels.

- Do you stink or do you smell good?
- Do you take and leave good fragrances, or do you absorb and leave repulsive smells?

Imam Al-Shafi'e رحمته الله said **“the foolish one addresses me with words of disgrace, but I hate to respond to him in a like manner. The more ignorant he proves, the more patient I become. Just like the incense, the more you burn it, the more its fragrance is released.”**

- The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had the most beautiful inner & outer fragrance.
- He صلى الله عليه وسلم showed us how to achieve a beautiful fragrance via the Qur'an, Sunnah & Suhba
- He صلى الله عليه وسلم brought us the greatest most precious & abundant fragrance in existence
- The fragrance of paradise was bottled up and given to us by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم!
- The fragrance of Imaan, fragrance of Ikhlaas, fragrance of Salah - Paradisaical Fragrance
- The fragrance of Jannah is Salah – **“O Bilal say the Adhaan – allow us to rest and smell the fragrance of paradise”**

“The delight of my eyes lies in Salah” (Nasai)

If you want to smell beautiful, be in Allah's court often, be with the Qur'an, be with the Sunnah, be with righteous people - You will internally & externally smell like Paradise!