

Jumu'ah Khutbah - 29.03.24



Trigram of Heaven

English Speech 12:30 - 12:55 PM  
Ashton Central Mosque OL6-9JA

**3 Letters – combined – become the key to Jannah – what combination/key are you using?**

**The Qur'an is for the **Muttaqoon (2:2)** all the promises of Allah ﷻ are for the people of **Taqwa**.**

**وق ي - Save, Protect, Fear, Conscious, Righteous, Pious, Mindful, Shield, God-Centered**

**“O you who believe! Have Taqwa of Allah as it is His right of Taqwa.” (3:102)**

**“Seek provisions, indeed the best of provisions is Taqwa.” (2:197)**

**“O you who have believed, prescribed upon you is fasting...so you may become mindful (2:183)**

**“And the good end is for the Muttaqeen (28:83)**

**Trigram - Combination to Jannah = Taqwa - Entrance is Conditional/Restricted to **Muttaqoon**.**

**The purpose of fasting is to transform our mindless lives, making us wholly mindful of Allah ﷻ**

**ALLAH'S SUPPORT - “Allah is with those who are conscious and those who are virtuous.” (16:128)**

**ALLAH'S CLOSENESS - “Allah is the Protector of the mindful.” (45:19)**

**ALLAH'S LOVE - “Allah loves the righteous.” (9:4)**

**ALLAH'S FORGIVENESS - “Whoever fears Allah, He will remove his sins & amplify his reward.” (65:5)**

**ALLAH'S ACCEPTANCE - “Allah only accepts from the God-Centered”. (5:27)**

**ALLAH'S SUCCESS - “Protect your Taqwa, that you may succeed.” (2:189)**

**TAQWA IN SUSTENANCE** “And whoever has Taqwa of Allah - He will make for him a way out. And will provide for him from where he does not expect.” (65:2-3)

**TAQWA IN AFFAIRS** “And whoever has Taqwa of Allah, He will make his affairs easy for him.” (65:4)

**TAQWA IN HEREAFTER** “We will save those who had Taqwa of Allah and leave the wrongdoers within it, on their knees.” (19:71-72)

Everything in life & the hereafter revolves around the core element of **Taqwa**.

Has our fasting thus far raised our level of **Taqwa** in Ramadan? Will Allah ﷻ say to us

“Indeed, the righteous will be among gardens and rivers, In a seat of honour near a Sovereign, Perfect in Ability.” (54:54-55)

”For the God-Centered are Gardens of Delight with their Lord.” (68:34)

**Taqwa** is the core criterion & will differentiate between people!

“Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the one with the most Taqwa.” (49:13)

One of the eternal & absolute commands of Allah. يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ Be Mindful of Allah - Conscious of Allah - Aware of Allah - Fearing of Allah - Loving of Allah - Hoping in Allah ﷻ.

A man passed by the Prophet ﷺ, who asked, what do you think about him? He said he has a great lineage and social status. If he were to ask for a Rishta or intercede, it would be accepted, but the Prophet ﷺ remained silent.

Then another man walked by, and the Prophet ﷺ asked the same question. He said, this man is poor with no lineage or status, he would be rejected for a Rishta or intercession, no one would consider him. The Prophet ﷺ said, this poor man is better than the first, even if he filled the entire earth. (Bukhari)

**WHY?** Because of his **Taqwa!**

“Allah does not look at your appearances or possessions, but He looks at your hearts and your deeds.” (Muslim)

The Prophet ﷺ said to Umar رضي الله عنه **التقوى هاهنا** Taqwa begins in the heart - between you & God. The privacy in your dealings, thoughts, behaviour, intentions, love, fear & hope you have with Allah ﷻ.

Have you broken a glass in the kitchen & you're barefoot - how would you walk? **Very Carefully!**

That's Taqwa - Live every day in your life taking small steps, being careful where you step in the Dunya. You don't make big moves without studying, thinking or calculating it.

You don't invest until you're sure it's Halal. You don't speak about others without being sure what you're saying is correct. You don't give opportunity to other people to slander or gossip - **Taqwa**

You're a person of substance, integrity, of **Taqwa**, of consciousness, mindfulness of Allah ﷻ.

If you have Taqwa, you will be shy before Allah ﷻ. If you shield yourself with Taqwa, then Allah ﷻ will shield you on the day of Qiyamah before all of humanity.

Ramadan is the month of absolute **Taqwa & Tawbah**.

**Taqwa** brings us to ground zero & **Tawbah** raises us back to the heavens.

We came from the heavens, but were sent to earth, the only way back is via **Taqwa & Tawbah**

“Our Rabb! We have wronged ourselves. If You do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we will certainly be losers.” (7:23)

A momentary lapse, oversight and mistake by our Father Adam عليه السلام & Mother Hawwa عليها السلام

They didn't deny Allah ﷻ but forgot the Taqwa of Allah ﷻ over their own desire.

They did not give Allah's Taqwa its due place. A single moment of neglect caused our parents to lose Jannah. How much have we neglected Taqwa in our entire lives? How many forbidden trees have we eaten from?

But Allah ﷻ gave them the key to return, which is **Tawbah - Istigfaar**.

So be mindful now, this Ramadan and throughout your life & do **Tawbah & Istigfaar**.

Our journey, entire life & return is surely back to Allah ﷻ - So prepare with **Taqwa & Tawbah**.

اللَّهُمَّ آتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا وَزَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا أَنْتَ وَلِيِّهَا وَمَوْلَاهَا - وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ - وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ