

First Kutba

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم "نعمتان مغبون فيهما كثير من الناس: الصحة والفراغ" أي نعمتان يخسرهما كثير من الناس، وروى البخاري عن أبي هريرة قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم "أعذر الله إلى أمرى آخر أجله حتى بلغ ستين سنة"

Allah's messenger PBUH says in the hadeeth "two blessings most of the people tend to lose them, health and spare time", and in the other hadeeth "Allah has made a full excuse for a man, he left to live till 60 years"

B&S, as we have just reached the end of this semester, most of the study burden will be released and some of us will have spare time more than during the semester. This additional spare time should be exploited, and not let go in vain.

Allah's messenger PBUH assured many time in Sunna the value of time for Muslims, and that every one of us will be accounted for his time and asked about the goal he devoted his lifetime for as he Allah's messenger PBUH says in the hadteeth"

"لن تزول قدما عبد يوم القيمة حتى يسأل عن أربع خصال: عن عمره فيما أفاءه، وعن شبابه فيما أبلاه، وعن ماله من أين اكتسبه وفيما أنفقه، وعن علمه ماذا عمل به"

No one will be allowed to move on one step on the day of judgment until he is asked (Accounted for) 4 things:

For what thing did he devoted his whole life,

For what goals did he invested his youthfulness period.

His money, form where did he get, and in what did he spend,
and what did he do with the science he acquired"

Allah's messenger PBUH also emphasized the value of free time as a precious resource that should be invested, before it goes and does not come back, as he said in the hadeeth.

"اغتنم خمساً قبل خمس: حياتك قبل موتك، وصحتك قبل سقمك، وغناك قبل فرك، وفراغك قبل شغلك، وشبابك قبل هرمك"

Exploit five before five: your life before death comes, your health before you sickness, your wealth before you become poor, your spare time before you become busy, and your youthfulness before you become an old man"

Allah also emphasized the value of time many times in Quran, as he swore many times by the time or by parts of it like Dawn, sunrise, night, and day time. He also emphasized the value of time as he assured that the Day of Judgment has a predetermined precise date, for which we all should get prepared as he says:

Alma3areg 49-50

وَلَيَوْمٍ لَّمْ يَرَوْهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ بِحِلْمٍ

49. Say: "those of old and those of later times,

50. "All will certainly be gathered together for the meeting appointed for a Day well-known.

And even the five prayers have precise times as Allah says:

Alnesa2 103

قَلِيلٌ مَنْ يَشْكُرُ نِعْمَاتَ اللّٰهِ

103. Prayers are enjoined on believers at fixed times.

Thus B&S, we can see that Islam urges us to take care of this blessing and try to make use of it as much as possible.

Now, the question is, why – in general – people don't exploit their time as it should be. In other words, why people differ in their exploitation for time?

The answer is fairly simple, it is because they don't equally value the time itself, and the value of time comes from the value of the goal you devoted your time or your lifetime to. We can really feel that in our lives, for example, you may not spend equal times preparing for two exams because one of them is more important than the other. Further, you will spend more time when you get closer to the exam time, because you now appreciate more the goal and thus value your time better. But the problem is that, in Donia, we don't know the exam exact time, and sometimes the time is over, while you still are not ready for the exam (وَنَسْأَلُ اللّٰهَ السَّلَامَةَ).

So, those who seek the highest rank in the heaven, verily will not value their time like those who don't care about it, or those who are not aware of value of Allah's rewards in the afterlife.

In order to make this picture clearer, let's see how the companions (Al-Sahaba) and their followers behaved in their lives, and see how it was so valuable for them.

كان ابن مسعود يقول: (ما ندمت على شيء ندمي على يوم غربت شمسه، نقص فيه أجي و لم يزد فيه عملي).

Ibn Mas'ood Radia Allahu 3anho, was used to say “ I have not regretted anything like regretting a day passed, in which my life decreases (meaning I became closer to death) and I could not increase my good deeds.

وقال الحسن البصري: لقد أدركت أقواماً كانوا على أوقاتهم أشد حرضاً منكم على أموالكم.
ويقول: يا ابن آدم إنك أيام مجموعة، إذا ذهب يوم ذهب بعضك.

And Al7asan Albasry, one of the greatest followers for the sa7aba (he lived with the sa7aba but did see prophet Muhammad PBUH), said “ I lived

with people – meaning the sa7aba – who took care of their time more than you did for your money

And he also said “ooh son of Adam, you are but some days gathered together, so if a day has gone, some you has gone”

B&S, see how they valued their time, and how they strived for its cause. They were really anxious for achieving their goal although it was a long term goal, a lifetime goal.

An important question that is worthy to be raised here B&S. Why we could not do what the great sa7aba did although we have the same goals?, or claim to have the same goals?

This is because the real and actual appreciation for these goals, strongly depends on your faith. And faith is not only a word, but it is something that goes deeply into your heart ACCOMPANIED BY work done to keep this faith in its place. Let's listen to what Al7assan Albasry said about that:

لِيْسَ الإِيمَانُ بِالْتَّمَنِي وَلَا بِالْتَّحْلِي ، وَلَكِنْ مَا وَقَرَ فِي الْقَلْبِ وَصَدَقَهُ الْعَمَلُ ، وَإِنْ قَوْمًا غَرَّتْهُمْ أَمَانِي الْمَغْفِرَةِ حَتَّىٰ
خَرَجُوا مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا حَسَنَةً لَهُمْ ، قَالُوا (بَنَحْسَنَ الظَّنَنَ بِاللَّهِ) وَكَذَّبُوا؛ لَوْ أَحْسَنُوا الظَّنَنَ لَأَحْسَنُوا الْعَمَلَ .

Iman or faith is not by only hope, but what has been in your heart, and you deeds justified it. And there were some people were deceived by the hopes to obtain Allah's forgiveness (without exerting efforts to get it), till they got out from Donia with no good deeds, and they said we think that Allah will be merciful with us. And they are liars, if they really well thought of Allah, they would provide good deeds before

Another point is that, besides having a long term goal in your life, for which your whole life is devoted to, short term goal are very important because you may get bored walking in a long way without having intermediate stop stations on the way.

Short term goals B&S, of course should be consistent in the sense that they should all serve reaching the ultimate goal. For example, in our lives we pass through different stages, let's start from the high school then the undergraduate, then graduate level or the work field, etc.

For each of these stages, if you don't think and understand why you are really doing this, and how this will serve your long term goal, there might be some losses, and actually here comes the importance role of time planning, which is a very crucial thing people tend to miss. We really should plan for our lives, spending a few hours or days planning for life can save months and years from your future due to loss of planning. Just set with your self and ask your self this question “what did I do to fulfill my goals, and what I need to do, to complete my tasks”, and ask Allah to guide you the right way, and remember what Allah said in the holt Quran:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونَ

And I (Allah) created not the Jinn and mankind except that they should worship me.

Second Khutba

B&S, I will finalize this Khutba with the last part of the last Khutba Omar Ibn AbdelAziz gave before he dies, in which he summarized the whole point of our issue today. He said

إِنَّمَا لَمْ تَخْلُقُوا عِبَادًا، وَلَنْ تَرْكُوا سَدِّي،
وَإِنْ لَكُمْ مَعَادًا يَنْزَلُ اللَّهُ فِيهِ لِفَصْلٍ بَيْنَ عَبَادَهُ،
فَقَدْ خَابَ وَخَسِرَ مِنْ خَرْجٍ مِنْ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَسَعَتْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ،
وَحَرَمَ جَنَّةً عَرَضَهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ،
أَلَا تَرَوْنَ أَنَّكُمْ فِي أَسْلَابِ الْهَالَكِينِ،
وَسَيِّرُثُهَا بَعْدَكُمُ الْبَاقِونِ،
كَذَلِكَ حَتَّى تَرُدَ إِلَى خَيْرِ الْوَارِثِينِ،
وَفِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ تَشْيَعُونَ غَادِيَا وَرَانِحَا إِلَى اللَّهِ قَدْ قَضَى نَحْبَهُ،
وَانْقَضَى أَجَلُهُ،
فَتَوَدُّعُونَهُ وَتَدْعُونَهُ فِي صَدْعٍ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ،
غَيْرِ مَوْسَدٍ وَلَا مَمْهَدٍ،
قَدْ خَلَعَ الْأَسْبَابُ،
وَفَارَقَ الْأَحِبَابُ،
وَسَكَنَ التَّرَابُ،
وَوَاجَهَ الْحِسَابُ،
غَنِيَا عَمَّا خَلَفَ،
فَقَيْرَا إِلَى مَا أَسْلَفَ،
فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ عَبَادُ اللَّهِ بَقِيلَ نَزْولُ الْمَوْتِ وَانْقَضَاءُ موَافِقِيَّتِهِ،
وَإِنِّي لَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ هَذِهِ الْمَقَالَةَ، وَمَا أَعْلَمُ عَنْ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ مَا أَعْلَمُ عَنِّي،
وَلَكُنِّي أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَأَتُوَبُ إِلَيْهِ،
ثُمَّ رَفَعَ طَرْفَ رَدَاعِهِ وَبَكَى حَتَّى شَهَقَ،
ثُمَّ نَزَلَ فَمَا عَادَ إِلَى الْمِنْبَرِ بَعْدَهَا حَتَّى مَاتَ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

You were not created in vain, nor will be left for nothing. And there is a time, in which Allah will judge all the issue between his servants. So, a true loser will be that who will be out of Allah's mercy which is larger than every thing, and that who will be proscribed from entering a paradise larger than the whole earths and heavens.

Don't you see that you follow the steps of those who died before you (meaning that you will not take anything with you from this Donya), and all what you have collected will go to those will come after you, and so on, till it goes back to Allah, the best inheritor.

And every day, you see off people going back to Allah, you leave them and put them into a small cleft into the ground unpaved and unpadded. He has no power to do anything, left his beloved persons, inhabited the sand, and he is gonna be accounted for all his doings. Nothing from he left may help him in this moment, while he regrets all the time he spent in vain. So, fear Allah servants of Allah before death comes suddenly, and there is no more time left.

And I see this saying, and know nobody has many sins like I have. BUT, I ask Allah's forgiveness and repent to him.

He then (Omar Ibn Abdelaziz) cried till he sobbed, and wiped out his tears with the end of his dress. He then, descended the rostrum, and did not get back to it till he died.

B&S, always remember that it is a way we all should walk, and we all should take care of and be cautious in order to safely reach the end. Allah's messenger PBUH says In the 7adeeth

من خاف أدلج ، ومن أدلج بلغ المنزل ، ألا إن سلعة الله غالبة ، ألا إن سلعة الله الجنّة

The one who fears, will walk in darkness, and if he walked in the darkness (meaning if he took all reasons to reach his goal) he will reach his final destination. Allah's commodity is expensive; Allah's commodity is Al-janna.

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عبد الله إن الله يأمر بالعدل والإحسان و إيتاء ذى القربى، وينهى عن الفحشاء و المنكر و البغي يعظكم لعلكم تذكرون، اذكروا الله العظيم يذكريكم، و استغفروه يغفر لكم، و اسألوه يعطكم، و أكثروا من الصلاة و السلام على رسول الله صلعم فى هذا اليوم الأغر الأزهر، فإن صلاتكم معروضة عليه، و أقم الصلاة.