

Khutba: Ramadhan, the month of the Quran (1/12/00)

Al hamdullilah, Al hamdilillahi Nahmadahu wa nasta'eenahu wa nastaghfiruhuu wa nu'minu bihi wa natawakkalu
alaih. Wa na'uzubillahi min shuroori anfusina wa min say'iaati a'maalina
Many yahdilillahi fala mudilalahu
Wa many yudlilahu fala hadialah
Wa nashadu an-laa illaha ilallah wahdahu laa shareeka lahu
Wa nashadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa Rasuulahu
Amma ba'd, fa-uuzubillahi minashaytaanirajim bismillahi-rahmaanirahiim

SHAHR RAMAD.AAN 'ALLADHE UNZILA FE -HI AL- QUR'AAN HUD(A)N) LI- AN-
NAAS WA- BAYYINAAT MIN AL- HUDAA WA- AL- FURQAAN

YAA 'AYYUHAA 'ALLADHENA 'AAMANO KUTIBA ALAY -KUM AS. - S.IYAAM KA-MAA
KUTIBA ALAA 'ALLADHENA MIN QABLI -KUM LA'ALLA -KUM TATTAQON

Qaala Rassulullah (saw):

"A khaira fi, a khaira fi Ummati ila yawmi-deen"

Ya Ma'sharal Muslimeen Itakullah!

Allah (swt) says, ***"The month of Ramadhan in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and Al-Furqan."***
[TMQ-Al-Baqarah: 185]

- ◆ The graceful month of Ramadhan has set in; the month during which the gates of Mercy are wide open, the gates of Hell are shut and the Shayateen are chained up. It is a month chosen by Allah (swt) as a month of fasting; an act of *Ibadat* that Allah (swt) made special to Him. He (swt) favoured this month over all other months by making it the month of mercy and reverence for all the believers.
- ◆ Also, in this month were revealed the scriptures of Ibrahim (as) and Musa (as), as well as the Zabuur and the Injeel. Indeed, this month is the most superior of months in which Allah (swt) revealed **His final revelation, the Quran.**
- ◆ So in this month we recite the Quran everyday, we pray the Taraweeh salah in which the Quran is recited. But do we understand and practice this Quran? Aisha (ra) described the Prophet's (saw) character as being the character of the Quran, are we in our characters like the Quran. Do we implement in our lives? Do we feel the **weight of the Quran on our shoulders?** Do we feel the burden of the Quran? Have we realised the power and might of this Quran which revealed by the one almighty in power?

Allah (swt) says in the Quran in Surah al Hashr:

LAW ANZALNAA HAADHAA AL- QUR'AAN 'ALAA JABALIN LA- RA'AYTAHU
KHAASHI'AN MUTASADDI'AN MIN KHASHYA TIL 'LLAAH WA- TILKAL- AMTHAAL
NAD.RIBUHAA LINAAS LA'ALLA -HUM YATAFAKKARON

“Had We sent down this Qur’an on a mountain, you would surely have seen it humbling itself and split asunder (crumbling) by the fear of Allah. Such are the parables that We put forward to mankind that they may reflect.”

[TMQ - Al-Hashr: 21]

- ◆ Allah (swt) is saying that if He had sent the Quran upon a mountain, imagine the size and magnitude of a mountain. KHAASHI’AN MUTAS.ADDI’AN MIN KHASHYA TIL’LLAAH. From humbling itself it would split asunder by the fear of Allah.
- ◆ Brothers let us ask ourselves, the Quran has been revealed to us, not to the mountain! Do we feel humbled by it?
- ◆ TILKAL- AMTHAAL NAD.RIBU -HAA LINAAS LA’ALLA -HUM YATAFAKKARON
“Such are the parables that We put forward to mankind that they may reflect.”
- ◆ Is this the impact that the Quran has on our souls and on the lives of this Ummah. Let us look at the impact that this Quran had on the Sahabah and the Muslims in the past, it is known that some of the Sahabah when hearing a verse of the Quran would faint.
- ◆ So what made Abdullah ibn Masud go out and recite this Quran in front of the Quraysh and endured a beating, fearing none but Allah.
- ◆ So what made Abu Huraira (ra), one of the stars of the sky cry on his deathbed and he was asked: ***“What makes you cry?”*** He replied: ***“I do not cry for this world of yours, rather I cry over the long journey ahead of me and how few provisions I have with me. I am rising on a runaway to paradise and Hellfire and I do not know which of them it would lead to.”***
- ◆ What made Tariq bin Ziyad, the conqueror of Spain in the month of **Ramadhan burn his boats** motivating the Muslims that Paradise lay ahead of them and defeat and the sea to the rear, leading to the conquest of Spain in this blessed month.

'INNA 'ALLAAH ASHTARAA MIN AL- MU'MINEN ANFUSAHUM WA-AMWAALAHUM BI- 'ANNA LAHUM UL- JANNAH

“Verily Allah hath bought of the believers their lives and their riches for the price that theirs shall be the Garden” [9:111]

- ◆ Brothers Mu’ad ibn Jabal (ra) once called the people of the town and said to them, ***“Today the reciters of Quran are few but the implementers are many, what of the time when the reciters will be many and the implementers will be few.”***
- ◆ He was decribing our time brothers! Today the reciters may be many but the implementers are few.

- ◆ Today brothers why is it that many Muslims come to the mosque and pray taraweeh – so we see the mosques are full but **as soon as Eid comes**, many people stop coming to the mosque, stop reading the Quran and even stop praying regularly. Today brother we read the Quran but do we implement it?
- ◆ Today brothers the rulers of this Ummah accept the Tafseer of not Ibn Abbas or Ibn Kathir or Imam Qurtuby, rather they accept the Tafseer of this Quran which was revealed by Allah (swt) by Jibrael (as), they accept the **Tafseer of Ibn Iblis, the son of Iblis (the Shaytan) Bill Clinton**.
- ◆ This self proclaimed Mufassir, Clinton attempted to give his Tafseer of the Quran again, this despicable man said recently in his Ramadhan speech:

“We all had hoped that when this month's crescent moon first appeared and the month of Ramadan was announced, fasting would begin in a time of peace. Yet, tragically, violence continues, and lives are being lost in the land that is holy to Islam, Judaism and Christianity. For all Americans, these deaths are a source of great sorrow. The Muslim chaplain at Georgetown University, where I attended college, has told me of a verse in the Koran in which Allah tells us that He created nations and tribes so we may know one another, not so we might despise one another.”

- ◆ Brothers let us not do as the rulers have done by accepting the Tafseer of the Kuffar. Let us look to the true Tafseer of the ayah which Clinton misquoted.

Allah (swt) said:

YAA 'AYYUHAA AN- NAAS 'IN(NA) -NAA KHALAQNA -KUM MIN DHAKAR WA- 'UNTHAA WA- JA'ALNA -KUM SHU'OB(AN) WA- QABAA'IL LI- TA'AARAFO 'INNA AKRAM -KUM 'INDA 'ALLAAH ATQAA -KUM 'INNA 'ALLAAH 'ALEM KHABER

“O mankind! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that you may know one another. The noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Allah is the Knower, Aware.” [49:13]

- ◆ Ibn Abi Hatim al-Razi said that the circumstances in which this Ayah was revealed, the Asbab an Nuzul was when in the opening of Makkah which occurred in Ramadhan, the Prophet (saw) ordered Bilal (ra) to say the *Adhan* and Abu Sufyan said can't you find someone better than this black man to say the *Adhan* then this verse was revealed. Explaining to us that in Islam no one better on the basis of colour or from what part of the world he has come – rather what distinguishes us in the sight of Allah (swt) is our actions. So the noblest of us is the best of us in our actions.

The Prophet (saw) said:

“Inallaha yarfa'u bi haazal kitaab aqwaaman wa yada'u bihi akhireen”

“Allah will elevate some nations through this book and degrade others with it”

[Muslim]

- ◆ We know how the Islamic Ummah was elevated in the past through the **implementation** of the Quran, the Khalifah's in the past through implementing the Shariah of Allah made this Ummah elevate and progress and look how we are degraded today when the Quran is not implemented.
- ◆ Today brothers the Quran is not implemented in our lands, if we look to the problems in Palestine, how to our countries deal with it: Recently Ministers and senior officials of several **OIC (Organisation of so called Islamic countries)** member states met in New York to discuss the Palestinian issue. What solution do these people bring, do they look to the Quran and the Sunnah which tells us to **liberate Muslim land** and not to take the Christians and Jews as our Allies? No! rather they run to America and the United nations for solutions.

Ziyad ibn Labid narrated that Allah's Messenger (saw) spoke of something and said: It will happen when **knowledge will be no more**. I said: Allah's Messenger, **how will knowledge vanish** despite the fact that we will be reciting the Qur'an and teaching its recitation to our children and our children will teach its recitation to their children up to the Day of Resurrection? Thereupon he said: Ziyad, **may your mother weep over you**. I was of the opinion that you were one of those who have greatest understanding of religion in Medina. **Do these Jews and Christians not recite the Torah and the Bible but not act according to what is contained in them?** [Transmitted by Ahmad, Ibn Majah, Tirmidhi.]

- ◆ Today brothers the rulers have become **like the Jews and the Christians** who may recite the Quran but not implement it, they even attack those who work for the re-establishment of the Khilafah. So we may hear of the **beautiful recitation** of the Quran in the **Haram in Makkah**, yet we see that the Quran is not implemented over this land in which the Ka'ba resides. Rather the Americans still have their troops stationed in this land.
- ◆ Brothers today some Muslims have become like the Christians and the Jews because they recite the Quran and not act according to it in their lives, so limit the quran to Ramadhan and not in the rest of their lives.
- ◆ The leaders of the Muslim lands have made Clinton their Mufassir, the Whitehouse their Qibla and hold fast to the rope of Kufr.
- ◆ We need to take the Muhammad (saw) as our Mufassir, restore the Ka'ba as our Qibla and hold fast to the book of Allah. Allah (swt) says:

WA- I'TAS.IMO BI- H.ABL 'ALLAAH JAMEc(AN) WA- LAA TAFARRAQO

- ◆ **“And hold fast all together by the rope which Allah and be not divided among yourselves”** [3:103] Ibn Masud said that the rope of Allah in this ayah means the Quran.
- ◆ Brothers we are in the month of reward in which the Quran was revealed, we must hold fast to the rope of Allah, we must recite the Quran, increase our understanding of it and implement it in our lives.

Abdullah ibn Abbas narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: **“He in whose heart there is nothing of the Qur’an is like a house in ruin.”** [Transmitted by Tirmidhi.]

- ◆ Brothers the Quran should never be allowed to left on our **shelves gathering dust**, we must realise that it is the Guidance that Allah (swt) has sent for humanity.

The Messenger (saw) said **“Learn the Qur’an and recite it, because the example of one who learns the Qur’an, reads it and recites it in Tahajjud is like an open bag full of musk, the fragrance whereof spreads over the entire place, and a person who has learnt the Qur’an but sleeps while the Qur’an is in his heart, is like a bag of musk but with its mouth closed”** [Tirmidhi, Nisaa’i, Ibn Majah, Ibn Hibban]

- ◆ Brothers let us not allow **our hearts to become rusty** devoid of the Quran!

The Prophet (saw) said, **"These hearts become rusty just as iron does when water affects it." On being asked what could clear them he replied, "A great amount of remembrance of death and recitation of the Qur'an."** [Bayhaqi transmitted it in Shu'ab al-Iman. Abdullah ibn Umar narrated]

- ◆ Brothers! The implementation of the Quran is **what the world is in need of today**, look at the oppression in every place – In Palestine, in Kashmir, in Chechnya, in America, in Britain right here – where we see people wondering chasing after some alcohol or drugs looking for escapism from this world.

Allah (swt) says:

ALIF-LAAM-RAA' KITAAB ANZALNAA -HU 'ILAY -KA LI- TUKHRIJ AN- NAASI MIN AZ.-
Z.ULUMAAT 'ILAA AN-NOOR

" ALIF-LAAM-RAA'. This is a Book we have revealed unto you, O Muhammad, in order that you may lead mankind out of darkness into the light” [Ibrahim:1-2]

- ◆ So brothers let us make this month of Ramadhan, the month of prayer, the month of worship, the month of recitation of Qur’an, the month of giving Zakah, the month of strengthening the relations between our relatives, the month of generosity and goodness to the needy, the month of being aware of our speech and actions, the month of re-invigorating our *Iman* and purifying our hearts and the month of engaging

in the da'wa to re-establish the Khilafah, the implementation of the Quran on the earth.

- ◆ I want to end on a Hadith narrated in the Musnad of Imam Ahmad that should motivate us to work to revive this Deen by the Quran. The Messenger Muhammad (saw) said:

"Some peoples will come on the Day of Judgement and their *Imaan* will be outstanding, it's light will shine from their chests and from their right hands. So it will be said to them, 'glad tidings for you today, Assalaamu alaykum and goodness for you, enter into it (*Jannah*) forever!' So the angels and the Prophets will be jealous of the love of Allah for them". So the *Sahabah* asked, 'who are they O Messenger of Allah?' He (saw) replied, **"They are not from us and they are not from you. You are my companions but they are my beloved. They will come after you and will find the book (the Qur'an) made redundant by the people, and a Sunnah which has been killed by them. So they will grab hold of the book and the Sunnah and revive them. So they will read them and teach them (the Qur'an and the Sunnah) to the people and they will experience in that path a punishment more severe and more ugly than what you (O Sahabah) have experienced. Indeed, the Imaan of one of them is equivalent to the Imaan of forty of you. The Shaheed of one of them is equivalent to forty of your Shuhadaa'. Because you found a helper towards the truth (the Prophet [saw]) and they will find no helper towards the truth. So they will be surrounded by tyrant rulers in every place, and they will be in the surroundings of Bayt ul-Maqdis (al-Quds). The Nussrah (victorious material support) of Allah will come to them, and they will have the honour of it on their hands".** Then he (saw) said **"O Allah give them the Nussrah and make them my close friends in Jannah"** (*Musnad* of Imam Ahmed).

- ◆ O Allah (swt) we ask you to make us of these people.