



Protecting People from Drugs First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, who has facilitated for us the pure and wholesome. And I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him, and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلِنَنْظُرْ نَفْسًا مَا قَدَّمْتَ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا
اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do.

[Qur'an: ٥٩:١٨]

O Believers: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

الرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ فِي أَهْلِهِ، وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ، وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ فِي
بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا، وَمَسْئُولَةٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهَا

"Each of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock...a man is a shepherd in charge

of the inhabitants of his household and he is responsible for his flock; a woman is a shepherdess in charge of her husband's house and children and she is responsible for them." [Bukhari and Muslim]

What does it mean to be a shepherd? It means to be someone who is protective and trustworthy. Someone who adheres to the protection of what they have been given as a trust. This trust is one embodied by all mothers and fathers, to protect the children that have been gifted and entrusted to them. All parents have been made caretakers, for all children are a trust and are deserving of care. It is their right upon parents that they give them the best of care and upbringing. This entails that parents are aware of their children, their likes and dislikes, their ideas and the company they keep.

Thus parents should seek to consolidate the religious faith and morals in their children, to promote in them virtue and compassion and a sense of belonging in their hearts. For in this there is a protection for them. They should guard them from all harm, keeping them safe from societal evils. Of the dangers that may surround them, and of the most dangerous is the presence of narcotics and similar addictive vices. These drugs not only destroy a person's health, they can put an end to a person's life, and Allah has forbidden a person to kill or destroy himself. For Allah says:

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا

And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed,

Allah is to you ever Merciful. [Qur'an: ٤:٢٩]

And what type of murder is worse than what drugs do? As a destructive vice it results in a slow, torturous death,

resulting in the psychological tension and affliction of addiction, psychological and behavioral disorders. It tears apart families and destroys societies. Addicts not only lose their money, they lose their sanity, they bankrupt their relationships and their very lives. This is why the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) prohibited it and warned us against it when he said:

كُلُّ مُسْكِرٍ حَرَامٌ، وَمَا أُسْكِرَ كَثِيرُهُ فَفَقِيلُهُ حَرَامٌ

“Every [addictive] intoxicant is haram and whatever causes intoxication in large amounts, a small amount of it is (also) unlawful.” [Ibn Majah]

So, O Allah protect our children and protect our families from such vices. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

O Believers: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said the following about drugs and intoxicants: **إِنَّهَا مِفْتَاحُ كُلِّ شَرٍّ**

It is the key [door] to every evil. [Ibn Majah]

This is because it destroys the intellect which is a gift that Allah has bestowed upon human beings. So, the more a person engages in such an addictive vice the more he opens the door of evil to his mind and heart, eventually

destroying both. Sadly, global statistics today show that many people lose their lives to drugs every year. All of this means that it is our responsibility to keep our families together, to preserve their stability and contentment by keeping the vice of drugs far away from them. In this regard a campaign has been launched by the National Anti-Narcotics Council entitled : "The Scourge of Drugs". So, let us cooperate with the competent authorities by contacting them whenever we suspect abuse being done to our children, by calling the number (٨٠٠٢٢٥٢) where we can inform specialist support and authorities of these cases, in order to preserve the life and future of our children.

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad.

O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. and guide them to all that is good and what pleases You.

O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace.

O Allah have mercy on the martyrs, and grant their families with patience and a great reward. And have mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. And continue perpetuating blessings and bounties upon the UAE.

O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair.

O Allah, bless us, bless us, bless us.

O Allah: Give us in this life that which is beautiful and in the next life that which is beautiful, and save us from the fire. Remember Allah and He will remember you, Stand up for prayer.