

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE

THE PRAISEWORTHY COURAGE

Praise be to Allah the almighty, the firm possessor of strength, who ordered his servants to acquire strength and urged them to be intrepid in truth and bravery. Praised be Allah, who forbade all acts of recklessness and inhibited charging oneself beyond its capacity. I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is his servant and messenger (May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions to the day of judgment), who took the initiative to all kinds of benefits and good deeds and proved to be so intrepid and brave in the severe crises and hardships.

O you who have believed, fear Allah and seek all what can bring you closer to his pardon, forgiveness and satisfaction (O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice. He will [then] amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment).
(Surat Al Ahzab 70/71)

Be aware that courage is one of the refine morals in Islam and a virtue that was keenly pursued by the wise men, who considered it as the pillar of virtues and the peak of moralities. They referred the origin of goodness to the heart firmness and composure. One scholar stated in this context: “any harm prevented or blessing achieved can only be achieved with courage”. God’s prophets are the bravest on earth. Noah (Pbuh), had been relentlessly confronting his people almost fifty thousand years as he called them to

worship only one unique god and not to associate anything with Allah. Take the example of Abraham (Pbuh) when he experienced a great trial as his people set on a huge fire and resolved to throw him inside, but he remained well determined and steadfast. The same thing happened with Moses (Pbuh) when he stood in front of Pharaoh, he did not stutter nor hesitate, but he spoke loudly upholding the right word and threw his proof in front of him. As for prophet Muhammed (Pbuh), he had shown unparalleled bravery as he witnessed the most difficult and tight situations, he was very firm, resistant and determined. Ali Ibn Abi Talib(May Allah honor him) said: “when the hardships intensified and we confronted the enemies, we took refuge of prophet Muhammad, as nobody was intrepid and courageous the way he was.

O Muslims:

Courage means patience, persistence and intrepidity in achieving good deeds and preventing harmful events. It is the ability to overcome the dreadful situations. It is the self confidence that drives human beings to hasten to good deeds for which Allah promised to bestow the highest degrees. Allah the almighty says: ‘And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous’ (Surat Aal Imran 133). The courageous is the one who realizes the extent of risk and makes his mind before proceeding with any action. The wise people know when to start, when to stop and when to retreat. Enhancing bravery and determination is the corner stone in building one’s personality. It helps the person meeting the challenges encountering him in the course of his life full of surprises and unexpected events. However, bravery solely is not enough. It should be accompanied by a wise mind leading it to the goodness and guiding it to the right path. How many intrepid people

perished due to their intrepidity! Allah the almighty says: 'and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good'. (Surat Al Baqara 195). How many adventurous and bold people slipped down when they did not observe and weigh what to do and what not to do. Of those we can mention those who dare disobeying Allah's orders and commit the sins, those who cause harm to people and those foulmouthed who keeps on insulting and cursing people. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) emphasised that strength and bravery have nothing to do with such sinful people as he said: 'The strong person is not the good wrestler. Rather, the strong person is the one who controls himself when he is angry'.

O Muslims:

Some people think that courage is strength, physical superiority and impulsiveness in harsh situations, without paying any care and prudence. This is nothing but a blameworthy recklessness. Courage is to be intrepid when needed and to retreat when the circumstances require prudence and wisdom. Being brave without foreseeing the consequences results in a lot of troubles and adverse effects. How many people dared to rescue drowning person while he is not good in swimming and he ended up among the drowned. And how many drivers overestimate their abilities and the capacities of their vehicles, consequently they brought a huge calamity to themselves and caused big trouble and hardships to their families. No doubt, that rescuing an endangered person is a good deed and a noble act, however, one should make his mind and consider all benefits and detriments and assess his capacity of resisting to potential risks before proceeding with any act. The commendable bravery is only when you act within your capacities, skills and knowledge and after considering all circumstances and facts,

otherwise bravery would be undesired, blameworthy and against the intended purposes. In certain circumstances, intrepidity may lead to committing the crime of suicide, which entails god's wrath. Allah, the almighty says: "And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, Allah is to you ever Merciful". (Surat Alnisaa 29).

O you who have believed, fear Allah as HE should be feared and hasten to the righteous deeds which serve you interests and refrain from all what harms you and don't let your strength deceive you, since so many peoples before you perished due to blind vanity. Invest the strength that Allah bestowed on you in worship and piety and to serve the benefits of his servants.

I say this saying of mine, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and for you, and to the rest of the Muslims, so ask Him for forgiveness, He is the forgiver, the Merciful and call upon Him, He will respond to you, as Allah is the most generous.

Praise be to Allah who instructed us to hasten to good deeds and forbade intrepidity in harmful issues and peace be upon his Messenger Muhammad, who invited us with insight to the righteous path, guided us to straighten our behaviour and conduct and to purify our soul and conscience and peace be upon his family , companions and followers to the day of judgment.

Bravery is a voluntary character inside the human being. It ranges between the temerity of the reckless and the reluctance of the coward. Hence, the character of moderation and

balance depicts the sense of sanity, sapience and prudence. Therefore, courage does not imply temerity and disregard of morals. Thus, many people do not differentiate between the commendable courage, which represents a real virtue, and the blameworthy temerity. Whoever drives his car too fast should be considered a reckless person rather than a brave one because he puts human lives at high risks, and this is the case for whoever does not respect the law. The same is true for all human adventures that might be harmful to people and undermines security and stability. Such acts have nothing to do with bravery. Besides, we should not call brave, whoever neglects lives and ethics and perpetrates harmful and ruinous acts for minds and thoughts. The same apply for whoever assaults public or private properties, damages others' affairs and interferes with issues beyond his limits and capacities.

O servants of Allah,

Most of morals and virtues range between a couple of extreme vices, and as we know, the general characteristics of Islam require us to balance between the religious laws and provisions, and between conduct and morals. You should not either exaggerate or be negligent; you should rather be sensible, rightful, and wise in your words and deeds. This is how Allah praised his people to motivate them and enhance their endeavours. Allah, the almighty says: [And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you] (Surat Al Baqara 143).

O you servants of God, obey him and differentiate between good and evil, bravery and recklessness and strive to acquire balanced moralities and deeds, when and to balance

between intrepidity and reluctance, in order for you to reach the happiness in this life and in the hereafter.

So, send your blessings upon the leader of Messengers, as Allah has ordered you in the Holy book by saying: [Indeed, Allah and His Angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! Send blessings on him and greet him (with) greetings].(Surat Alhazab 56).

O Allah! Send Your mercy on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your mercy on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. And send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as You sent your Blessings on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. Verily You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious.

O Allah! Be content with his Righteous Caliphs, his wives mothers of believers, his companions all together and the believers, men and women to the Day of Judgment, and be content with us too by Your Mercy, O Most Merciful.

O Allah! Bless our gathering here today and make us disperse in peace and in protection from sin and not to make us deficient in our religion.

O Allah! We ask you guidance, piety, chastity and wealth.

O Allah! We ask you to grant each of us honest tongue, humbled penitent heart, righteous deeds, useful knowledge, firmly belief, pure faith and lawful and blesses sustenance. O Allah you are the most glorious and honorable.

O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! And grant support and unity to Islam and Muslims, O Allah! Let down tyrants and infidels. O Allah! Grant peace and security to all your servants.

O Allah! Grant us security in our homelands! Grant us long-lasting safety and stability in our homeland! Grant glory to our Sultan and support him with the truth and make him a guide to truth.

O Allah! Send upon us rain from the sky in showers and make us among those who remember you during day and night and who seek your forgiveness during evening and dawn.

O Allah! Bestow on us the blessings of the sky and the bounties of the earth and bless our fruits and crops and our entire livelihood. O Allah you are the most glorious and honorable.

O Allah! Give us in this world good and in the Hereafter good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."

O Allah! Let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

O Allah! We have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

O Allah! Forgive all the believing men and women, those of them who were living and those of them who were dead, you are the most hearing and respondent.

Slaves of Allah! "Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, that you may remember."

