

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE

"DO NOT WEAKEN AND DO NOT GRIEVE"

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds , who ordered his servants to be honest and sincere in words and to be dedicated to work , and who urged them to resort to him to achieve their goals and realize their objectives. I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, who urged us to do good and thankfully led us to it and ordered us to entrust our souls to HIM. His almighty says :[And in God you must place your trust if you are [truly] believers]¹, and that Muhammad Pbuh , his servant and messenger, the best among us , who sought help from God and supplicated him. He endeavored and found success thanks to God (May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family , companions and whoever trusted his guidance and follows his Sunnah to the day of judgment)

Servants of God !

Fear Almighty God and follow your prophet (Pbuh) , and be sincere in what you say and what you do, and please know that the true believer is whoever lives his life with full of optimism, determination and foresight to , therefore, overcome all difficult matters. He is whoever able, thanks to his underlying strength and all the opportunities which have been available to him, to build his life and whoever improves his conduct and does his best for Good. The Prophet (Pbuh) educated his companions on that as narrated by Abu Said Al-Khudri (May Allah be Pleased with him) : “One day the prophet (P.b.b.h) had entered the mosque and saw Abu Umaamah , he said "Oh Abu Umaamah why are you sitting in the mosque when it is not prayer time?" He replied "Oh Messenger of Allah sorrows and debts have overcome me" The prophet (P.b.u.h) said,"Should I not teach you some words? If you say them, Allah will remove your concern and settle your debts." Abu Umaamah replied," Yes, O Messenger” , the prophet said “Keep saying , in the mornings and in the evenings, : “O Allah I take refuge in You from anxiety and sorrow, from helplessness and laziness, from miserliness and cowardice, the burden of debts and being over powered by

¹ Sourate Al-Maidah/23

men.” Abu Umaamah afterwards said, "I said them and Allah removed my anxieties and settled my debts”.

It behooves us, brothers in faith, to consider these issues which the prophet (Pbuh) taught us to learn from it so that we avoid and get rid of them and from which we mention the first issue : grief and sadness. There are things that one wants them to become true in the future or not to happen. He may keep thinking continuously of what his future will be without working on the improvement of his situation and his future. This person wastes his time in vain and falls short in his duties and it had been much better for him if he would have worked hardly and diligently with leaving the results in the hands of the Lord. Allah ordered us to stay away from worry and anxiety and to turn away from grief because with grief no matter is returned and no affliction is relieved, it is rather a devotion of time in vain and a complaint about fate . Allah the almighty says: [So do not weaken and do not grieve, and you will be superior if you are [true] believers]². The true believer should aspire to be of the patient and to learn from the different experiences of life as whoever is strong-willed will be rewarded and compensated. Almighty God commended us to be patient and to give good tidings to the patient . Allah says in his holy book [And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient]³.

O Brothers in faith:

Among the things from which the profet (Pbuh) saught refuge were helplessness and laziness because they are two serious matters that inhibit the person from work and prevent the achievement of his ambitions. helplessness means the incapability to do something, whereas laziness is the abstention to do something while you are able to do it. O servants of Allah, we should not feel helpless, we should rather turn away from the different causes of helplessness because the human being is supposed to devote all the energies and capacities he has in good work .The prophet (Pbuh) says : ((Do as much of good deeds as you can, for Allah does not get tired (of giving reward) until you get tired.)). We should also turn away from laziness for the simple reason that Allah, to whom belongs might and majesty , describes the hypocrites by saying :[Indeed, the hypocrites [think to] deceive Allah , but He is deceiving them. And when they stand for prayer, they stand lazily, showing [themselves to] the people and not remembering Allah except a little]⁴.O servants of God, we have to be strong willed and keep

² Surate Al I'mran

³ Surate Al Baqarah

⁴ Surate An-Nisa-142

company with hardworking persons so that Allah so that Allah eases our hardships and alleviates our feelings of disappointment and failure.

O Muslims:

In addition to grief and sadness, helplessness and laziness, the prophet (Pbuh) sought refuge in Allah from cowardice and miserliness. He combined between them because of the high correlation between them as cowardice is a scarcity of the self however miserliness is the scarcity of the money. The person who is mean towards the devotion of himself for the sake of pride and dignity loses decency and his morality worsens. The true brave is the one who keeps himself busy with good deeds and pushes away the evil deeds. One who knows what is righteous and tries his best to share it with others, who knows falsehood and abstains from it. One who spends his money in serving his family and community.

O servants of the Lord, among what is prohibited is saving and withholding money and not to spend it on the community while being in need. Allah the almighty says: [And let not those who [greedily] withhold what Allah has given them of His bounty ever think that it is better for them. Rather, it is worse for them]⁵. Cowardice and miserliness are the worst characteristics of the human being. Miserliness is the description of the villainous, whereas generosity is the character of the pious. The prophet (Pbuh) says: ((Beware of injustice, for oppression will be darkness on the Day of Judgment; and beware of stinginess because it doomed those who were before you. It incited them to shed blood and treat the unlawful as lawful))

O servants of God, Fear the Lord and spend the money that He gave you and seek refuge in Allah from whatever brings worries and sorrow, distress and pain, and overcome it with surrendering to God and accepting his fate and being patient with what he has destined to us.

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 raises the grades and forgives sins and knows all your deeds and I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, pardoner and forgiver and that Muhammad is his servant and messenger **ancestor of Adnen**, sold and bought, borrowed and

⁵ Surate Al Imran -180

lend and who was tolerant when selling and buying , giving and taking and peace be upon his family , companions add followers to the day of judgment.

O servants of God:

The prophet ended his supplication by ((I take refuge in You from the burden of debts and being overpowered by men)) , and here the debt from which the prophet (Pbuh) sought refuge is the debt which overpowers the human being so he refrain from meeting people because of shame. Whereas, nothing wrong if someone incurs a debt for an urgent need and he is determined of repayment and fulfillment. This person gets God's support, help and bestowment. The Messenger of almighty God (Pbuh) says: ((Whoever takes the money of the people with the intention of repaying it, Allah will repay it on his behalf, and whoever takes it in order to spoil it, then Allah will spoil him)). Islam, at the outset, warns his people of being in debt except for clear and evident reasons or an urgent need because of his Keen interest that human beings live their lives happily, carefree, full of dignity and without facing situations of distress or humiliation. The intelligent and wide person is whoever spends his money sparingly , organizes himself , does not underestimate debts until it unnecessarily multiplies. The risk of debts and their bitter effects are not limited to human life, they rather distort his fate and destiny in the hereafter. Whoever is in debt has to discharge himself from the debtor and pay his dues off immediately with no reluctance or negligence. The failure to repay the debt means earning (unlawful) haram money. Almighty God says: [And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly]⁶ and whoever incurs a debt and has no intention to repay it , brings to himself sin and mischief. The glorified God says : [So he who breaks his word only breaks it to the detriment of himself. And he who fulfills that which he has promised Allah - He will give him a great reward]⁷. There are some people who incur debts not for an urgent need but rather to satisfy their lust or desire to show off , or just for pointless fun or pleasure or any other unworthy purpose and insignificant targets. Those people exhausted themselves and caused them pain and suffering because of their failure to repay and fulfill their debts.

O Servant of Allah , Fear Almighty God and Whatever the Messenger (Pbuh) gives you take it, and whatever he forbids you abstain from it.

O Allah! We ask You for the good of what Your Prophet and Servant Muhammed (Pbuh) asked of, and I seek refuge in You from the evils of which Your Prophet and Servant Muhammed (Pbuh) asked of.

⁶ Surate Al Baqarah-188

⁷ Surate Al-Fatĥ-10

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]⁸.

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 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.

⁸ Surate Alhazab 56

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."