

Dear guests of the house of Allah.

Servitude to our Lord and Maker is by Listening and obeying and finding no resistance in our hearts. This will intern give us certainty and unspoilt contentment in our lives.

Allah Most High States, Translated meaning.

Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveller, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfil their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous. Al-Baqarah 177.

And servitude is of two types.

One of them being the action of the limbs. Like Salah, fasting, zakat and Hajj, And the second being of inward actions in character like truthfulness, mercy and compassion, honouring guests, goodness towards ones parents, softness in speech and being trustworthy.

These actions of servitude have a direct link to each other. You can't perform or perfect the actions of the limbs until you put them both in accordance with each other.

Allah The Majestic states in Tawba 53 translated meaning.

Say, "Spend willingly or unwillingly; never will it be accepted from you. Indeed, you have been a defiantly disobedient people."

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Do you know who is bankrupt?" They said, "The one without money or goods is bankrupt." The Prophet said, "Verily, the bankrupt of my nation are those who come on the Day of Resurrection with prayers, fasting, and charity, but also with insults, slander, consuming wealth, shedding blood, and beating

others. The oppressed will each be given from his good deeds. If his good deeds run out before justice is fulfilled, then their sins will be cast upon him and he will be thrown into the Hellfire.” Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2581

May Allah High and Mighty save us from this.

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Whoever does not give up false speech and acting upon it, Allah has no need of his giving up his food and drink.” Narrated by al-Bukhaari (1804).

The person who does Hajj with haraam money it will not be accepted, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Allah is Good and only accepts that which is good.” Narrated by Muslim, 1015.

The evidence is so much and so clear on these matters. People slander, backbite, consume people’s property and wealth unlawfully, accuse, when they visit your home they mock and frown at everything to try and put the person down. When they see a people happy they break their hearts in matter of this and at the same time he or she will be a person that is a frequent visitor of the masjid, he performs salah, observes fasting, this persons refuge is the fire and Allah knows best.

Is this the way of life that we are supposed to have. Like we spoke about, when doing the actions of the limbs in worship, do not forget the inner actions also. This has to go hand in hand and Insha Allah the Mercy of Allah is endless.

May Allah make us sincere to Him.

When we are truthful, our hands and tongue are pure from slander and immoral actions. Be a protector of others Dignity and you become honourable. Be merciful and kind to people and you will become trustworthy. It is then that our actions of worship come to a high and pure level and Insha Allah will be accepted by our Lord and Maker.

May Allah purify us and accept our deeds.

My dear brothers and sister, this part of our religion is at a loss in a lot of us. We think that just because a person attends the masjid and preforms his salah then this makes him or her someone with eman (faith). But the believer is the one whom other believers are protected from his tongue and hands. The believer is that who does not look to destroy another believers dignity, honour and wealth.

When the Nagus king aske Ja'far ibn Abi Talib RA about the Nabi Mohammad SAW, he didn't say that Allah has sent a person from among ourselves that performs salah and observes fasting. Rather he said,

“O King! We were ignorant people and we lived like wild animals. The strong among us lived by preying upon the weak. We obeyed no law and we acknowledged no authority save that of brute force. We worshipped idols made of stone or wood, and we knew nothing of human dignity. And then God, in His Mercy, sent to us His Messenger who was himself one of us. We knew about his truthfulness and his integrity. His character was exemplary, and he was the most well-born of the Arabs. He invited us toward the worship of One God, and he forbade us to worship idols. He exhorted us to tell the truth, and to protect the weak, the poor, the humble, the widows and the orphans. He ordered us to show respect to women, and never to slander them. We obeyed him and followed his teachings. Most of the people in our country are still polytheists, and they resented our conversion to the new faith which is called Islam”

My dear brothers and sisters, this is Islam and the characteristics that stand and make this nation a beacon of light over others. We need to come back to this and implement these in our lives. To be of those who people trust with their lives, wealth and dignity. To be bearers of good news, truthfulness and honour. When these are met then we come to a whole new level in our relationship with Allah the Most High and the people around us will by nature be attracted to this.

But the truth is that the reality of the people today is far from this. We are in enmity of each other when we are bound by the deen to be brothers. We consume each other's wealth unlawfully when we are told to be protectors of it. We extend our hands towards immorality and the watching of it when we

should abstain from it. In places we have among us that indulge in gambling. We backbite and slander even though we know it's one of the major sins. After all of this we then also come back to the salah and fasting and we think everything is good and that we are safe. This is not what the Messenger Mohammad SAW came with. Servitude like we said is not just the actions of the limbs but also in how you perform them. It has to come with sincerity from the heart and be in accordance with each other. My brothers and sisters, please I urge all of us to remember the words of the honourable companion, Ja'far Ibn Abi Talib R.A. remember what he said. Here it is again so we Insha Allah can benefit from it.

He said.

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I ask Allah the Most High to honour us with Islam and to make us doers of those deeds that He in His Infinite Wisdom and Mercy is pleased with. I ask Allah the Most Merciful to accept us with His Mercy for there is nothing that we can do to ever repay all the good that He has given us. I ask the Lord and Maker of everything to have Mercy and Protect the honour and dignity of all the Muslim where ever they may be.

Amen and Allah knows best.