



Indeed Allah loves modesty and covering and concealing oneself and others.

First Khutba

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. Who has encouraged us to modesty and humility in His noble Book. And Who promised us with great success. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship but Allah Alone, Who has no partner, who shields his Muslim slaves, entering them into His Paradises of bliss. And I bear witness that our Master and Prophet, Sayyidduna Muhammad, is the Servant and Messenger of Allah. He was the most modest of people, most humble. O Allah, send your blessings, salutations and benedictions on our Master and Prophet and upon his family, and all of his Companions. And upon those who follow them in way of goodness until the Day of Reckoning.

I counsel you slaves of Allah (and myself) to embody the reverential consciousness (Taqwa) of

Allah. **وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا**

كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah. Then every soul will be compensated for

what it earned, and they will not be treated unjustly.

O Believers: The Prophet said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ حَلِيمٌ حَيٌّ سَتِيرٌ، يُحِبُّ الْحَيَاءَ وَالسَّتْرَ

Indeed Allah is the Most Clement, All-living and Sublime. He loves modesty and humbly concealing faults of others and oneself.

This is understandable, for modesty and being concealed are two attributes that necessitate each other. Hence the Most Merciful has attributed them to Himself. So from His modesty is His reticence to answer someone when called upon, or to let down someone who has hopes in Him. Or to reveal the cover of His slaves. So He conceals His slaves in this world, out of clemency for them and demonstrating His nobility. And He shall conceal them on the Day of Judgement, out of mercy and grace to them. The Prophet said:

يَدْنُو أَحَدَكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّهِ حَتَّى يَضَعَ كَنْفَهُ عَلَيْهِ - أَيُّ: سِتْرُهُ - فَيَقُولُ:
أَعْمَلْتَ كَذَا وَكَذَا؟ فَيَقُولُ: نَعَمْ. وَيَقُولُ: عَمِلْتَ كَذَا وَكَذَا؟
فَيَقُولُ: نَعَمْ. فَيَقْرُرُهُ ثُمَّ يَقُولُ: إِنِّي سَتَرْتُ عَلَيْكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا،
وَأَنَا أَعْفِرُهَا لَكَ الْيَوْمَ

One of you will come close to his Lord till He will shelter him and He will say: “Did you

commit such and such [sin]? He will say, 'Yes.' Then Allah will say: Did you commit such and such [sin]? He will say, 'Yes.' Then Allah will make him confess (all his sins) until He will say: 'I concealed them (your sins) for you in the world

and today I forgive them for you.'"

So how great is the clemency and mercy of Allah, and His modesty and His concealment. Indeed Allah has made modesty and concealment the natural disposition he has created mankind upon. For these are attributes embedded into souls, from the time of their father Adam and his wife, Eve. For both of them were inspired to cover and conceal

themselves, as Allah says: **فَلَمَّا ذَاقَا الشَّجَرَةَ بَدَتْ لَهُمَا**

سَوَاتُهُمَا وَطَفِقَا يَخْصِفَانِ عَلَيْهِمَا مِنْ وَرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ

And when they tasted of the tree, their private parts became apparent to them, and they began to fasten together over themselves from the leaves of Paradise.

So thus their concealing what was obligatory to cover from being seen, was from the first things that mankind did. Setting into place an example for all of us to follow.

O Servants and Devotees of Allah: Modesty and Covering are amongst the noble qualities of

humanity which the Messengers, Prophets, Pious, Devout and God-fearing adorn themselves with. Here is Prophet Musa (may Allah's peace be upon him) concerning whom the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) says:

«إِنَّ مُوسَىٰ كَانَ رَجُلًا حَيِيًّا سَتِيرًا»

[Moses was a shy and modest person and used to cover his body completely.]

As for our Prophet, Sayyuduna Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) he was extremely shy and modest, for he it is who says:

«إِنَّ لِكُلِّ دِينٍ خُلُقًا، وَخُلُقُ الْإِسْلَامِ الْحَيَاءُ»

[Every religion has its distinct characteristic, and the distinct characteristic of Islam is modesty.]

Just as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) was very keen on covering and concealing and would call upon his Lord to always cover and shelter him. 'Abdullah, son of 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with both of them) said: The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) would never stop uttering these words: «اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي»

(O Allah conceal my faults)

He would teach, train and nurture his companions (may Allah be pleased with them) on these elevated

morals and exalted virtues, such that modesty was their character and concealment their disposition. Among the companions of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) who was well-known for his shyness and renowned for his acute covering of himself was Sayyiduna ‘Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him), so much so that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) himself bore testimony to it, saying:

«إِنَّ عُثْمَانَ حَيَّ سَتِيرٌ، تَسْتَحْيِي مِنْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ»

[Indeed, ‘Uthman is a person of great shyness and concealment, of whom (even) the Angels are shy]

Lady Fatimah (may Allah be pleased with her), daughter of our Beloved Prophet Sayyiduna Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) was also known for modesty and shyness and her keenness to cover and conceal herself. Likewise the Mother of the Believers, Lady ‘A’ishah (may Allah be pleased with her), the rest of the Mothers of Believers (may Allah be pleased with them), and all the female companions and believing and virtuous women adorned themselves with modesty and adhered firmly to chastity and concealment.

In them there is an superb example and excellent role model for our women. A woman personifies modesty, covers and conceals herself with her

garments, looks for diffidence and decorum in her clothing and displays her serenity and chastity. How beautiful if a man is also characterized by modesty, wearing the finest and neatest of clothes and chooses the most modest and dignified of garments. Indeed, Allah Almighty combines the two qualities of modesty and covering in the following verse saying:

(يَا بَنِي آدَمَ قَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمْ لِبَاسًا يُؤَارِي سَوْآتِكُمْ وَرِيشًا،
وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَى ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ، ذَلِكَ مِنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكَّرُونَ)

(O Children of Adam! We have provided you with garments to cover your nakedness, as well as to be an adornment to you. But the garment of God-Consciousness (Taqwa),- that is the best. That is one of the signs of Allah, that they may receive admonition.)

Allah Almighty reminds us in this noble verse about the importance of garments for covering the body, and the excellence of the garment of God-Consciousness (Libas al-Taqwa), which is modesty. Thus, steadfast adherence to covering and modesty in accordance with the values of society, its customs and identity, promotes virtues in society, establishes good and noble morals and respect for social life.

O Believers: Part of what it means for a person to cover and conceal himself is that he does not make

a public display of his wrongs and errors.

Therefore, should he perform certain wrong acts or fall into sin and Allah protects him by covering his sin, then he should protect himself with Allah's protection and covering, correct his error, avoid the causes that led him to it, and turn to his Creator in repentance. Indeed, Allah Most High will provide him shelter, cover and pardon, forgive him his sins and turn to him in mercy. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) says:

«كُلُّ أُمَّتِي مُعَافَاةٌ، إِلَّا الْمُجَاهِرِينَ، وَإِنَّ مِنَ الْإِجْهَارِ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ
الْعَبْدُ بِاللَّيْلِ عَمَلًا، ثُمَّ يُصْبِحُ قَدْ سَتَرَهُ رَبُّهُ، فَيَقُولُ: يَا فَلَانُ،
قَدْ عَمِلْتُ الْبَارِحَةَ كَذَا وَكَذَا، فَيَبِيْتُ يَسْتُرُهُ رَبُّهُ، وَيُصْبِحُ
يَكْشِفُ سِتْرَ اللَّهِ عَنْهُ»

[All the people of my Ummah would get pardon for their sins except those who publicise them. And part of what constitutes publicizing sins is that a servant performs a (bad) deed during the night, and wakes up in the morning, and his Lord has protected him (by concealing his bad deed), and says: "O so and so, last night I did such and such." He spends the night while his Lord protects him, and then enters into the morning having lifted Allah's protection from him.]

Whosoever safeguards himself and conceals his faults, Allah will safeguard him and conceal his faults. Whosoever, turns to Allah in repentance, Allah turns to him in mercy. Whosoever follows a bad deed with a good deed, the good deed will wipe out the bad deed with Allah's Permission. It has been narrated on the authority of 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) that he said that a person came to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and said: O Messenger of Allah, I have committed an offence. So Umar said: Allah concealed your fault, if only you had concealed it yourself also. The man stood up and went away So the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) call for him to come back and recited this verse to him: **أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ طَرَفِي النَّهَارِ وَزُلْفَا مِنَ اللَّيْلِ**

إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ ذَلِكَ ذِكْرَى لِلذَّاكِرِينَ

["And observe prayer at the ends of the day and in the first hours of the night. Surely, good deeds take away evil deeds. That is a reminder for the mindful"]

A person amongst the people said: O Prophet of Allah, is this specifically for him? Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said: **«بَلْ لِلنَّاسِ كَافَّةً»**

[No, for all people.]

O Allah, we ask You to grant us modesty in our words and deeds, and we ask You protect us and conceal our faults in this life and the Afterlife. And bless us all with your devotion, and devotion towards your trustworthy Messenger Muhammad and piety towards those You have ordered us to show piety towards in Your manifest Book. When You said and You are the best of those who Say:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ
مِنْكُمْ

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.

I say this and seek His forgiveness for me and for You. So seek His forgiveness, for He is the most forgiving, most merciful. I seek the redemptive forgiveness of Allah.

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. He loves for His slaves that there be modesty, and is pleased for them that they conceal themselves. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing partner in that One-ness. I bear witness that our Sayyid, Muhammad, is the perfect

embodiment of servanthood towards Allah and is His Messenger. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace and blessings upon our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad and upon his family and all of his companions. And whomsoever follows them and seeks to emulate them in the best of ways till the Last Day. I counsel you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to the taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

O you who believe:

Indeed concealing the believers from what appears of them in the world of mistakes, has both a psychological reward in this world, alongside a positive social effect. For it returns in benefit to the one who who is concealed. One of the righteous said: From the perfection of the servitude of the servant is that he covers up for his brother what he sees of his defects. This he does hoping for a reward thereby when returning to his Lord. For concealing the sins of people brings about a great reward on the Day of Judgment as the Messenger of Allah said: **مَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ**

He who conceals [the sins of] a Muslim will be concealed by Allah in this world and in the hereafter.

So if a believer becomes aware of the sins of another, then let him conceal him. Perhaps

Allah will conceal his sins in this life and the next. We should also note that modesty as a sign of character and good behavior is best exhibited in how we live with our families and relations. Hence in the ultimate school of society, you will find that modesty only increases you in honor and happiness.

As the Prophet said: مَا كَانَ الْحَيَاءُ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا زَانَهُ

Modesty was never added to something, except that it beautified it.

So let the fathers and mothers in their homes, teachers in their schools, employees and staff in their places of work, and all sectors of society with all of their different places – they are tasked to embody these most noble of human attributes in their lives. To ensure that modesty and humble concealment and covering of oneself and others is brought to their daily affairs. This so that they too can become embodiments and examples to others, such that people across the world can live in tranquility and happiness.

Belivers of Allah: We are going to make a supplication, so ensure you say “Ameen”. For indeed Allah is so modest that when a slave raises his hands and makes supplication, pleading with Allah sincerely, he will not be returned disappointed. So O Allah, bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon our Master

Muhammad. And upon his family and all of his companions. For indeed Allah says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. [O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace. And be pleased with the Righteous Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali. And with all the noble companions. O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good. And grant success to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Maktoum, late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to the mercy of their Lord. O Lord, grant them from your abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness entry unto Your Paradise. O Allah, continue blessing the UAE with Your blessings, Your grace and Your bounties. And bless it in its goodness and its people. And make it always a place of true happiness. Ever increasing in goodness.

O Allah, we ask you for forgiveness and reward, for whoever built this Masjid and their children. And for everyone who worked deeds of righteousness therein. And forgive whoever built for You a Masjid, in which Your name is mentioned. Or anyone who has pledged for you an endowment, which brings perpetual benefit to the sick, orphans, to students and the destitute. Guard such people in their wealth and family, and bless them in their providence. And enter them into Paradise through Your mercy. O most Merciful.

O Allah cover and conceal us through Your covering. And protect us through Your protection. And place us under Your protective patronage, O most Merciful. Protect us from the evils of this world, its sorrows, and keep away from us through Your grace, illness and epidemic sicknesses. O You who answers all supplications and brings to fulfilment all hopes and aspirations.

O Allah, have mercy on the righteous martyrs and coalition forces, and admit them into Paradise with your elect. And bless their families with the reward for those who are patient, for You are the most gracious of the gracious. O Allah: Aid the Arab coalition forces and spread peace and stability in the lands of the Muslims, and the entire world. O

Allah, bless us with Your blessings of the Heavens and make us not from those who are ungrateful. O Allah, bless us with an encompassing, surrounding blessing. O Allah, give us the blessings of the Heavens, and make us firm with the blessings of the earth. O Allah we ask You for the best of this World and the Hereafter, that You will protect us from the punishment of the Fire. And enter us into Your Paradise with the righteous, O most majestic, most forgiving.

O Servants of Allah: Remember Allah, the Majestic, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessings and He will increase you therein. So stand up (inwardly and outwardly) for the prayer.