

A message to Muslims

(See below for English)

Assalamu Alaikum,

Hum aaj kal apni zindagi mein itne masroof hain ke zaada tar waqt apni job ya studies mein lag jaata hai. Jo thoda bauhat free time milta hai woh bhi doosre duniawi kaamon mein chala jaata hai. Waqt itna tez guzar raha hai ke kuch saal pehle tum 19 saal ke the aur aaj 23 saal ke honge aur palak jhapakte hi 30 saal ke hojaoge.

Kya tumhari saari jawani aese hi nikal jaegi kaam karne mein aur tafreeh karne mein? Tum apna deen Islam kyun bhool rahe ho? Kya ek musulman ki zindagi aesi hi honi chahiye? Kya ek musulman hone ke haesiyat se tumhein apna deen nahin banana?

Chalo deen banana to door ki baat hai, kya tum namaz sahih tarah se padhte ho? Maana ke tum paabandi se namaz padhte ho, lekin namaz mein jo padh rahe ho us ka matlab bhi pata hai? Jo Qur'an ki aayatein, durood shareef, etc tum padhte ho namaz mein us ka tarjuma aur matlab jaane bagair namaz ka faida kya? Kya namaz isi ka naam hai ke nazrein neechi karke khade hojao aur zaban se kalmaat kahe aur bas? Samjha kya? Faida kya hua?

Chalo tarjume ko bhi choro, jo Qur'an ki aayatein wagaira namaz mein padhte hain un ko sahih tara se zabaan se adaa bhi karte ho? Kya Qur'an ki paak surahs ko sahih tarah se tilawat karte ho jis tarah ke tilawat karni chahiye? Maslan Surah Fatiha mein kuch alphabets yeh hain:

ط ت ا ع س ص ح ه

Yahan par **ص** ki awaaz alag hai aur **س** ki awaaz alag hai; **ت** aur **ط** ki sound bhi alag hai. Isi tarah se **ح** aur **ه** ki awaaz bhi alag tareeqe se zaban se adaa karni hai. In ki awaaz ek jaisi nahin hai. Ab agar tum **ط** ko **ت** padhlo aur **ح** ko **ه** padhlo to jo aayatun ka matlab hai wo kuch a kuch hojaega, ab socho tumhari namaz kis haal mein Allah *subhanahu wataala* he pas jaegi.

Tum Surah Fatiha 5 waqt ki namazon mein kam se kam 17 dafa padhte ho daily to socho yeh mistakes kitni dafa hoti hain. Yeh to sirf Surah Fatiha ki galti hai aur najaane doosri surahs mein, jo tum namaz mein padhte ho kitni mistakes hoti hongi, maslan kya tumhein in alphabets ka farq maloom hai ke kis tarah se zaban se adaa karna hai?

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Tum yeh 4 alphabets ek hi tarah se nikalte honge haalanke in ki awaaz alag alag hai, ek jaise nahin hai. Is se Qur'an ki be adbi hoti hai. Sawab ke bajae ulta gunah milega.

Pakistan mein laakhon madarse hain jo free mein Qur'an sahih padhne ki taleem dete hain, humein chahiye ke hum abhi apne young period mein wahan chale jain aur Qur'an padhna seekh lein. Agar hum 35 ya 40 saal ki umar mein jaenge to bauhat sharam aegi. Agar abhi nahin gaye to kabhi nahin jaasakte aur saari zindagi pachtaate rahenge, aur ek musalman ke liye is se zaada sharamnaak baat aur kiya hosakti hai ke use Qur'an padhna nahin aata, deen banana to bauhat door ki baat hai.

Yeh jawani ke hi din hain jis mein aqal, taaqat, josh, jazba aur sehat hoti hai aur cheezein araam se dimagh mein beth jaati hain.

Namaz deen ka sutoon hai aur agar namaz sahih nahin to deen kaise banega? To humein chahiye ke kam az kam apni jawaani mein deen ka sutoon to bana lein, taake aage deen banana mein aasaani ho.

Allah *subhanahu wataala* ne Qur'an mein kaha hai ke 'burai hai un namazion ke liye jo namaz se ghaafil hain' (surah 107 ayat 4 aur 5).

Is ayat ka matlab yehi hai ke log namaz to padhte hain lekin us se ghaafil hain yaani lafzon ko zaban se adaa kardete hain, lekin matlab nahin pata. Aur matlab to door ki baat, tilawat bhi sahih nahin karte, jaise dil chaaha kardiya, to faida kya hai aisi namaz ka? Aur is ayat ka matlab yeh bhi hai ke namaz mein susti aur kahili se kaam lete hain.

Prophet Muhammad *sallallaahu alaihi wassallam* ne bhi bauhat si hadeeson mein ye kaha hai ke namaz poori tayyari se padho aur susti na karo, balke poore itminan se padho aur namaz ko acha se acha banane ki koshish karo.

Ab tum pareshan mat ho, aaj tak jo hua us ka tumhein ilm nahin tha is liye Allah tumhein maaf kardega, Allah bauhat maaf karne waala hai, lekin agar ab sab jaanne ke bad bhi tum ne koi action nahin liya to galti tumhari hogi. Aur namaz chodne ke baare mein to koi soch bhi nahin sakta.

Allah *subhanahu wataala* sab par apna reham kare.

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In English:

Assalamu Alaikum,

Today we are so busy in our lives that most of our time is spent on working or studies. The free time that we get is spent on other activities related to this world. The time is passing very fast, you were 19 some years ago; today you may be 23 and immediately you would be of 30 years of age with a blink of an eye.

Will you spend your precious young period of life at work and enjoyments of this world? Why you are forgetting your religion, Islam? Should a Muslim's life be like this? Is this not your responsibility to strive in your Deen as a Muslim?

Let's forget developing the Deen, do you offer Salah (namaaz) properly? You may be praying Salah regularly but do you understand the meaning of what you read in the Salah? What is the benefit of the Salah if you do not know the meaning and translation of the Qur'anic verses, Durood, etc that you read in the Salah daily? Salah is not like that you just stand with your eyes down and prostrate and say the Kalmaat with your tongue which you have memorized. Where is the understanding? What is the benefit of just reciting with no attention of what are you saying?

Let's even forget the understanding and translation of the verses, do you even recite the verses properly in the Salah? Do you recite the holy verses of Qur'an as they should be recited? For example, some alphabets of Surah Fatiha are as follows:

ط ت ا ع س ص ح ه

Now here ص has different voice or different way of reading and س has different; ت is different than ط, and similarly ح is different than ه. The sounds are not same. Now if you read ط as ت and ح as ه, the meanings will be altered. Now think what will be the position and status of your Salah in the eyes of Allah *subhanahu wataala*.

You know that you recite Surah Fatiha at least 17 times, daily in 5 prayers. Think about how much mistakes you do daily in just one Surah. And what about the other Surahs you recite in which you may be doing many mistakes, for example, do you know the difference in these alphabets?

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Now think that you may be reciting above 4 alphabets with the same sound, even though their sounds are different, so how the meaning will be different? How the Salah will be accepted? Is it not disrespecting for the Qur'an. We are earning sins instead of blessings. There are thousands of Islamic schools in Pakistan which provide education of proper recitation of Qur'an for free. We should go there and learn to properly recite the Qur'an in our young life otherwise we will be extremely ashamed when going there at the age of 35 or 40. If we do not go today, we could not go till the rest of our lives and will repent forever. This is the most shameful thing for a Muslim that he does not know how to recite the Qur'an, making deen is way beyond, we should learn to recite the Qur'an first.

This young period of life is the one in which you have courage, intelligence, passion, health, brain and you can understand things very easily.

The Salah is the pillar of Islam, if the pillar is not strong, how the deen will establish? So we should at least make our pillar strong in this precious young period so that developing the deen is easy for us in future.

Allah *subhanahu wataala* says in Qur'an that 'woe to the praying ones who are careless of their Prayer' (chapter 107 verses 4 and 5). It means that people who pray are neglectful of their Prayer. When they perform it, they do not observe the prescribed times, but offer it carelessly at the eleventh

hour. Throughout the Prayer they show no feeling at all that they are performing the Prayer, nor of what they are reciting; their minds wander and they perform articles of the Prayer without due attention.

Prophet Muhammad *sallallaahu alaihi wassallam* also stressed very much on offering the Salah, he has said that do not be lazy in your Salah rather offer them with zeal and zest and prepare for them and make them better than before.

Do not take tension now, what you did till today, was not in your knowledge, so Allah *subhanahu wataala* will forgive you, He is Most Forgiving. But if you do not take any action after having the knowledge, then it will be totally your fault. And no one can even think about leaving the Salaah.

May Allah *subhanahu wataala* have His mercy on everyone.

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