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“Preserving and Safeguarding the Blessings of Allah”

Indeed, all praise is due to Allah. We praise Him, seek His help, and ask Him for forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil within ourselves and from the consequences of our deeds. Whoever Allah guides, none can misguide; and whoever He allows to stray, none can guide. I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah alone, without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, His chosen and beloved among His creation. He faithfully fulfilled the trust, conveyed the Message, and strove for the sake of Allah as he ought to strive, until certainty came to him. May Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him, his family, and his Companions, in abundant measure.

“O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims (in submission to Him).” (Aal `Imran 3:102)

To proceed,

The most truthful speech is the Book of Allah, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (peace be upon him). The worst of matters are those newly introduced, every newly introduced matter is an innovation, every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance leads to the Fire.

Servants of Allah!

Allah’s blessings upon us are countless, and His favors are abundant and overflowing. How many forms of goodness has He bestowed upon us? How many favors has He graciously granted? How many afflictions has He warded off, and how many calamities has He turned away from us? Allah, Exalted is He, says:

“And He gave you from all you asked of Him. And if you should count the favor of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, mankind is (generally) most unjust and ungrateful.” (Ibrahim 14:34)

One of the shortcomings of human beings is that we may not truly appreciate a blessing until it has departed, nor recognize its worth until it has diminished and disappeared. Faith and security are blessings. Good health and family are blessings. Water and electricity are blessings. Indeed, every breath that enters and leaves your chest is a blessing from Allah, Mighty and Majestic.

O Believers!

Preserving Allah’s blessings requires taking the means prescribed by the Qur’an and Sunnah. Among these means is staying away from sin, for sins are among the greatest causes of blessings being taken away. Allah, Exalted is He, says: **“That is because Allah would not change a favor which He had bestowed upon a people until they change what is within themselves. And indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing.”** (Al-Anfal 8:53)

Jubayr Ibn Nufayr (may Allah have mercy on him) said: “When Cyprus was conquered, its people were separated from one another, and some of them wept for one another. I saw Abu al-Darda’ sitting by himself, weeping.” So I said: ‘O Abu al-Darda’, what makes you weep on a day in which Allah has honored Islam and its people?’ He replied: ‘Woe to you, O Jubayr! How insignificant people become in the sight of Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, when they neglect His command. They were once a powerful and dominant nation, with sovereignty belonging to them, but they abandoned the command of Allah, and so they came to what you now see.’”

`Ali Ibn Abi Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "No affliction descends except because of a sin, and none is lifted except through repentance."

Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: "Among the effects of sins are the withdrawal of blessings and the emergence of affliction."

How many people have lived in prosperity and ease, only to see their circumstances change when they exchanged obedience for disobedience and security for corruption? Their condition changed, and their lives became difficult.

If you are blessed with a bounty, then cherish and care for it,

For indeed, sins and transgressions strip blessings away.

And safeguard it through obedience to the Lord of creation,

For indeed, Allah can be swift in His punishment.

Among the means of preserving blessings is giving thanks to Allah, Exalted is He. Gratitude preserves blessings and wards off calamity. Allah, Glorified is He, says: **"And (remember) when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you (in favor); but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.'"** (Ibrahim 14:7)

`Umar Ibn `Abdul-`Aziz (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: "Secure the blessings of Allah by giving Him thanks."

"The early Muslims used to call gratitude 'the preserver' and 'the bringer' because it preserves existing blessings and brings back blessings that were lost."

Gratitude is expressed through acknowledgment in the heart, praise upon the tongue, and using the blessing in obedience to the Most Merciful. Allah, Exalted is He, says: **"Work, O family of David, in gratitude."** (Saba' 34 :13)

O blessed believers!

Another means by which blessings are preserved is moderation in their use and avoiding wastefulness. Allah, Exalted is He, says: **"O children of Adam, take your adornment at every masjid, and eat and drink, but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those who commit excess."** (Al-A`raf 7: 31)

And He, Glorified is He, says: **"And give the relative his right, and [also] the poor and the traveler, and do not spend wastefully. Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devils, and ever has Satan been to his Lord ungrateful."** (Al-Isra' 17:26–27)

How much water is wasted today! How many lights are left burning without need! How much food is thrown into the garbage! If people truly realized that these are blessings for which they will be held accountable, they would use them more responsibly. Allah, Exalted is He, says: **"Then you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure."** (Al-Takathur 102:8)

Abu Barzah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "Man's feet will not move on the Day of Resurrection before he is asked about his life, how did he consume it, his knowledge, what did he do with it, his wealth, how did he earn it and how did he dispose of it, and about his body, how did he wear it out." (At-Tirmidhi, who classified it as Hadith Hasan Sahih)

Another means of preserving blessings is fulfilling the rights associated with them. The blessing of wealth is preserved through Zakat and charity. Allah, Exalted is He, says: **“Take, (O, Muhammad), from their wealth a charity by which you purify them and cause them increase and invoke (Allah 's blessings) upon them. Indeed, your invocations are reassurance for them. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing.”** (Al-Tawbah 9:103)

Abu Kabshah Al-Anmari (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: **“The wealth of a man will not diminish by Sadaqah (charity).”** (At-Tirmidhi, who classified it as Hadith Hasan Sahih)

The blessing of knowledge is preserved by sharing it and acting upon it. `Abdullah bin `Amr (may Allah be pleased with them both) narrated: The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, **“Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence.”** (Al-Bukhari)

The blessing of status and influence is preserved by helping people meet their needs. Ibn `Umar (may Allah be pleased with them both) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: **““The most beloved of people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people.”** (Reported by Al-Tabarani, graded Sahih (authentic) Al-Albani)

Every blessing has a right that must be fulfilled, and whoever fulfills the right of a blessing, Allah will preserve it for him.

May Allah bless me and you through the Qur'an, the Magnificent, and benefit me and you through its verses and wise reminders.

I say these words of mine, and I seek Allah's forgiveness for me and for you. So, seek His forgiveness and repent to Him. Indeed, He is the Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah for His kindness, and all thanks are due to Him for His guidance and favors. May peace and blessings be upon the one who calls to His pleasure, Muhammad ibn `Abdullah, and upon his family, his Companions, and all who follow his way until the Day of Judgment.

To proceed!

Fear Allah, servants of Allah, as He deserves to be feared, be mindful of Him in private and in secret, and know that you will all be gathered before Him.

O Muslims!

Ingratitude for Allah's blessings deprives them of their continuance and brings about their loss. Allah, Exalted is He, says: **“And Allah presents an example: a city which was safe and secure, its provision coming to it in abundance from every location, but it denied the favors of Allah. So Allah made it taste the envelopment of hunger and fear for what they had been doing.”** (An-Nahl 16:112)

Allah thus brought together two of the greatest blessings: security and provision, then made clear that ingratitude for blessings is a cause of their loss. And when Qarun (Korah) attributed his blessing to himself, saying: **“He said, "I was only given it because of knowledge I have.”** (Al-Qasas 28:78)



His end was that Allah caused him and his dwelling to be swallowed up by the earth, so that he would remain a lesson for everyone who becomes so preoccupied with a blessing that he forgets the One who bestowed it.

O Muslims, one of the greatest things we should teach ourselves and our children is to appreciate Allah's blessings and protect them from waste and misuse. Food should not be thrown into the trash, water and electricity should not be wasted, and wealth should not be squandered on things that displease Allah. These blessings are trusts that Allah has entrusted to us.

Anas Ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: "Allah is pleased with His slave who eats a meal and praises Him for it; and takes a drink and praises Him for it."
(Muslim)

Therefore, we must continually cherish Allah's blessings through gratitude and proper use, for this is more conducive to their preservation and increase.

O Allah, make faith beloved to us and beautify it in our hearts, and make disbelief, wickedness, and disobedience hateful to us, and make us among those who are rightly guided.

O Allah, grant strength and honor to Islam and the Muslims, and humble disbelief and the polytheists.

O Allah, protect Kuwait and its people from every evil and harm, and make this country secure and peaceful, as well as all Muslim lands.

O Allah, protect our brothers who stand guard and all those entrusted with maintaining the security of the country. Strengthen them and keep their feet firm.

O Allah, grant our Amir and his Crown Prince success in all that You love and are pleased with, and guide them by their forelocks to righteousness and piety.

And the last of our prayer is: Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds!

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