

Good moral is a reflection of impeccable prayer

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ .
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Islam strongly emphasizes good morals in the everyday life of its believers. Good morals means good character, behavior or conduct. Religion without morals is likened to an inanimate body. Allah the Almighty mentions the noble character of our Prophet (pbuh) in chapter 68 (surah al-Qalam) verse 4:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

Which means: *And indeed, you are of a great moral character.*

Having a noble character is the key to living good in this world and the hereafter. In fact, it is also important in building a life guided by religion, community and country. Therefore, ensuring that we have good morals is compulsory in Islam. This coincides with what the Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Ahmad:

Which means: *I have been sent to perfect good character.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Faith (*iman*) and morals are closely related. A believer is judged by his perfect faith because of his honourable morals. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Iman Al-Tirmizi:

أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا

Which means: *The most perfect of the believers in faith is the best of them in moral excellence.*

From this hadith, we can conclude that good morals are morals based on true faith in Allah. While true faith is faith that can motivate a believer to be well mannered in every action.

A person who has good morals is often associated with perfect prayers because among the philosophies of prayers is to develop kind-hearted individuals, educate its believers with goodness, cultivate the spirit of community life and obedience to leaders and etc. Therefore, let us encourage our families and the Muslim communities to be virtuous so as to be an example to non-Muslims instead of emulating them. For example, we should park our vehicles in their designated places so as not to obstruct traffic especially our neighborhood.

Let us strive together to instill admirable qualities in ourselves, our children, families, relatives, friends and the entire generation of our society by inculcating the admirable morals of the Prophet (pbuh) because Allah the Almighty loves His servants who are of noble character.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 33 (surah Al-Ahzab) verse 21:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
 لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ
 وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Which means: *There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.