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THE SIN OF NEGLECTING FIVE DAILY PRAYER

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ 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 عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ.
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 leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

Praying five times a day is indeed one of the most important and obligatory acts of worship for Muslims, and it is regarded as pillar of the religion. The obligation to pray five times daily has been decreed by Allah the Almighty and it is to be performed at a specific time. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 4 (surah An Nisa') verse 103:



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا

Which means: *“Indeed, performing prayers is a duty on the believers at the appointed times.”*

Prayer is the first act of worship that will be taken into account by Allah the Almighty in the Hereafter. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmizi:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا

Which means: *“Indeed the first deed by which a servant will be called to account on the Day of Resurrection is his Salat. If it is complete, he is successful and saved, but if it is defective, he has failed and lost.”*

This hadith reminds us of the importance of observing prayer, because all other practices cannot save us from the punishment of hell if we fail to observe prayer.

Dear brothers and sisters

There still exists many Muslims who underestimate the obligatory prayer. There are those who only pray once a day, while there are those who only pray once



a week, which is the Friday prayer. What is even worse, there are some who only remember and perform the prayers twice a year, namely during the Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha prayers only. There are also among those who dare to leave it deliberately and openly. Sometimes it is just because of insignificant excuses like playing sports, being busy at work, shopping or just being too tired. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Ibnu Majah:

الْعَهْدُ الَّذِي بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمُ الصَّلَاةُ فَمَنْ تَرَكَهَا فَقَدْ كَفَرَ

Which means: *“The covenant that distinguishes between us and them is prayer; so whoever leaves it, he has committed Kufir.”*

In narrating this hadith, Doctor Wahbah Al-Zuhaili said that a person who abandons prayer because of disobedience is an apostate. While those who do not pray because of laziness is considered as *fasik* (someone who violates Islamic law) and a great sinner. Imam al-Zahabi in his book *al-Kabair* says that the person who intentionally leaves the obligatory five daily prayer is a great sinner and must repent. The sin of leaving prayer will also cause a person to be placed in hell.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 74 (surah al-Muddaththir) verses 42-43:

مَا سَلَكَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ﴿٤٢﴾ قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

Which means: *“(After seeing the sinner, they said): (What has landed you in Hell?” They will reply, “We were not of those who prayed...”*



Dear brothers and sisters

The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Ahmad that those who abandon prayer will also be tortured by being gathered together with Qarun, Pharaoh, Haman and Ubay bin Khalaf. The soul of a person who abandons prayer is always restless and not restful. While the soul of a person who performs prayer will always be calm and peaceful.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 70 (Surah al-Ma'arij) verse 19-23:

إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ خُلِقَ هَلُوعًا ﴿١٩﴾ إِذَا مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ جَزُوعًا ﴿٢٠﴾ وَإِذَا مَسَّهُ الْخَيْرُ مَنُوعًا ﴿٢١﴾ إِلَّا الْمُصَلِّينَ ﴿٢٢﴾ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَى صَلَاتِهِمْ دَائِمُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

Which means: *“Indeed, humankind was created impatient: distressed when touched with evil, and withholding when touched with good— except those who pray, consistently performing their prayers”*

Dear brothers and sisters

Performing prayer consistently will give calmness and peace to the heart of the person who always performs it because prayer is part of *zikrullah* (remembrance of Allah). Allah the Almighty says in chapter 13 (Surah al-Ra'd) verse 28:

Which means: *“Those who believe and whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. Surely in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find comfort.”*



Therefore, let us instill determination in ourselves and call upon family members to perform the obligatory five daily prayer together dilligently. Complete our prayers by performing recommended prayers (solat-solat sunat) such as *qabliyyah* (before the obligatory prayer) and *ba'diyyah* (after the obligatory prayers). Allah the Almighty says in chapter 20 (Surah Taha) verse 132:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا لَا نَسْأَلُكَ رِزْقًا نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكَ
وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلنَّاقِي

Which means: “Bid your people to pray, and be diligent in observing it. We do not ask you to provide. It is We Who provide for you. And the ultimate outcome is only for the people of righteousness”.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ 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.