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THERE IS OPPORTUNITY

As-Salāmu ‘alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāh.

Aū’dhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-Shayṭāni r-rajim. Bismi Llāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-salāmu ‘alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Anwālina wa l-Akhirin.

Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādati Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā

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Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam’iyyah.

It’s the day of Friday, may it be blessed for Muslims. Friday for Muslims is a barakah, a blessing, a gift from Allah. We have Jumah prayer on this day. Allah tells us at the time of prayer to leave everything, whatever we are buying or selling, and to turn to Him. He doesn’t want us to do anything else. This is for those who are obligated for the Friday prayers. This means those who are man with proper mental functioning, those who have reached adult maturity. Women are not obligated for this; they can pray at home.

Men for five to ten minutes must reserve that time for Allah. Within that time it is sin to sell or to shop. [After all], this is only ten minutes’ time every seven days. This is in the wisdom of Allah. Allah wanted it that way, and whosoever respects it will win. Whoever doesn’t, even though he thinks he might be winning, he is actually losing. Sometimes contradictory things happen and the man who might not have been able to sell anything the whole day [up until that time], and then right at the time of Jumah prayer a customer can come and the man misses his Friday prayer. It means that customer is not a good customer [for him]; he’s a customer sent by Shaytan.

For this reason, let’s be careful with Friday. It’s not acceptable to miss Friday prayer without excuse. If you are traveling or have any other excuse such as sickness, then you are excused, but those who miss it without an excuse are losing. There are some people who [only] pray on Fridays and some pray only Eid prayers. That is the lowest or the weakest of faith. It is possible to get used to doing that, but sometimes they forget because they [just] pray from one Friday to the next, or one Eid to the next, they can forget, and even this becomes difficult for them.

Most people do not do; they’re not following Allah’s commands. They think that they are gaining something, but in actuality they have no idea how much they’re losing. Had they only known what they were losing, they would regret it. If they are able to regret it and be sorry, that’s good, but when it’s left for the Hereafter, then regrets are of no use.

For every salat they have missed, they will pray for 80 years with difficulty. In this world the salat you have missed cannot be made up, if it was missed without an excuse, just for the fun of it. Such is its value. People are not aware of how much they are missing.

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Sometimes they regret it for the rest of their lives, and thus spend their whole life in regrets saying, “I wish I had done this! I could have made so much money! Things were so cheap, and I could have bought it for such a [low] price and sold for that [high] price!” They feel regret, but missing such things indicates that it wasn’t meant for you, and since it wasn’t written for you, there’s no point regretting it. It’s done; it’s gone; it’s not something intelligent to think about. It is in the past. So although you are grateful about some things in the past, such as for these worldly things, you are also losing a lot of things for the Hereafter.

As we said in dunya such happens. If it’s meant to happen for you, it’s written, but for the Hereafter you yourself are the one losing the benefit. You have the opportunity and the chance for the Hereafter. For worldly things, it’s already gone and finished, but for the Hereafter Allah is giving you an opportunity. You can make up for them; you still have the opportunity. You still have a chance to make up for missed prayers. or if you cannot make up for missed prayers, at least have regret, between you and Allah. Allah is capable of everything. He is Al-Rahmān, Al-Rahīm, the Most Merciful. He is Allah. He might forgive you for it, if you make a sincere repentance. Allah has given all sorts of opportunities to people, but the son of man does not want what is useful for himself, and instead wants bad things for himself, things that are harmful for himself, and then he thinks he is smart, that he is clever. They act with this [false] “cleverness”, and try to show these ways to other people also.

May Allah protect us from such things. May Allah strengthen our faith, and give us strength and spiritual support, so we may pray, so we may offer our salat. We need Him for this support, for this spiritual support, for otherwise all of the laziness in the world would be on a person’s shoulders. They then say, “I can’t do it. It’s heavy. It’s hard,” and they don’t do it—there are many excuses! Excuses are plenty. If it were to benefit others, all right you could make an excuse, but to make an excuse and lose your own benefit is foolishness. If you look at it from the point of logic, this is your own foolishness. May Allah give common sense to people. May they do good and keep away from bad, insha'Allah.

*Wa min Allāhi t-tawfiq,
al-Fatḥah*

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