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## Sermon 1 : Threats of Denying what Allah has descended

## Sermon 2: Best time for Dua and categories whose

Humanity is preserved through Taqwa. If man lives life outside Taqwa then beastliness gets developed as he falls down from the level of humanity. Allah has made broad arrangement for Taqwa and those elements, environment under which man can adopt Taqwa and give it practical form. Allah has ordained such places and periods where all means for acquisition of Taqwa has been ordained. The best period where Allah has provided all the means of Taqwa together that is the holy month of Ramadan. All means are available and all obstacles are removed by Allah. In such opportunities which in ordinary days are difficult to work on Taqwa man can do it comfortably. If Taqwa is difficult in ordinary days then during these period all means and grounds are prepared for Taqwa during this period. The Quran has presented practical Taqwa and not contended itself to just visionary and academic Taqwa. If man in the current life , every generation acquires Taqwa what man should do and what means he should apply to protect himself in the current era is presented by Quran.

Various verses present how Taqwa would become practical in human life. In Surah Baqarah, after verse 40 there are some verses which are related to Bani Israel where they are guided and orders are given. Bani Israel are a society, community, ummah and the title is for community that is the progeny of Yaqoub.

يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِي أُوفِ بِعَهْدِكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ  
فَارْهَبُونِ {40}

O children of Israel! call to mind My favor which I bestowed on you and be faithful to (your) covenant with Me, I will fulfill (My) covenant with you; and of Me, Me alone, should you be afraid

They are told to remember all the bounties which Allah has granted to you. And deliver your covenants with Allah so that the covenant from Allah to you also get fulfilled and be afraid of me. We have mentioned before that the translation of Taqwa is done as fear, and I have said that for fear other words are used and one of them is Khauf and second is Rahab. Rahab used in this verse is that fear which makes man reach the level of precaution. There are various degrees of fear. One fear is that which despairs man and makes him weak. There is one fear due to which man is not able to perform any act and flees from the field of actions. There is one fear due to which man becomes cautious. We experience this fear every day in our lives due to which we become cautious. Like when you are driving you are cautious of not getting hit or hitting anyone. You drive with this fear. This is known as Rahbat. The fear which develops this attentiveness that there are dangers over here and if I act by ignoring these dangers then they can turn destructive for me. If we consider them and leave my work then this is also damaging and could be more. If man leaves the purpose for the sake of fear can be more dangerous than the harm caused by fear. Generally people change their intention and purpose due to fear. This kind of fear is destructive. But at times when man has dangers in front of them, and the dangers are there for the purpose here man does not change his route, intention but continues his journey in a cautious manner. This means he is attentive towards those dangers and makes arrangement for the dangers in advance. Like if you are passing from some place where

there is filth, impurities present like sewerage water and you have to pass from there only. When they pass from these dirty lanes they have fear that my clothes would become impure. Hence they pass by cautiously and do not step inside that filth. Here there is a fear which has made man cautious. And man has made arrangement as well to protect from it. Rahbat is that fear due to which man becomes cautious. Like you are passing from slippery place and people tell us to be cautious. This means to take preventive steps to protect from this threat. This type of fear in Arabic is known as Rahbat. To live a life under this kind of fear is Rahbat.

Allah says in this verse **فَارْهَبُونِ** Be afraid of me. This fear should be always be inside you that if you live your lives outside the covenants of Allah and forget the bounties which Allah has given you then there are destructive dangers for you ahead. Hence with Rahbat , that fear of cautiousness live your life.

وَأْمِنُوا بِمَا أُنزِلَتْ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا مَعَكُمْ وَلَا تَكُونُوا أَوَّلَ كَافِرٍ بِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا بِآيَاتِي ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا  
وَإِيَّايَ فَاتَّقُونِ {41}

And believe in what I have revealed, verifying that which is with you, and be not the first to deny it, neither take a mean price in exchange for My communications; and Me, Me alone should you fear.

And believe in what I have revealed to you , that is the book which was revealed before as well. Do not be foremost deniers. The foremost to deny are those who become heads of deniers and become manifested. The way first Muslim is there where Ibrahim said I am the first Muslim. This being foremost is not as per time, it is as per level of submission. Today the first Muslims are those who are totally submitted to the religion of Allah. The first hypocrite are those who express hypocrisy in all affairs. The first denier is the one who denies most and everything that is truth. And whatever Allah has revealed do not become a manifested denier. And do not take paltry gains against my signs , which means do not sell religion. It does not mean that you should sell religion at higher price , instead it means that whatever man gets again religion is less. This paltriness is related to the value of the thing which you are trying to sell. Man at times sells things which are necessary for him, like sells his own house to go to foreign land or do some gambling or something else. Whether he sells expensive or cheap what he has sold has high value and what he received is very low. Man sells religion at whatever price whether it is billion or trillion dollars, would be compared with religion. What you have sold has what value and what you have received against it has what value. The compensation for religion sales is always less. What you have taken against this would neither fulfill your worldly needs or hereafter. And only acquire my Taqwa. Here the word used is **فَاتَّقُونِ** and

not Ittaqu. Here the meaning is acquiring my Taqwa. The threat over here is to sell religion and become the leading denier, infidel. Now let us look at the resembling dimension. Who are the most deniers of religion, those who are standing most in confrontation of religion? Assess their lives from beginning, their families and their foundations on how much they were established on religion. Then look at their children upbringing, foundation and direction where it is. Can we witness the religion of Allah anywhere in their education and upbringing? Look at their economic life and see whether they consider the limits of Allah anywhere. Similarly look at their social life where he has spent 60, 70 years with his family friends and did he anywhere become attentive that Allah has given political guidance also for me in my social life. He is the biggest denier where he has not considered the guidance of Allah and religion. He takes decision on his own criteria. His source of income are

nothing on divine criteria. This foremost denier is not having faith on what Allah has descended. If someone has faith on what Allah has descended then can you see those in his lives. Find religion in our own tribal, cultural religion. One believer told me that our sectarian life is such that we should always keep precise eyes on others. He said that since my childhood all my attention used to be on other sects. Our telescope and microscope were all focused on others and we found deficiencies. We never looked inside our self and we have learnt from you this to look inside ourselves. Quran has ordered Bani Israel to look inside yourself. Bani Israel was told to look into their lives and see if there is faith found in whatever Allah has descended. We claimants of believers should try to find where faith is in our lives. Try to find Quran in your lives, in your homes, in your family, in your business, in your education, relationship try to find where Quran is. If you find Quran then be grateful to Allah and pray to Allah to remain firm on it. If there is faith on what Allah has descended then it will be found in life. If there is interests found in trading, if haram wealth is found in lives then whatever Allah has descended is not present in our lives. You do such fiery speeches for getting praises that Allah made Ibrahim, Ali, Mehdi as Imam then show Imamatus in your lives. We have democracy in our lives and not Imamatus. Whatever Allah has descended we don't have faith on it, they are just means for earning fees. And Allah says what I have descended for you it has been turned into asset of sale. This asset was for faith and not for sale. You have made religion as market and have started sale and purchase.

The danger is that first you don't have faith on what Allah has deemed and second is you have to started to sell what Allah has descended. You can see the lives of those who take money to talk about religion. Go and find religion in their lives, living They don't have faith.

Acquire me (Allah) as Taqwa that is shield.

وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ {42}

And do not mix up the truth with the falsehood, nor hide the truth while you know (it).

Do not adulterate Truth with falsehood. This is a highly desired occupancy of religious people. Ittibas means to put on attire of falsehood on truth and vice versa. When the reality is something else and dress is something else man gets confused and commits mistake. This is taught in Madrassa syllabus on how to put on the attire of truth on falsehood and vice versa. The politicians have also become experts on this. This is the existing system of your politics, where the attire of false and truth is put across. The Quran is stopping us from this crime. Here you have to acquire Taqwa that is protection. You have to protect yourself from those people who are present Truth as falsehood. When such people come on pulpit the believers should immediately protect yourself because he is a danger to my religion. Certain kids know when other kids visit their homes they hide their clothes because the mischievous children damage their toys. This is Waqaya. When a thug visits someone's home as guest they do not kick him out but they protect themselves. Whenever ignorant orator sits on pulpit the believer should immediately protect their faith. This is because he is a tyrant who will put on attire of truth on falsehood and vice versa and you will accept it.

Ittibas is one crime and second is Qitman. Banu Umayyah used to do Ittibas by putting on attire of truth on falsehood and everyone is trying to follow the style of Banu Umayyah. These two tactics are being used. The second crime is to conceal truth. Maulana Tariq Jameel (h.a) expressed the status of Ahlulbayt (a) and titled Ali as Maula and narrated the Hadith of Prophet (s). He said when I saw that Prophet himself is terming Ali as Maula then why should not I title Ali as Maula. Then he asked his crowd to term Ali as Maula and said your faces hang to do this. This is today's history. Let us come to ground reality and assess Quranic realities with current examples. One leading Mufti did Takfir of

Maulana Tariq Jameel and considered him as outside religion and his family legitimacy also got challenged. This Mufti is also from Deoband and Maulana Tariq Jameel is also Deoband. This Mufti guides his followers that even if a hadith is truth but if it benefits Shias then conceal it. The books of Ahle Sunnah are full with the merits of Ahlulbayt and is equivalent to the Sunni books. But all these are concealed. Quran says Bani Israel were doing this crime of concealing truth. Whatever is the truth speaking openly.

Allah has given this bounty of Taqwa in this month of Ramadan. The purpose of Fasting is to acquire Taqwa. This is the month of Taqwa and there are drills of Taqwa. Allah has disconnected us from routine life. There is Aiteqaaf as a beautiful act in Ramadan. All these are there so that man can witness Taqwa in his own self at the end of Ramadan. May Allah grant us opportunity to seek forgiveness, to do servitude of Allah.

## SECOND SERMON

Allah has ordained the practical system of Taqwa in the form of Imamah. The life of Amirul Momineen (a) is the practical Taqwa

Nawf e Bakkali is the companion of Ali who had a special relationship. He would be present at those places in solitude with Ali like Kumail ibn Ziad.

104. وَ عَنْ نَوْفِ الْبَكَّالِيِّ قَالَ رَأَيْتُ أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ع دَاوُدَ لَيْلَةً وَقَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْ فِرَاشِهِ فَنَظَرَ فِي النُّجُومِ فَقَالَ لِي يَا نَوْفُ أَرَأَيْتَ أَنْتَ أَمْ رَامِقٌ فَقُلْتُ بَلْ رَامِقٌ فَقَالَ:

It is related by Nawf al-Bikali that: I saw that one-night Amir al-mu'minin, peace be upon him, came out from his bed and looked at the stars, then he said to me: "O Nawf, are you awake or sleeping?" **I said:** "I am awake, O Amir al-mu'minin." **Then he said:**

يَا نَوْفُ طُوبَى لِلزَّاهِدِينَ فِي الدُّنْيَا الرَّاعِبِينَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ أُولَئِكَ قَوْمٌ اتَّخَذُوا الْأَرْضَ بَسَاطًا وَ تَرَابَهَا فِرَاشًا وَ مَاءَهَا طَبِيبًا وَ الْقُرْآنَ شِعْرًا وَ الدُّعَاءَ دِنَارًا ثُمَّ قَرَضُوا الدُّنْيَا قَرْضًا عَلَى مِنْهَاجِ الْمَسِيحِ

Amirul Momineen (a) is the teacher who gets out of bed and comes to his student at this hour of night. He is asking his student whether you are awake or sleeping. When student said I am awake, the lecture started. This is the third part of night where the sleep is also very deep and man is enjoying the sleep and removing his tiredness. At this time Ali started this lesson lecture.

He is sending blessings on those who abstain from this world and are desperate for hereafter. The signs of such people is that the earth is their floor and dust is their bed. They have made Quran as their slogan, attire and Dua's is their blanket. They have cut off their relationship with the world the way Isa ibn Maryam had disconnected.

. يَا نَوْفُ إِنَّ دَاوُدَ ع قَامَ فِي مِثْلِ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَقَالَ إِنَّهَا لَسَاعَةٌ لَا يَدْعُو فِيهَا عَبْدٌ إِلَّا اسْتُجِيبَ لَهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يَكُونَ عَشَّارًا أَوْ عَرِيفًا أَوْ شُرْطِيًّا أَوْ صَاحِبَ عَرْطَبَةٍ (وَ هِيَ الطُّنْبُورُ) أَوْ صَاحِبَ كُؤْبَةٍ (وَ هِيَ الطَّبْلُ)

*O Nawf! The prophet Dawud (David), peace be upon him, rose up at a similar hour one night and said, "This is the hour when whatever a person prays for is granted to him unless he is a tax-collector, an intelligence man, a police officer, a flute player or a drummer.*

Amirul Momineen (a) says, this is the hour when I am teaching you, at the same time Prophet Dawood also stood up and said this is the hour any person who calls Allah would definitely get response and accepted. This is for every person except for few categories whose supplications would never be heard. There are four or five categories of persons whose supplications would never be listened irrespective of whatever time they call. One of them is that person who receives tax and there is a commission for him. Like today police has been told to issue fines and get certain percentage commission. Certain commentators have said these tax collectors are for oppressive regime. This is not true as per Alis words. Because if someone is in Islamic governance then they won't take commission for collecting tax. There are people who go for debt recovery and take certain percentage. In that time for collecting tax they would take 10%. If you see someone has the rights to collect tax or money then do cooperation, why do you take commission. This person's supplication will never reach Allah. The second one is the spy or tout. The police and agencies have kept persons in every locality to provide all information. There would be touts of police, agencies inside Madrassah who will provide all information about things happening here. They find news and information to give to government. Their supplications would not be accepted. And third category is the Shurti Police, who were delegated to torture or captivate anyone who speaks against government. The fourth category are drummers and flute singers. This is because these musicians are organizing the gathering of play and amusement. These category of people are not listening to any order of Allah so why should Allah listen to their Dua's.

There are various elements of this Hadith. One is that Ali waking up at night and making Nawf Alert about the people of world and those who seek hereafter and their signs.

The second part is that time , hour for getting supplication acceptance. If a person knows the code of time where he should do suitable thing.

The third part is when the time for acceptance of Dua comes, then also for some categories their supplications won't be accepted. This is because these are harmful creation for the other creation of Allah. As a punishment Allah does not accept their supplication.

All the three parts need detail explanation.