

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿ إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ
لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَامًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَى
جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا
خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ قِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴾

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: تَفَكَّرُوا فِي خَلْقِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَفَكَّرُوا فِي اللَّهِ.

Dear believers!

Today's khutbe is about reflecting on the work of Allah ﷻ in his creation, which is called tefekkur.

One night when the Prophet ﷺ was crying a lot in prayer, Bilal RA came to him in the morning and asked: "O Messenger of Allah! Why are you weeping when you have been forgiven of all your past and future sins?" He answered him: "The Almighty Allah revealed to me tonight the following verse, which made me cry: "Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the day and night there are signs for people of reason. 'They are' those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and reflect on the creation of the heavens and the earth 'and pray', "Our Lord! You have not created 'all of' this without purpose. Glory be to You! Protect us from the torment of the Fire" (Ali Imran, 190-191)

Dear brothers!

Thinking distinguishes humans from animals and helps them distinguish the good from the bad and make the right decisions.

Whether we like it or not: everyone is constantly thinking. You think about work, your spouse, your children. And all the things we think about are imprinted on our hearts. Everyone is always busy with thoughts. You won't find anyone who says, "I didn't think about anything today!"

Reflection takes place in the heart. This is where the heart imagines something and thinks about it. And when the thing you think about reminds you

of Allah, it is called Tefekkur. This is a form of worship that every believer is obliged to perform. For the Prophet ﷺ said: **"One hour of Tefekkur is better than spending 40 nights in voluntary prayer!"** (Ed-Deylemi, II, 70-71, No.: 2397, 2400)

And in another hadith, he ﷺ said about thinking about death: **"Increase thinking about the destroyer of pleasures!"**, by which he meant death. (Et-Tirmidhi, 2307)

Dear community!

Just as fruit gets its flavour and colour from the sun, we get our colour and flavour from the things we attach our hearts to. When a person thinks about money all day long, he takes on the colour of money and loves the world. And if someone thinks about a waliyullah, friend of Allah ﷻ all day long, he will start to take on his superior character and habits.

Dear Muslims!

Why don't we just think about the essence of Allah instead of thinking about creatures? The answer to this is: the essence of Allah cannot be grasped by human imagination. No matter what images and thoughts come to our minds, they are not the essence of Allah. Therefore, it is forbidden to think about the essence of Allah. The Prophet ﷺ said: **"Think about Allah's creatures, but do not think about Allah's essence, otherwise you will perish!"** (Kenzul-Ummal, 5705)

The whole world was created as a sign of the glory of Allah. This is what we should focus on. The Exalted Allah says about this in the Noble Quran: **"Do they not ever reflect on camels—how they were 'masterfully' created; and the sky—how it was raised 'high'; and the mountains—how they were firmly set up; and the earth—how it was levelled out? So, 'continue to' remind 'all, O Prophet', for your duty is only to remind."** (Ghashiyah, 17-21)