

Khutbah, 28.05.21
Allah Is Our Provider

﴿وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا وَيَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا
وَمُسْتَوْذَعَهَا﴾ كُلٌّ فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «لَوْ أَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ تَوَكَّلُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ حَقَّ
تَوَكُّلِهِ لَرَزَقْتُمْ كَمَا يُرْزَقُ الطَّيْرُ تَغْدُو خِمَاصًا وَتَرُوحُ بِطَانًا»

Dear Muslims!

The word 'Rizq' is defined as something that which nourishes us. The Islamic perspective and take on this word adds a spiritual meaning, which encompasses wealth, family ties, spirituality, our faith, intellect, health and everything else that are beneficial to us and can help us fulfil our duties and obligations to serve and obey Allah, and care for this earth.

Unfortunately, we live in an era where people are so worried about their earnings and wealth that their spirituality is diminishing.

Dear Brothers,

In regards to this, Allah (swt) says in Surah Hud; **“And there is no creature on earth but that upon Allah is its provision, and He knows its place of dwelling and place of storage. All is in a clear register.”** Therefore, a Muslim who has submitted himself to Allah and this verse, will not for a moment have any worries about his or her sustenance.

Dear Congregation!

Allah (swt) has created the heavens and the earth from scratch. He will not leave you stranded. Your share of provisions have been written.

Honourable Believers!

In this life which we see as a test, let us not forget that the most important test is the characteristic of tavakkul or putting oneself in God's hands, trusting that God will arrange things in the best way for us.

Our Lord will not allow the tavakkul of believers go to waste. He will not abandon us.

He will protect His believers when things are difficult and protect us when we need Him.

In this light, we should remember these amazing verses from the Qur'an;

“That is instructed to whoever should believe in Allah and the Last day. And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out. And will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent.”

What we can understand from these verses from the Qur'an are that, the doors of sustenance are opened through tavakkul and ensuring that we do not disobey Allah's commands.

Dear Congregation!

Allah is the provider of rizq or sustenance. However, our rizq is also connected to the work and effort we put in. As the ayah below demonstrates **“And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives”**

It has been ordained that as believers we must ask for increased halal rizq from the Creator and Lord of the Universe, and the best of rizq has been declared as that which is obtained through hard work and effort.

If our rizq is obtained through halal means, through hard work and effort, then this effort is also considered an ibadah or act of worship.

May Allah make us of those who share our blessings with those who are in need. Amin

