

Jumu'ah Khutbah

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الْعِزَّةُ مِنَ الْعَزِيزِ

English Speech 12:20 - 12:55

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Once during the Khilafah of Umar ibn Khattab رضي الله عنه, he set out to Shaam with Abu Ubaydah رضي الله عنه

During their journey, they encountered an arduous path which they had to cross

Sayyiduna Umar رضي الله عنه took off his slippers off, put them under his arm and proceeded

When they reached the other side Sayyidna Umar's clothes became very muddy

Abu Ubayda رضي الله عنه said "I fear when the people see you in this state, they might think less of you and think you're a man without **عِزَّة**"

Sayyiduna Umar رضي الله عنه became angry & said "Wallahe if it was anyone other than you, I would have shown him my angry" Sayyiduna Umar رضي الله عنه then said a profound statement!

إِنَّا كُنَّا أَذَلَّ قَوْمٍ فَأَعَزَّنَا اللَّهُ بِالْإِسْلَامِ، فَمَهْمَا نَطْلُبُ الْعِزَّةَ بِغَيْرِ مَا أَعَزَّنَا اللَّهُ بِهِ أَذَلَّنَا اللَّهُ

"O Abu Ubayda – we were the most disgraced people on earth, and Allah honoured us with Islam. If we seek honour from anything other than Islam, we will be disgraced again."

عِزَّة – Linguistically – there is no equivalent word in the English language

عِزَّة – Might – Power – Honour – Dignity – Respect – Glory – Pride – Confidence

عِزَّة – Pride & Confidence in Your Deen, Values & Identity – our **عِزَّة** is through **ISLAM**

عِزَّة – Not something tangible that we can see touch, smell/touch – it is far more noble!

- Do we have True عِزَّة in your life, heart or actions?
- Do our communities have True عِزَّة
- Or are we always ready to throw it away for something paltry?
- Does the Ummah now have True عِزَّة?
- IF you want to see True عِزَّة, then look at the people of Gaza!
- Why do we look to honour others and see the عِزَّة of other nations?
- We all seek عِزَّة in our lives, homes, communities, societies and world.
- We seek the عِزَّة of other nations and are willing to throw away عِزَّة for it.
- Title, Qualifications, Clothes, Money, Car, Home? Are these real forms of عِزَّة?
- We give عِزَّة the living and dead, but are you truly honourable before Allah ﷻ?
- True عِزَّة is not from people but from Allah ﷻ
- We often seek it from others and are willing to compromise our faith for it.
- But True عِزَّة is received only from Allah ﷻ via Islam
- Muslims are people of both internal and external عِزَّة

When Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqas رضي الله عنه embraced Islam and his mother learned about his conversion, she became furious and approached him saying, "O Sa'd, what is this religion that you have embraced, which has turned you away from the religion of your mother and father? By Allah, you will abandon your new religion, or I will neither eat nor drink until I die, and your heart will break with grief for me, and you will be consumed by regret for the action you have taken, and people will forever reproach you for it."

Sa'd رضي الله عنه replied, "Please, mother, do not do this. I will not abandon my religion for anything". However, she persisted in her vow, refraining from eating or drinking for several days. Her body weakened, her bones grew feeble, and her strength diminished.

Sa'd رضي الله عنه would visit her hour after hour, pleading with her to consume some food or a small amount of drink, but she adamantly refused, demonstrating the utmost stubbornness, and swore not to eat or drink until she died or until Saad renounced his religion.

Sa'd رضي الله عنه said, "O mother, my love for you is profound, but my love for Allah and His Messenger is even greater. By Allah, even if you had a thousand lives, and each life departed from you in succession, I would not abandon this religion for anything."

This is how the Companions Honoured Islam, their faith above everything

How resolute are we to uphold the honour of Islam in our lives and communities?

عِزَّة ١٣٠ - Yaqeen of fearing Allah ﷻ alone and expecting reward only from Allah ﷻ

عِزَّة ١٣١ - Yaqeen that Allah ﷻ is Al-Razzaq – so do not humiliate yourself to anyone!

عِزَّة ١٣٢ - Yaqeen in all the verses of the Qur'an – especially this:

قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

"Nothing can befall us except what God decrees. Our protector is He, and upon Allah (only) do the believers rely." (9:51)

عِزَّة ١٣٣ - Believing in the Ahadith of the Messenger Muhammad ﷺ - especially

أَحْفَظُ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظُكَ، أَحْفَظُ اللَّهَ تَجِدُهُ تُجَاهَكَ، إِذَا سَأَلْتَ فَاسْأَلِ اللَّهَ، وَإِذَا اسْتَعَنْتَ فَاسْتَعِنْ بِاللَّهِ، وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّ الْأُمَّةَ لَوِ اجْتَمَعَتْ عَلَى أَنْ يَنْفَعُوكَ بِشَيْءٍ لَمْ يَنْفَعُوكَ إِلَّا بِشَيْءٍ قَدْ كَتَبَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ؛ رُفِعَتِ الْأَقْلَامُ، وَجَفَّتِ الصُّحُفُ

“Be mindful of Allah, and He will take care of you. Be mindful of Him, and you shall find Him at your side. If you ask, ask of Allah. If you need help, seek it from God. Know that if the whole world were to gather together in order to help you, they would not be able to help you except if God had written so. And if the whole world were to gather together in order to harm you, they would not harm you except if God had written so. The pens have been lifted, and the pages are dry.’ (Tirmidhi)

We have forgotten what **TRUE عِزَّة IS!?** How can we regain that **TRUE عِزَّة?**

عِزَّة – ONLY COMES THE AL-AZEEZ HIMSELF – ALLAH ﷻ

If anyone thinks to seek Izzah other than Allah ﷻ - then they will be disgraced.

بَشِّرِ الْمُنَافِقِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا الَّذِينَ يَتَّخِذُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَيْبَتَعُونَ عِنْدَهُمْ الْعِزَّةَ فَإِنَّ الْعِزَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا

“Give tidings to the hypocrites that there is for them a painful punishment - Those who take disbelievers as allies instead of the believers. Do they seek with them honor [through power]? But indeed, honour belongs to Allah entirely.” (4:139)

What’s wrong with you? Go to the **AL-AZEEZ FOR عِزَّة**

Don’t seek it from hypocrites, disbelievers or from a declining colonialist superpower.

وَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

“And to Allah belongs [all] honour, and to His Messenger, and to the believers, but the hypocrites do not know.” (63:8)

وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ

“So do not weaken & do not grieve, you will be superior if you are [true] believers.” (3:139)

Remember you are a Muslim – you are already **AZEEZ** – Dear – Honoured to ALLAH ﷻ

Allah ﷻ has honoured you to be amongst the **BEST NATION** He ever created!

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

“You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah.” (3:110)

This survey was not done by a company or country, Allah Al-Azeez declared it!

THE BEST DEEN - BEST UMMAH –BEST PROPHET –BEST LIFE –BEST IZZAH

BE PROUD, BE CONFIDENT, BE DIGNIFIED, BE HONOURABLE, BE EMPOWERED

Do not listen to non-believers and media – how precious and honoured is your blood!

وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمَّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا

“But whoever kills a believer intentionally - his recompense is Hell, wherein he will abide eternally, and Allah has become angry with him and has cursed him and has prepared for him a great punishment. “(4:93)

WHY? Because he took the **عِزَّة** of a believer – Never allow anyone take away your **عِزَّة**