

Jumu'ah Khutbah
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Is He Pleased With You?
Part I

English Speech 12:20 - 12:55
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- Children, Teenagers, Spouse, Parents, Families, Colleagues, Society – **Rarely Pleased/Satisfied?!**
- Food, Clothes, Items, Drinks, Electronics, Services, Reviews - **Label - Not Satisfied – Return!?**
- Humans are never truly pleased – why don't we use all our energy to Please Allah ﷻ?
- What if Allah ﷻ said He is not pleased with us? What would you do? Where would you go?
- We unfortunately apply this mindset to our Lord, Deen & Messenger. Some people are only pleased with their Lord when things were easy, but displeased when things become tough.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ عَلَى حَرْفٍ فَإِنْ أَصَابَهُ خَيْرٌ اطْمَأَنَّ بِهِ وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ فِتْنَةٌ انْقَلَبَ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ خَسِرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةَ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ

And of the people is he who worships Allah on an edge. If he is touched by good, he is reassured by it; but if he is struck by trial, he turns on his face [to the other direction]. He has lost [this] world and the Hereafter. That is what is the manifest loss. (22:11)

After the battle of Hunayn, the Prophet ﷺ gave the spoils of war to the chiefs of different tribes, to those weak in faith & to those who had newly accepted Islam - He excluded the Ansaar – He said

"Are you not contented that the people are leaving with camels & sheep while you are leaving with the Messenger of Allah! The Ansaar are like inner-garments for me while others are like outer-garments. May Allah have mercy on the Ansaar, children of Ansaar, & grandchildren of Ansaar. If all people were to tread in a valley, while the Ansaar travelled through another, I would walk with the Ansaar. (Ibn Majah)

They achieved Allah ﷻ & His Messenger ﷺ pleasure; they would never trade it for the entire world!

To be pleased, we look for material rewards. But the promises of the Messenger ﷺ to the faithful believers were – the pleasure of Allah ﷻ.

"Whoever does such and such, his reward will be Paradise."

"Whoever does such and such, will be my Companion in Paradise."

INTANGIBLE - When Sayyidna Umar رضي الله عنه went on Umrah, the Prophet ﷺ said "Do not forget us in your supplication, my brother." Umar رضي الله عنه said "I would not trade these words for the whole world."

The level of the Prophet ﷺ contentment and pleasure with his Lord is beyond our ability to describe. He was pleased with his Lord in richness - poverty, health - sickness, difficulty - ease.

He experienced the bitterness & sadness of being an orphan. At times he could not so much as find the pit of a date to eat; to alleviate the pangs of hunger, he would tie a stone around his stomach.

He had to leave his armour with a Jew as collateral to borrow wheat from him. His bed was straw, which would poke into his side & cause pain. Sometimes three whole days passed before he managed to find anything to eat. Despite all these hardships, he was always pleased with Allah ﷻ

Allah has decreed things as He wanted them to be (Muslim)

وَلِلْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَىٰ وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَىٰ

"And the Hereafter is better for you than the first [life]. And your Lord is going to give you, and you will be satisfied." (93:4-5)

The whole world stood against him, with their numbers, their wealth, and their power. He lost his Father, Mother, Uncle & Wife. The Quraysh inflicted all kinds of punishment upon him & his followers. He was slandered, called a liar, magician, soothsayer, madman, and poet.

He was pleased with his Lord even on the day that he was driven out of Makkah, the city wherein he played as a child and grew up as a young man. Turning towards Makkah, his eyes teared

وَاللَّهِ إِنَّكَ لَحَيْرُ أَرْضِ اللَّهِ، وَأَحَبُّ أَرْضِ اللَّهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، وَلَوْلَا أَنِّي أُخْرِجْتُ مِنْكَ مَا خَرَجْتُ

"You are the most beloved of Allah's lands to me. If your dwellers had not expelled me from you, I would not have left." (Tirmidhi)

He was pleased with his Lord when he went to Taa'if to deliver his message, and instead of receiving a welcome, he was greeted with stones that were thrown at him & made his feet bleed.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ was wounded in the battle of Uhud, his uncle was killed, many of his Companions were slaughtered, but immediately after the battle he said:

"Line up behind me so that I can praise my Lord."

At every moment of his life, he was pleased, content & satisfied with his Lord!

رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ أُولَئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

"Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him - those are the party of Allah. Unquestionably, the party of Allah - they are the successful." (58:22)

The Companions were praised in the Quran as **“The best of peoples, sent for mankind”** because they were pleased with Allah, His Deen and Messenger. During the boycott & siege in Makkah, they survived by eating grass, leaves & pieces of dry leather.

In the migration to Madinah, they left their homeland, wealth, houses & relatives, & migrated.

The Ansaar of Madinah, promised to protect the Prophet ﷺ and Muhajireen at the cost of their lives. They shared their land, wealth, houses, vineyards & orchards with their guests gladly.

They defended Islam & the Prophet ﷺ at Badr, Uhud, Khandaq, & other battles against the armies stronger than them; they did not leave the Prophet alone even when they faced great hardships.

They were a just & balanced nation who answered the call of Allah & Messenger for a great reward

(3:172) الَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِلَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا أَصَابَهُمُ الْقَرْحُ لِلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا مِنْهُمْ وَاتَّقُوا أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

Those [believers] who responded to Allah and the Messenger after injury had struck them. For those who did good among them and feared Allah is a great reward -

They were pleased with Allah ﷻ in all their circumstances & Allah ﷻ was pleased with them. Allah ﷻ prepared for them gardens where they would remain eternally.

وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ
(9:100) خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF ALLAH ﷻ IS PLEASED WITH YOU?

1. Evaluate Your Life And See What Occupies Your Day, Routine, Heart And Mind?

Are you busy with the Dunya or are you busy with Allah ﷻ, Deen & Akhirah?

A sign that Allah ﷻ is pleased with you is that He makes Ebaadah beloved to you – Fasting Mondays & Thursday, Qur'an, Qiyam, Hijab, Charity, Patience, Qur'an & Good Company.

2. When You Are Pleased With All The Hardships In Life, The Same Way You Are Happy With Ease!

Hasan Basri رضى الله عنه saw a man doing Du'a around the Ka'bah, saying “Ya Allah be pleased with me” – Hasan Basri رضى الله عنه asked him, “are you pleased with whatever Allah ﷻ has decreed in your life?”

DO YOU HAVE COMPLETE TRUST AND FAITH IN EVERYTHING ALLAH ﷻ SENDS YOUR WAY?

3. Check Your Relationship With Your Parents – Are Both Parents Pleased With You?

“The pleasure of Allah is with the father and mother – as is His anger” (Tirmidhi)

Fix your issues and relationship with your parents. Make them pleased with you and be pleased with them no matter what – get their Du'aa!

4. Check How The Genuine People Treat You In Dunya, If They Love Respect & Honour You?

This is a sign that Allah ﷻ loves you and is pleased with you!

“When Allah loves you and is pleased with you, He informs Gibrael, who notifies all the angels of heaven – then his love & acceptance is placed on earth amongst people.” (Bukhari)