



HEARTS FIND COMFORT IN THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَامًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي
 خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ...
 وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
 مَثَلُ الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ رَبَّهُ وَالَّذِي لَا يَذْكُرُ مَثَلُ الْحَيِّ وَالْمَيِّتِ.

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Almighty Lord (swt) describes the believers of reason as follows: **“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...”**ⁱ

In the hadith I have read, our beloved Prophet (saw) says, **“He who remembers his Lord and who does not remember his Lord are like the living and the dead.”**ⁱⁱ

Dear Believers!

Dhikr is a manifestation of our servitude and loyalty to our Lord (swt). Believers open their hearts to their Lord (swt) through dhikr. They fully observe the verse, **“Remember Me; I will remember you.”**ⁱⁱⁱ Through dhikr, they contemplate the existence, oneness and might of Allah.

The believer’s heart is comforted through dhikr. The believer’s soul finds

comfort through dhikr, in accordance with the verse, **“Surely in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find comfort.”**^{iv} Their homes will become peaceful through dhikr.

Dear Muslims!

Dhikr is to keep Allah (swt) in the mind, and to recite certain words verbally, as well as the effort to earn Allah’s pleasure through our words, attitudes and behaviors. It is the endeavor to rehabilitate our nafs, to be on the path of goodness and righteousness, and to attain peace and happiness.

Dear Muslims!

Let us always remember our Lord Almighty (swt), seeking His pleasure, help and mercy. Let us not be negligent of our prayers, which are the ultimate dhikr. Let us recite, understand and live by the Holy Qur’an, one of the names of which is “Dhikr”.

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the following supplication our Prophet (saw) taught us: **“O Allah! Help me to remember You, to express gratitude to You, and to worship You in the best manner.”**^v

ⁱ Al-i ‘Imran, 3/191.

ⁱⁱ Bukhari, Da‘awat, 66.

ⁱⁱⁱ Baqarah, 2/152.

^{iv} Ra‘d, 13/28.

^v Ibn Hanbal, II, 299.