

TO BE A BELIEVER WITH RESOLVE AND DILIGENCE

إِنَّ الدِّينَ أَمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ إِنَّا لَا نُضِيعُ أَجْرَ مَنْ أَحْسَنَ عَمَلًا.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يُحِبُّ إِذَا عَمِلَ أَحَدُكُمْ عَمَلًا أَنْ يُتَّقِنَهُ.

Honorable Muslims!

The main reason for the troubles Muslims face today is that they cannot show enough resolve and efforts for the cause they believe in. It is also because they fail to attach the necessary importance to ethical, honest, principled and disciplined working habits for their cause. Our beloved Prophet (saw) says, “**Verily, Allah the Almighty loves for you to perfect a good deed when you perform it.**”ⁱ

Dear Muslims!

As the ‘umma of our beloved Prophet (saw), it is our duty to be believers with resolve and diligence for the cause of Islam. Resolve is the determination to adhere to the life-giving messages of Islam. It is the pursuit of the good and the beautiful through sincere intention. It is also the will to keep morale high and hope alive despite all difficulties. Diligence, on the other hand, is the pursuit of

bringing to life what one has resolve for. It is the walk to the goal with patience after holding on to all material and spiritual means. It is always striving for the spread of good and benevolence. It is the ability to remain good and to make the good prevail despite the evil of the evil ones. It is not to deviate from the right and truth despite the oppression of the oppressors. It is never to be discouraged on this path and never to show weakness.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Let us intensify our efforts in the light of knowledge, wisdom, and science. Let us fulfill our responsibilities for the betterment of the world and the building of a secure future. Let us be diligent in everything we do, and let us strive to do the most sound, the most accurate, and the most beautiful of it. Let us not forget that our Lord (swt) will never waste the efforts of any of His servants who work with resolve and diligence.

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the meaning of Verse 30 of Surah al-Kahf, “**As for those who believe and do good, We certainly never deny the reward of those who are best in deeds.**”ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Bayhaqi, Shu‘ab al-Iman, 4/334.

ⁱⁱ Kahf, 18/30