الحمدُ لله ربِّ العالمينَ، أحمدُهُ سبحانَهُ كمَا ينبغِي لجلال وجههِ يم سُلطانهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَريكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْء قَدِيرٌ، وأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سيدنا مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُ الله وَرَسُولُهُ، وصفِيَّهُ مِنْ خلَقِهِ وخليلُهُ، صلَّى الله وسلَّمَ وبارَكَ عليهِ وعلَى آلِهِ وصحبهِ أجمعينَ، ومَنْ تَبعَهُمْ بإحسانٍ إلَى يوم

All Praise is to Allah for the countless bounties He has bestowed upon His Servants. I exalt Him as is befitting to His Glorious presence and His Great sovereignty and virtues and I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness That Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger who was sent as a mercy to the worlds. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon His Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and those who follow on their footsteps until the Last Day.

Recap of the previous 4 Jumu'ah's

- Understanding Islamophobia roots/causes & reactions
- Protecting our children from extremism appreciating God's & blessing
- Parental neglect & ignorance feed extremism create counter narrative, balanced & successful children
- 7 traits of extremists:
- 1. They will be young in age No wisdom, maturity of thought, mind/body
- 2. Angry and foolish Harsh, volatile, claim singular truth
- 3. Arrogant and boastful Condemn others weak iman, elitism, exclusive
- 4. Abundant in worship Quantity, not quality Iblis, literalist/puritanical
- 5. Misinterpretation of the Qur'an No love in heart, compassion, peace
- 6. Eloquent in speech Speak well but act badly, use vague skewed references, justifying atrocities
- 7. Passing out fatawas of disbelief against Muslims and considering their blood as lawful – killing Muslims/innocent humans, kidnap, open shooting

Traits of Allah's Servants

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلاماً * وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ لِيَبَوْنَ وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلاماً * وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اصْرِفَ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَاماً * إِنَّهَا لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا وَقِيَاماً * وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اصْرِفَ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَاماً * إِنَّهَا سَاءَتْ مُسْتَقَراً وَمُقَاماً

"And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them harshly, they say words of peace, And those who spend part of the night to their Lord prostrating and standing in prayer. And those who say, "Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell. Indeed, its punishment is ever adhering; Indeed, it is evil as a settlement and residence."

(25:63-66)

1st Trait – Becoming His True Worshippers

Did I not enjoin upon you, O children of Adam, that you not worship Satan - [for] indeed, he is to you a clear enemy - And that you worship [only] Me? This is a straight path. (36:60-61)

And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (death).(15:99)

Traits of Allah's Servants

Allah's servants adhere to morality, they walk calmly with dignity & humbleness

The Prophet **stated**: "Allah revealed to me that we should be humble amongst ourselves and none should show pride upon the others."

"and no one humbles himself before Allah but Allah will raise him (in status)."

2nd Trait – Turning away from the ignorant who mistreat you & forgiving

"and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace,"

The Prophet so forgave those who were harsh, and chose to be more lenient when they severely harmed him

3rd Trait – Eager to find peace and solace

The believers of Allah are always looking forward to worshipping Him to find true solace and reassurance. For His sake they leave the comfort of their beds and stand in prayer. With their tongue moist in the remembrance of Allah, They observe Tahajjud while many are fast asleep.

"And those who spend part of the night to their Lord prostrating and standing in prayer."