

Jumu'ah - 13.09.24

سِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا

Jumu'ah Speech 1:20 - 1:55
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صلى الله على طه خير الخلق وأحلاها
وعلى الكرار أبي الكرم والزهراء وأبناها
خير الخلق هو الهادي نور الكون به بادي
عم الناس بأرشاد أزكى الخلق وأرضاها
قام الليل لمولاه ضرا تشكو قدماه
عرج السبع فأعطاه خير صلاة صلاة
يوم الحشر لنا ينفع عند الله لنا يشفع
رب العرش به يدفع كرب الخلق وبلواها
صلى الله على طه

RABEE: Al-Awwal, Anwaar, Jamaal, Kamaal, Islaam, Hidaayah, Rahmah, Bushraa, Khayr

RABEE: Al-Akhlaaq, Imaan, Noor, Hidaayah, Insaaniyah, Nabuwwah, Shafaa'ah, Mustafaa

“There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book. By which Allah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darknesses into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path.” (5:15-16)

When describing the sun Allah ﷻ said **“and placed therein a burning lamp” (78:13)**

Sun represents intensity, light, warmth, energy, life, power, clarity, reliability & destruction

When describing the moon Allah ﷻ said **“and placed a luminous moon” (25:61)**

Moonlight represents, illumination, coolness, calm, change, mystery, influence & darkness

However, when Allah ﷻ described the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ – He said **سِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا**

“Illuminating, resplendent, radiant, shining, lamp, torch, beacon” (33:46)

Harmony, unity, illumination, insight, clarity, transformation, life, guidance, perfection, synergy.

The Prophet ﷺ was the Noor from Allah ﷻ, a source of warmth, beauty, illumination, guidance, life & purpose. Wherever & whenever he went, he always illuminated all those around him.

How do you reflect the Prophet ﷺ whenever & wherever you go?

Those who looked at him with their hearts would be overwhelmed & in awe – have you?

Hassan bin Thabit رضي الله عنه hid behind a rock as the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم passed him by & proclaimed

لما رأيت أنواره سطعت وضعت من خيفتي كفي على بصري
خوفا على بصري من حسن طلعتة فلست أنظره إلا على قدري
روح من النور في جسم من القمر كحلية نسجت من الأنجم الزهر

**“When I saw his light shining forth, in fear I covered my eyes with my palms. Afraid for my sight because of the beauty of his form. I was scarcely able to look at him at all. The lights from his light are drowned in his light. His face shines out like the sun and moon in one.
A spirit of light lodged in a body like the moon”**

Sayyidna Abbas رضي الله عنه Uncle of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم - after the battle of Tabook proclaimed

وأنت لما ولدت أشرقت الأرض وضاءت بنورك الأفق - فنحن في ذلك الضياء وفي النور وسبل الرّشاد نخترق

“Upon your birth, the earth was bathed in brightness, And by your light the far horizons shone, And we, beneath this brightness and this radiance, Burn gladly in the glory of your guiding light.”

(Suyuti, Al-Khasa'is al-Kubra, Baihaqi, Dala'il al-Nubuwwah)

Imam Al-Shaafi'e رحمه الله واهتزت الأرض إجلالا لمولده - شبيهة بعروس هزّها الطرب

“The earth shook in reverence for his birth - like a bride shaken by joy”

They recognised & followed **The Witness, Harbinger of Hope, Warner, Caller, Illuminating Beacon!**

**All people are born and then perish
You alone are the birth of life**

وكل الناس تولد ثم تبنى - ووحده أنت ميلاد الحياة

**All people are remembered and then forgotten
And your name is always remembered in Salah**

وكل الناس تذكر ثم تنسى - وذكرك أنت باق في الصلاة

**The minarets repeat it all the time
And it beats in the hearts till death**

تردده المآذن كل وقت - وينبض بالقلوب إلى الممات

**Musk fills the air wherever you walked
And the light of your face fills all directions**

يفوح المسك أنى كنت تمشى - ووجهك نوره عم الجهات

**The noble characteristics may exalt the rank of a people
But noble characteristics will be honoured by you**

وقد تعلى المكارم قدر قوم - ويعلو فيك قدر المكرامات

(Mustafa Qasim Abbas)

**Some may or may not celebrate his birth – some quietly or aloud, some formally or informally.
But every single Muslim must follow his legacy, mission, light & love him.**

“Declare - If you love Allah, then follow me, then Allah will love you & forgive you your sins.” (3:31)

Your love for him in totality will dictate your love & station with Allah ﷺ.

Our purpose on Earth is to worship & love Allah ﷻ – How can you without knowing him ﷺ?

Our love for him must be based on knowledge, sincerity & action - so how much do you know him?

“None of you believes until I am dearer to him than his wealth, family & all mankind”

Do you love him more than your parents, wife, children, wealth, power, fame, more than yourself?

“Amongst those of my Ummah who love the most intensely are people who will come after me each of whom would have the keenest desire to catch a glimpse of me even at the cost of his family and wealth.” (Muslim)

Do you truly yearn for him? Follow his commands? Pray on time? Speak the truth?

Be kind to your family? Generous to the needy? Merciful to the weak?

Do you emulate & reflect his character & light? Do you take people from the darkness to the light?

True love for the Prophet ﷺ is not about singing nasheeds but following his Sunnah/Life.

“And he who turns away from my Sunnah, he has no relation with Me” (Muslim)

Say, “If your fathers & your sons & your brothers and your spouses and your clan and the wealth you have earned and the trade you apprehend will recede and the homes you like are dearer to you than Allah and His Messenger and Jihad in His way, then, wait until Allah comes with His command. Allah does not lead the sinning people to the right path.” (9:24)

To love the Messenger ﷺ is to know him. To know him is to follow him. To follow him is to override your whims, desires, wants and only think do and say that which he did in every aspect of his life.

To love him is to prefer his way of life over your own. To love him is to not love the Dunya but love the Creator of the Dunya. To love him is to love his Sunnah, Character & everything he said & did.

To love him is to be honourable to your parents, loving to your daughters, speak the truth, be steadfast, never compromise. To love him is to hate Interest, Alcohol, Haraam...

Love cannot exist without knowledge, so learn about him ﷺ

YOU WON'T JUST FIND HIM ONCE A YEAR - SEEK HIM THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE!

Find him amongst the Moimineen, Muttaqeen, Musalleen, Mutawakileen, Dhaakireen, Saabireen, Muhsineen, Saadiqeen, Raahimeen, Haafizeen, Mukhliseen, Shaakireen, Zaahideen...

Find him in the Qur'an, find him in the Sunnah, Seerah, Sahabah, find him within yourself.

“And know that among you is the Messenger of Allah.” (49:7)