

A LOVE LETTER ON THE DAY OF LOVE

Friday Sermon¹ by,

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All praise is due to Allah, praise that complies with His blessings and compensates His abundance. Our Lord, for You is all praise as befits the majesty of Your countenance and the might of Your authority.

O Allah, I cannot sufficiently enumerate praises upon You; You are as you have praised Yourself. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone and He has no partner, and I bear witness that our Master² Muhammad is His slave and Messenger and His sincere and intimate friend, the best Prophet that Allah sent to the entire world as a herald of glad tidings and admonition. O Allah, pray upon, give peace and give blessings upon our Master Muhammad and upon the family of our Master Muhammad, prayers and peace that last inseparably until the Day of Judgment. I advise you and my sinning self to have fearful awareness of Allah the Exalted.

To proceed, o slaves of Allah!

There were some people, yesterday, who spent their night in celebrating Love, cheering its name and delightfully singing for it. Humans are innately created with love dwelling in their hearts. Moreover, it is an innate nature in the various kinds of the living things created by Allah, Exalted and Glorified. Had it not been for love, the social relations would have been broken. Had it not been for love, the universe would not have been in that compatibility and harmony. What is important, perhaps the most important, is the search for the beloved. When love exists, there is certainly a beloved. Likewise, whenever hatred exists there is certainly something you hate. Therefore, who is the Beloved that the humans have been innately created to love?

The answer for that question, o slaves of Allah, is either one of these three ones. The beloved is either a beauty overwhelms the heart; a beneficence captures the soul, or a magnificence amazes the insights and sights. Love cannot ever bypass these three respects. So, who is the owner of these attributes?

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² Arabic: *Sayed*, which only applies to human beings.

Who is the Beautiful (*Al-Jameel*) that skillfully depicts the whole scenes of beauty? Who is the Good-Doer (*Al-Muhsin*) that all ways of benevolence have originated from Him? Who is the Ever-Magnificent (*Al-'Azim*) that amazes the sights and insights with his greatness? Does anyone who knows Allah, Glorified and Exalted, doubt that the Sole *Jameel* is Allah? That the sole *Muhsin* in the universe is Allah? And that the sole-*'Azim* whose greatness dominates sights and insights is Allah?

Al- Jameel, o slaves of Allah, is the One who has gracefully created these wonderful scenes that enjoy your eyes on looking at them, glee your ears on hearing them, please you with the sweetness of smell, and gives you the delicious taste. This is the Sole *Jameel* in the world, o worshippers of Allah!

Al-Muhsin is one and only, o slaves of Allah. Anyone who thinks that reasons are the source of benevolence is quite wrong and misled in the world of reasons. The rational man, who knows Allah, is the one who bypasses the streamlets and brooklets to reach the spring. Therefore, the sole *Muhsin* is Allah. Who makes you sleep, when you comfortably lie on your bed? Who makes you to wake up when you take your enough sleep? Who relieves and saves you from the different defilements after going to the bathroom? Who bestows you the water to wash and purify your body to get rid of such disgusting things? Who makes you to have different kinds of food served to you when you eat? Are they not the outcome of the rain of the sky, the plants of the earth, or meat and milk of the animals that Allah has created for you?

Who is *Al-'Azim* whose greatness amazes the sights and insights? **"And in no way did they estimate Allah His true estimate; and the earth all together will be His grasp on the Day of the Resurrection, and the heavens will be folded in His Right Hand". [AzZumar, 9:36]**

This is Allah, *Al-Jameel*. This is the sole *Muhsin*. This is *Al-'Azim* Thus, who is the beloved that we should look for when we whisper our words of love? Who is the beloved that we should look for all around when we celebrate love, whatever the occasion is? He is Allah, Glorified and Exalted.

Man may get astray in his search for the beautiful who deserves his love. Amidst his journey to find the Beloved, he may stop at images of beauty that arouses desires and caprice. He may stand thoroughly at these pictures, thinking that he has reached his purpose. Nevertheless, the reality as if it says to him, "Go ahead! Your aim is before your eyes. Do not stop at these stations. The one whom your heartbeats pulse with love, the anonymous that you want to grant your love is in front of you! Go beyond these pictures and these shapes. Do not respond to your lusts or to your desires. Your true Beloved does not deprive you of your instincts, but He wants you to make them as relaxations in your way to Him". Who loves that one who seeks Allah? He is

the One who says, **"Verily we have honoured the Children of Adam. We carry them on the land and the sea, and have made provision of good things for them, and have preferred them above many of those whom We created with a marked preferment"**. [Al-Isra',17:70]

Is there any other verse that conveys the love of the Creator to His slave, more expressive than that, o slaves of Allah? **"Verily we have honoured the Children of Adam. We carry them on the land and the sea, and have made provision of good things for them, and have preferred them above many of those whom We created with a marked preferment"**. [Al-Isra',17:70]

He is your Lord who says, **"So, when I have molded him and breathed into him of My Spirit, fall down to him prostrating!"** If I formed that creature who represents the whole humanity, **"So, when I have molded him and breathed into him of My Spirit, fall down to him prostrating."** [Al-Hijir,99: 29]

What is more honourable than that ! Allah, Mighty and Majestic, relates the spirit that lives in our bodies to His Supreme self! Is there any proof for Allah's love to that creature more eloquent or obvious than that? O son of Adam, don't you love your Creator as He loves you? He loves you, don't you love Him? He honoured you, don't you be loyal to Him? He grants on you His bounties. He cares about you. He affectionately brings you up more than that done by a loving mother to her baby child. Do not you love that God?

You turn away from Him, then you favour your instincts to that God who loves you! You turn away from Him then you make what He prohibited, although it brings to you misery not happiness, an alternative to the reconciliation with your Lord and Creator, Glorified and Exalted!

O slaves of Allah, tell those who spent their yesterday night celebrating and cheering for love, and who did not recognize their true Beloved, not to waste their times in the crooked ways; warn them not to stand in front of these scenes which they consider as lawful, tell them to continue going on to reach the true Beloved whose love is innately created in the human. Tell them that these beautiful images which attract their hearts that they have gained their touch of beauty from the Creator of beauty. He is the one who says in His Perfect Book ,**"and I cast down upon you love from Me, and that you might be brought up before My eyes"**;[Taha, 20:39]

Who dyes this lovely countenance of the beloved? He is the most beautiful one in the universe. He is Allah, Glorified and Exalted. Tell your brothers to reconcile with the sole *Jameel* in the universe, to rectify their faults with the sole *Muhsin* in the universe, to come humbly to *Al-'Azim* that His greatness has amazed the sight and insights. Let them to reconcile with Him

to reach finally the *Mihrab*³ of His love. At then they will taste the most pleasant taste of love a human being has ever felt in this world.

Indeed if the man spent his life in the futility of images, allured by his instincts to be his utmost, one day he would reach his real beloved. Every one of us is about to reach, however, we have to reach before it is too late. How many people, have I seen, who spent the majority of their lives lost and astray in this world? They foolishly stop at the fake images of beauty, however, when they have continued going on, they have stopped at the real spring. How many people have they asked forgiveness for their past days, and have wept over their lost life? They cheer their Beloved whom they know after a long journey of lost and delusion. Let us know our Beloved, while we are still at the beginning of our way. Let us know our Supreme Patronizer before we pass away whereas the time has come to leave this world. If we know our Lord the Sublime Creator, we will definitely reconcile with Him. At then, we will stick to what He orders us to do, and keep away from the dangerous curves that He warns us against. We will joyfully submit to His words, **"And that this is My Path, a straight (one); so follow it closely and do not follow the (other) ways, or then they would make you part away from His way. That (Literally: those "rules") is what He has enjoined you with, that possibly you would be pious".**[Al-'An'am,6:153]

All of us owe to love. But for love, we would have not known our Lord and Creator. Rather, what it is more significant is to know who is the Beloved, not to get lost in the dangerous curves, not to make our instincts and desires deceive us away from the reality.

I deliver this sermon and ask Allah, the Majestic, forgiveness. Seek His forgiveness, and He will forgive you. Verily the seekers of forgiveness are the winners

O slaves of Allah, I want you to meditate in this verse in which Allah endear to a group of His slaves; and humbly raise your hands and ask Allah to be among them. Allah says **"O you who have believed, whoever of you turns back from His Allah's) religion, then Allah will eventually come up with a people He loves and who love Him"**, [Al- Ma'idah,5:54]

Regard this court endearment, o slaves of Allah! The Divine verse firstly starts with Allah's love for them, then their love for Him. Allah, Glorified and Exalted, is the foremost in His love to His slaves.

³ Mihrab: A dedicated chamber or niche where the one is confined to the worship of Allah, and meditation.

O Allah I ask you to make us among those whom you love and who love You. I ask you Allah not to make us prisoned behind the worldly images that You created in this vast universe. I ask You Allah to help us to go beyond these images to reach its Creator and to stand between the hands of *Al-Jameel*, crowned by Your words, **"then Allah will eventually come up with a people He loves and who love Him"**, [Al- Ma'idah,5:54]

O Allah, let us be among those whom You love, and who love You.